

# The Catholic Parishes of Rockhampton

Including the praying communities of : **St Joseph's Cathedral, St Paul's (Gracemere), Sacred Heart (Mt Morgan), St Mary's, Our Lady Help of Christians and Holy Family**

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 17:5-8

Jeremiah's prophecy is uncompromising and must have challenged his hearers. Trusting in God alone rather than in human strength and wealth can seem like madness, but we are invited to do just that.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 1:1-4

**Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20

Paul says that without Christ's resurrection, his teaching makes no sense. Either we live and die by this, or we are simply talking nonsense. That is the challenge of faith.

**Gospel:** Luke 6:17.20-26

Luke's Beatitudes are more uncompromising than those of Matthew. We don't have the get-out clause here of being blessed if we are "poor in spirit". It is poverty, pure and simple, that is blessed. The challenge for us is to dare to believe.

**Next Sunday's Readings: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

**Saturday:** 4:00pm Scared Heart, Mt Morgan  
5:00pm Holy Family, Norman Gardens  
6:00pm St Joseph's Cathedral  
6:30pm Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Avenue

**Sunday:** 6:30am St Joseph's Cathedral  
7:00am St Mary's, North Rockhampton  
8:00am St Paul's, Gracemere  
9:00am Holy Family, Norman Gardens  
9:30am St Joseph's Cathedral  
(livestream available on cposj.com)  
6:00pm St Joseph's Cathedral

## THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Welcome to the first edition of the combined newsletter for the Catholic Parishes of Rockhampton City, made up of six praying communities including the Cathedral Parish (established in 1863) which includes St Paul's, Gracemere and Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan, along with St Mary's Parish (1901), Our Lady Help of Christians Parish (1942) and Holy Family Parish (1947). This combined newsletter reflects our common mission with information for all the parishioners across Rockhampton.

Last week, I met with the combined Pastoral Councils of Rockhampton, and I listened to the promptings of the Holy Spirit driving their missionary activity. With the various ministry groups, we are in a unique time to work together for the common purpose as the Disciples of the Risen Lord, all being co-responsible for the mission of Jesus Christ.

We soon begin Lent and I invite you to begin this Lenten Journey with Ash Wednesday on the 2nd March with Mass and the distribution of Ashes. Mass times will be;

7:00am	Holy Family, Norman Gardens
8:00am	St Paul's, Gracemere
9:00am	St Mary's, North Rockhampton
9:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
10:00am	Sacred Heart, Mount Morgan
12.10pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
5.30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Avenue

Yours in Christ

**Bishop Michael McCarthy**

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# Rockhampton Catholic Parishes:

**Baptisms:** Please contact the respective parish office for more details on bookings and preparation sessions.

**Marriages:** Advanced notice and preparation is required (six months minimum. Please contact the respective parish office for more details.

**Funerals:** Contact the respective parish office or email [funerals@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:funerals@rok.catholic.net.au)

**Hospital Visitation** to Rockhampton Base Hospital—To arrange a pastoral or sacramental visit while in hospital email [pastoralcare.rockhampton@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:pastoralcare.rockhampton@rok.catholic.net.au)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**Recently deceased:** *Margaret Robinson, Marley Smith*

**Anniversaries:**

**Those who are sick:** *Carmel Schick, Christopher Steer, Barry Carter, Bev Bartlem, Nena Suclan, Pat James, Daisy Maturin, John Dobson, Tony Wilkinson, Simon Schell, John Manwaring, Mirita Abenzi, Gino Abenzi, Pat Healey, Meegan Sommerfeld, Gwenda Casey, Michael Harris, Noella & Gerry Davies.*

*When providing names, please indicate which list the person needs to be on, and when requesting family and friends be included in the sick list, please ensure you have their permission. If circumstances change, and the person listed needs to be removed from the sick list please advise the Parish Office.*

## PRIEST'S REFLECTION

### The choice is ours, God or something else?

Jesus comforts the poor and the hungry saying that they will experience the love of God more abundantly than those who feel delighted in their earthly riches and possessions. The Magnificat of Mary is being fulfilled by the promise of Jesus, our Lord. Thus, Luke makes an important statement that those who trust in God will be the first in the kingdom of God than those with power and possession in the earthly society. What is more interesting is that Jesus calls all those people blessed who, by the worldly standard, are either marginalized or forgotten or cursed. He describes the ordinary people blessed as earthly pleasures give us only fleeting joy. The perspective with which Jesus looks at the poor and the downtrodden, thus, challenges us to examine our way of Christian life.

