

# 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**

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th & 27th FEBRUARY, 2022

**First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

What we say reveals who we truly are.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 91:2-3,13-16

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you**

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Physical death does not have the last word, thanks to the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel:** Luke 6:39-45

Jesus warns us against thinking that we might be better people than we actually are.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

**Saturday:** 4:00pm Sacred 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 combined newsletter of the parishes of Rockhampton and to read what is happening across our parishes.

I look forward to this Sunday, within the context of a worshipping community, enrolling four people who have been journeying with us towards the Easter Sacraments.

I will gather this week with the leadership team of CentacareCQ in their pre-Ash Wednesday reflection. Centacare ministries began many years ago when Fr Frank Gilbert and Sr Anne Marie Kinnane began a service of family counselling and caring for our people who needed support. From these beginnings CentacareCQ, through the leadership of Mr Robert Sims now, is present in many parts of our Diocese including Longreach, Emerald, Blackwater, Rockhampton, Yeppoon, Bundaberg, Gladstone, and Mackay. CentacareCQ are the arm of Catholic ministries to our Diocese assisting in the areas of NDIS, counselling, home support, indigenous connections, domestic violence support and being the presence of Christ in our community as they live out the great mandate of Christ, as we all do...*when I was hungry, you gave me food, when I was sick, you visited me...*

As we move into Lent this week, let us all hear the Gospel of the day as we all called into the season of prayer, fasting and good works.

The Sacramental programs have begun in the parishes of Rockhampton, and I invite our families to join with us in preparing our young people for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Our coordinators, Beryl Mills and Anthony Green, and their teams will guide our families on this journey.

Yours in Christ

**Bishop Michael McCarthy**

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Associate Pastor

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Associate Pastor

**Fr Jayanthi Maddala**  
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# Rockhampton Catholic Parishes:

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

**Marriages:** Advanced notice and preparation is required (six months minimum). 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:** Rockhampton Base Hospital - To arrange a pastoral or sacramental visit while in Rockhampton Hospital email [pastoralcare.rockhampton@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:pastoralcare.rockhampton@rok.catholic.net.au)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Recently deceased:** Edward Lawlor, Alma Campbell, Elizabeth (Betty) Dobson, Michael Mulcahy (Brisbane), Dianne Black, Gloria Barrett, Margaret Robinson

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Hoffmann, Joseph Tryhorn, Lyn Robinson, Pat Byrne, Theresa Dutton

**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. When requesting family and friends be included in the sick list, ensure you have their permission. If circumstances change, and the person listed can be removed from the sick list advise the Parish Office.*

## PRIEST'S REFLECTION

**"A person's words flow out of what FILLS their heart ... "**

These words of Jesus, friends, invite us to give prayerful consideration regarding what fills our heart. To what do we give focus in our lives?

Are we open to the Lord's light, love & wisdom as we endeavour to live lives of inner peace, hope and integrity?

Jesus reminds us today ... that it is that to which we give our attention which fills our heart & therefore we need to exercise due care & caution in this regard. What we focus on fills our heart & then what fills our heart is expressed in speech.

Do my words reflect the love of God .. the God who abides in my heart?

Fr Bill Senn

## TRAINING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Last year I held training for Eucharistic Ministers to take Holy Communion to our sick and housebound in the various healthcare facilities. Many of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion attended, but some were unable to attend. I will be running similar training on Saturday, 19th March, from 10 to 11.30am in the Duhig Centre, West Street - after the Feast Day celebrations at St Joseph's Cathedral. This is a follow up for those who missed last year's training and for all taking communion to those at home or care facilities. I have included those who take Holy Communion to our nursing homes including Leinster Place, Bethany and the Range Village, and the Mater Hospital.

I look forward to spending this time with you. I would appreciate if you could let me know of your attendance via email:

[bishop@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:bishop@rok.catholic.net.au) or my office Ph: 07 4887 3070.

Bishop Michael

## CHANEL COLLEGE PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

We are up and running and looking for all our alumni to get in touch and add their names to our databases. Our goals are to reconnect past students with the College, as well as each other, and ensure the shared memory of the school is kept alive and passed on.

