

# The Catholic Parishes of Rockhampton

As we move forward and 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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

26th & 27th MARCH, 2022

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**Gospel:** John 9:1-41 or John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:25, 26

### 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

**Ordinarie Sunday Mass:**

9:30am St Peter's, Allenstown

## THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Welcome to the newsletter of the Parishes of Rockhampton City.

In this bulletin the Chairs of the parishes of North Rockhampton and the Cathedral Parish have a little note in regards to the combined Pastoral Council of the Parishes of Rockhampton. They give a report on our meeting this week, which as you will recall have given great direction in bringing the plan for the ministries of Rockhampton together. As a way forward for the future I have endorsed the Strategic Plan of the Northside Parishes and the Stewardship Plan of the Cathedral Parish, as developed by the respective Councils. Both of these plans working across Rockhampton provide us with a way forward for the evangelising mission on the Church here in the City of Rockhampton, including the six praying church communities.

This week the Priests will be gathering on retreat and I ask you to keep us all in your prayers during this time. We look forward to you joining us at the Chrism Mass on Thursday.

Yours in Christ

**Bishop Michael McCarthy**

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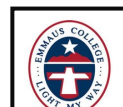
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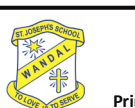
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# Rockhampton Catholic Parishes:

**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:** Peter McKenna, Dora Smith, John Wood (Mackay), Therese Harvey-Sutton (Townsville), Anthony, Gordon and Alice Kealley (Perth), Gino Abenzi,

**Anniversaries:** Joan Rheinberger, Loreto Esguerra, Juanita Briones, Anacleto Briones, Bernardo Julia

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

*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 - FATHER BILL SENN

### *God's words might be revealed in ...*

Encountering Jesus the blind man regains his sight. That same opportunity is ours if we take the time to encounter Jesus in our lives. This involves some effort on our part, for just as the blind man had to make the time for Jesus to apply the mud on his eyes and to have it washed off, we too need to make the time to have the mud applied to our eyes and washed off so that we can see clearly once again, the purpose of our life... *Jesus Christ!*

## CALLING FOR PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY AT ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

If anyone has any book leaf palms or golden palms that need trimming, could they please drop the fronds to the parish office by Friday 8th April for use on Palm Sunday. No other large palms are needed as they are difficult to move (e.g., king/alexander/foxtail/date palms).

## MASS OF CHRISM AND CHOIR TIMES

Bishop Michael invites us to celebrate with him the Mass of Chrism on Thursday 31 March at 10:00am at St Joseph's Cathedral. We will gather with all our priests and our Diocesan family to bless the Oil of Baptism and the Oil of the Sick and consecrate the Oil of Chrism.

Singers are invited to join the choir for the Mass of Chrism and practice will be at 9am prior to Mass commencing.

## ARE YOU A KEEN GARDENER?

Gary Mills normally tends the gardens around the Holy Family church, but he has been unwell recently and would gladly appreciate assistance from willing volunteers to help him with this task. If your green thumb is urging you on and you can spare about 3 hours a week, please call Gary on 0400 723720.

## CATHEDRAL NATIVITY SET

The beautiful nativity set of our Cathedral is in need of a little TLC and revival. A professional statue restorer has given an estimate of the cost. If you would like to assist with financing of this project I would appreciate you contacting me at the Bishop's Office – 4887 3070. Bishop Michael

## FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Special Celebration of the Feast will be held at St. Mary's Church, 155 Nobbs Street, North Rockhampton starting 2.00 pm on Sunday 24th March. All are welcome.

## CATHEDRAL TOUR DIRECTOR: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Cathedral Parish is looking for parishioners who might enjoy sharing the Cathedral's history and interesting elements with organised tours. Please email [CPOSJ.Admin@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:CPOSJ.Admin@rok.catholic.net.au) or call 49276744 and leave a message with your contact details if you would like to assist in sharing our beautiful Cathedral with others.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held every Friday during Lent at St Mary's Church at 5.30pm. All welcome.