We pray for a deeper understanding of what Jesus asks of us. His standards are very high. They make great demands of us. We won't always be able to live up to the standards Jesus has given us, but it's for that we should strive. We live in an age when there is so much confusion in our world. We pray that we might have generosity, courage and the love of truth to follow the way of Christ.

**Fr Jayanthi Maddala, HGN**

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** Hundreds of groups and individuals across the country have shared their stories about how all members of the Catholic Church can walk together to carry out our mission as Christians. Have you? The local consultation process for the global Synod on Synodality is open for two more weeks – until February 27. Join with family, friends, parishioners or participate yourself. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE 2022 - CHILDREN 7YRS + WHO HAVE NOT BEEN BAPTISED

Thurs 3 March—Parent Information night Holy Family Church 5:30pm—6:15pm

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022



*As prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland*

Guest Speaker: Sr Kym Harris

Friday 4th March 2022 at 10am in St Joseph's Cathedral

For more information contact: Helen Truscott Ph 0400 313 783 or [truscott@bigpond.com](mailto:truscott@bigpond.com)

## BAPTISMS THIS WEEK:

William and Darcy Smyth & Saxon are warmly welcomed into the faith community of Rockhampton this weekend.



### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday:	5:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday:	<b>NO MASS this week at Holy Family</b>	
	5:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	9:00am	St Mary's Church
Thursday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	5:30-7pm	Adoration at St Mary's
Friday:	9:00am	Our Lady Help of Christians
	12:10pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Saturday:	9:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral

**Penance:**

Saturday	9:30-10:30am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	4:00-4:30pm	Holy Family Church

Last Weekend's Collections	Cathedral Parish	Our Lady Help Of Christians	Holy Family	St Mary's
<b>Planned Giving</b> <i>(Envelopes, Direct Debit, Credit Card)</i>	\$	<b>\$350.00</b>	<b>\$802.00</b>	<b>\$ 415.00</b>
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Dear healthcare workers, your service alongside the sick, carried out with love and competence, transcends the bounds of your profession and becomes a mission. Your hands, which touch the suffering flesh of Christ, can be a sign of the merciful hands of the Father. Be mindful of the great dignity of your profession, as well as the responsibility that it entails.

Pope Francis  
World Day of the Sick  
Message 2022



**13 FEBRUARY ECUMENICAL MILESTONES**

**1962 – 1965 The Second Vatican Council: presence of observers and guests from other churches and Ecclesial communities as well as from the World Council of Churches.**

- ◆ **1963 The Catholic Church send two official observers and guests to the first WCC Conference on Mission in Mexico city.**
- ◆ **WCC Faith and Order Conference in Montreal.**
- ◆ **1964 First historic meeting of Pope Paul VI .**
- ◆ **and Patriarch Athenagoras in Jerusalem.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES –  
Wednesday 2 March**

- 7:00am Holy Family, Norman Gardens
- 8:00am St Paul’s, Gracemere
- 9:00am St Mary’s, North Rockhampton
- 9:00am St Joseph’s Cathedral  
(live streamed spoj.com)
- 10:00am Sacred Heart, Mount Morgan
- 12:10pm St Joseph’s Cathedral
- 5:30pm Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Avenue



**WEEKLY PRAYER**

O Lord, **giver** of life and source of freedom, I know that all I have received is from your hand. Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously.



*Are you looking for faith formation? A journey you can go on to grow in faith?*

Last year our office launched "Going Deeper", a ten-session online series about the loving relationship with God at the heart of the Catholic faith.

It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life. Together we dive beneath the teachings and practices and instead ponder, 'what is this all for?' Here we enter into the wonder and mystery of God's relationship with each of us individually and collectively.

We'll be launching the second cohort of Going Deeper on February 21<sup>st</sup>. As spaces are limited (250 max), we encourage you to get in quickly and register either yourself or join your parish group by speaking to your parish priest. Contact us first at [formation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:formation@bne.catholic.net.au) for a discussion on registering a group larger than 10.

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards** (2013), and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults. For further information or support please contact the Diocesan **Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office:**

**Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call)** and calls will be forwarded to Helen (PSR) or email: [pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au)

**Diocesan Website** for more information: <https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

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