Interested in reunions, or becoming part of the Chanel College Community once again? Contact our Past Students Association

Co-ordinator Candice Morrison at [candice\\_morrison@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:candice_morrison@rok.catholic.edu.au) or phone the College on (07) 4973 4700 and leave your details.

## SYNOD OF BISHOPS - EXTENSION

The local consultation period for has been extended! Submissions can now be received through the online portal until Sunday, March 13. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at:

<https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

## SYRO MALABAR MASS

Will be celebrated at St Joseph's Cathedral on Friday 11th March at 5pm.

## ECUMENICAL MILESTONES 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Start of Bilateral Dialogue Model by Catholic Church.

Preparatory meeting of the Anglican- Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC)

Dialogue between the Catholic and the Lutheran World Federation begins.

Dialogue between the Catholic Church and the World Methodist Council begins.

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday:	5:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday:	9:00am	Holy Family Church
	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
	4:30-7pm	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>\$1526.80</b>	<b>\$535.00</b>	<b>\$922.00</b>	<b>\$510.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$2922.00</b>	<b>\$229.50</b>	<b>\$584.65</b>	<b>\$224.20</b>

# 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 info: Helen Truscott 0400 313 783 or hmtruscott@bigpond.com

Choir practice for the World Day of Prayer will be held at 9:00am on the 4th March at St Joseph's Cathedral.

## LENTEN PROGRAM - COME TO THE WATER

### A Resource for Lent

You are welcome to join with a small group of parishioners either online, or face to face, whilst following COVID safe requirements.

You will need:

- a bible so you can read the gospels for the five weeks,
- a journal or notebook, some time to read and pray and reflect on your own
- and an hour to meet with 4-8 other people each week.

For more information and printed resources contact the Parish Office or The Cathedral Bookstore.



## 2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

### Cathedral Parish

Tues 8 Mar or Wed 9 March	Family Workshop #1 Sacrament of Penance	Kevin Castles Centre West Street	5:30-7:30pm
Mon 14 Mar or Tues 15 Mar	Family Workshop #2 Sacrament of Penance	Kevin Castles Centre	5:30-7:30pm
Thurs 17 Mar	Celebration of Sacrament of Penance	St Joseph's Cathedral	6:00pm
Tues 29 Mar or Wed 30 March	Family Workshop #3 Sacrament of Confirmation	St Joseph's School Herbert Street Wandal	5:30-7:00pm

### North Rockhampton Parishes

Tues 15 Mar or Wed 16 Mar	Parent Information night	Holy Family Church Our Lady Help of Christians	5:30pm
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## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE 2022- NORTH ROCKHAMPTON PARISHES

CHILDREN 7YRS + WHO HAVE NOT BEEN BAPTISED

Thurs 3 Mar	Parent Information night	Holy Family Church	5:30-6:15pm
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## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

Begin Lent this year by joining an hour of adoration and pray for vocations. Benediction and praying the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary at St Joseph's Cathedral at 5:45pm.

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/>

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and Policy**: <http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html>

**Queensland Professional Standards Office**: [www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/](http://www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/)

## 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 (livestream at <a href="http://cspoj.com">cspoj.com</a> )
10:00am	Sacred Heart, Mount Morgan
12:10pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
5:30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Avenue

## RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

There are four catechumens participating in the Rite of Election at Holy Family at 9:00am this Sunday. This will further advance their full initiation to the Catholic Faith at Easter. Please pray for our catechumens in this important time of preparation.

## POSITION VACANT

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton invites applications from professionals with experience in community engagement and fundraising. The position is responsible for cultivating and nurturing an effective philanthropic base for the Diocese. Applications close at 10am on 7th March 2022. For more information go to <https://rok.catholic.net.au/employment/cem/>

## CHURCH MINISTRY

All our churches are looking for various volunteers to help fill vacancies, from a welcoming hello and "Welcome to Our Church", to readers, musicians and Extra—Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in joining one of our teams we would love to hear from you, contact your parish office for more information on the various roles.

Nominations are also open for positions on the North Rockhampton Parish Pastoral Councils. Please contact your Parish Office for a nomination form.

## North Rocky Youth Group at Holy Family Hall

All highschoolers are most welcome!

Saturday 5th March (6-8pm including pizza)

Friday 18th March (7-9pm)

Saturday 2nd April (6-8pm including pizza)

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