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Thursday:	10:00am	Chrism Mass, Cathedral
	4:30-7pm	Adoration at St Mary's
Friday:	9:00am	Our Lady Help of Christians
	12:10pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
	5:30pm	Stations of the Cross St Mary's
Saturday:	9:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral

## Penance:

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

<u>Last Weekend's Collections</u>	Cathedral Parish	Our Lady Help of Christians	Holy Family	St Mary's
<b>Planned Giving</b> <i>(Envelopes, Direct Debit, Credit Card)</i>	<b>\$2054.70</b>	<b>\$240.00</b>	<b>\$265.00</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$1423.75</b>	<b>\$178.80</b>	<b>\$809.10</b>	<b>\$261.55</b>

**DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP** has developed a course in spirituality of Social Justice entitled: *“Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly with God - enacting a process of doing Social Justice”*. This can be accessed via sessions on Zoom. For further information pick up a brochure at the back of the church, your local church office, or contact the Diocesan Office.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

If you would like to volunteer to be part of the ministries at the Easter Triduum services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, please fill in this Google Form [Easter Triduum form](https://forms.office.com/r/DMd39bJHcu) (<https://forms.office.com/r/DMd39bJHcu>). There are several pages that will open as you move through the form and click submit. This is for ministries across all churches in Rockhampton, Gracemere and Mt Morgan. If you have any difficulty please contact the Parish Office..

### BOOKSTORE CHANGE OF TRADING HOURS

Please note the Cathedral Bookstore will now be open:

- Wed to Fri- 9am to 2pm; Saturday - 8.30am to 12pm & Sunday - 9am to 12 pm

We also have a new email address: [cathedralbookstore@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedralbookstore@rok.catholic.net.au)

### 2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

#### Cathedral Parish

Tues	29 Mar	Workshop #3	St Joseph's School Hall	5:30pm
Or		Sacrament of	Herbert Street	
Wed	30 Mar	Confirmation	WANDAL	5:30pm

#### North Rockhampton Parishes

Sat	26 Mar	Ritual of Remembering	Holy Family Church	5:00pm
			Our Lady Help of Christians	6:30pm
Sun	27 Mar		Holy Family Church	9:00am

### YOUTH GROUP

All highschoolers are most welcome! Saturday 2nd April (6-8pm including pizza) at Holy Family Church Hall.

### REPORT FROM COMBINED PASTORAL COUNCILS

The combined pastoral councils of the Parishes of North Rockhampton and the Cathedral met on Tuesday evening 22 March and have considered the Strategic and Stewardship plans developed by the respective councils. These plans were well received, and it was proposed that these plans offer to the parishes of the City of Rockhampton a way forward in the mission of the church here in Rockhampton. The Strategic Plan gives the vision of working co-responsible for the mission with the assistance of the Stewardship Program for all the praying church communities of Rockhampton City, viz Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Avenue, Holy Family, Rocktonia, St Mary's, Berserker, the Cathedral of St Joseph, St Paul's, Gracemere and Sacred Heart, Mount Morgan. Already, the parishes are working together on the five areas identified, namely Liturgy, Sacramental Program, Bereavement and soon baptism and RCIA. The combined pastoral council meeting is now preparing a way of covering all of Rockhampton for the pastoral and sacramental needs of all the parishioners of the six praying church communities.

Anthony Greene - Cathedral Parish Chair & Paul Eckel - Northside Parishes Chair

### PROJECT COMPASSION 26th & 27th March



Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community. With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.

### HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

**When:** Friday April 1st 5:45pm

**Where:** St Joseph's Cathedral

**What:** Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Continue your Lenten journey by journeying with Christ through the Stations of the Cross. An opportunity to reflect on your own vocation, pray for vocations for our diocese and meditate on Christ's passion and death.



### PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart  
and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life,  
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength  
to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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