

The Catholic Parishes of Rockhampton

As we move forward & including the praying communities of : St Joseph's Cathedral, St Paul's (Gracemere), Sacred Heart (Mt Morgan), St Mary's, Holy Family and Our Lady Help of Christians

The Parishes of Rockhampton acknowledge the Darumbal & Gungalu people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work, travel and live. We pay our respects to their Elders, their Ancestors and Emerging Leaders.

Second Sunday of Easter
23rd & 24th APRIL, 2022

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16
Luke gives us a picture of the early community of disciples in Jerusalem and how people were attracted to come to them for blessing and healing.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13.17-19
John recounts the vision that led to his writing this book, the Apocalypse or Revelation. The risen Jesus speaks to him and commissions him to set down all that he sees regarding the present and the future.

Gospel: John 20:19-31
The risen Jesus makes himself present to his disciples on two occasions. He commissions them to continue his work. Then Thomas makes the supreme confession of faith.

Next Sunday's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts: 5:27-32. 40-41
Second Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19

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

Ordinatee Sunday Mass:
9:00am St Peter's, Allenstown

THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Greetings from the Central West!

This weekend I am visiting with the communities of Aramac, Jundah, Ilfracombe and Isisford, and will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for some of our young people living many hundreds of kilometres from our main centres. Please pray for our young people here, and especially also for the people of the West who continue to live on and farm our land to ensure a plentiful supply of food for our tables, despite some of the difficult circumstances they have to face.

We remember in a special way our Brothers and Sisters in Christ of the Ukraine who continue to suffer. Through the Catholic Bishops' special Caritas Appeal this weekend I invite you to be generous as we stand in solidarity with our fellow Christians. Your support will help provide basic needs on the ground. Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine at this time as well.

This Sunday the very beautiful Gospel of Thomas is read to us in the Mass. Through this Gospel we watch and listen as the Risen Christ heals Thomas of his unbelief and he reignites his faith.

Finally, thank you to all of those who assisted with the Easter ceremonies in our parishes of Rockhampton. Your help made all of our gatherings a really great celebration of the Risen Christ for our local communities and those visiting the City at this time.

Peace be with you!

Yours in Christ, **Bishop Michael McCarthy**

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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

Hospital Visitation: Rockhampton Base Hospital - To arrange a pastoral or sacramental visit while in Rockhampton Hospital email pastoralcare.rockhampton@rok.catholic.net.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently deceased: *Barbara Shucksmith, Josie Quinn, Mary Pyke (Brisbane), Anthony Stanton, Rita Mansfield*

Anniversaries: *Heather Logovick, Margaret Cockburn, Joy Johnson, Roderick Hogan*

Those who are sick: *Kevin Hynes (Marybrough), Merv Deakin, Bernie Brady, Nguyen Thi Nhuan (Vietnam), Peter Casey, 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, 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

Today is the second Sunday of Easter and is also known as the Divine Mercy Sunday. In today's gospel reading Jesus visited his disciples to convince them that He is risen, and he said to them— As the Father sent me, so am I am sending you. After saying this he breathed on them and said receive the Holy spirit for those sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained. Jesus through this empowered them to forgive sin and by extension instituted the sacrament of reconciliation.

Today, the sacrament of reconciliation or penance is one of the seven sacraments of the church, through which the church calls us to amend our ways with God and with our neighbours, "those who approach the sacrament of penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labours for conversion"(CCC. 1422).

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, let us know that God's mercy is so abundant and his love for us is great. Let us not be afraid to approach his throne of mercy, in any situation we find ourselves. Let us also be merciful and learn to forgive.

Fr Matthias Ogwo

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES?

Then The Chosen might be helpful. It is a television series based on the life of Jesus and is available at this site The Chosen (angelstudios.com) and as an APP.

You can also join a small group who will be watching the first episode at Holy Family Church after 9:00am mass on Tuesday 26 April.

Please contact Trish at the North Rockhampton Parish Office if you would like a copy of the notes to accompany the first season.

SPECIAL COLLECTON FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

This weekend a second collection will be conducted at all parishes for the people of Ukraine. Funds collected will be forwarded to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal, which is providing:

- Assistance for displaced families
- Emergency shelter
- Assistance for crossing borders
- Psychosocial support

Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and a swift end to this war.

ANZAC DAY MASS

Will be celebrated at St Joseph's Cathedral on Monday 25th April at 8am. The liturgy recognises the sacrifice of the fallen, commends them to eternal life, and prays that the justice and peace which they sought to defend may dwell in our lands. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Will recommence for the Cathedral Parish during the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 8th May 2022.

NORTH ROCKHAMPTON CRAFT GROUP

Bring your creative talents to the ladies craft group at Holy Family Hall, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Thursday of the month from 10am, everyone is welcome!



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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral ANZAC Day
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
	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

<u>Last Weekend's Collections</u>	Cathedral Parish	Our Lady Help of Christians	Holy Family	St Mary's
Planned Giving <i>(Envelopes, Direct Debit, Credit Card)</i>	\$1502.50	\$520.00	\$1389.00	\$415.00
Loose	\$1640.35	\$316.35	\$912.20	\$294.35

2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM—Cathedral Parish

Saturday or Sunday	23 April 24 April	Presentation of Candidates	6:00pm 8:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	St Joseph's Cathedral St Paul's Gracemere St Joseph's Cathedral St Joseph's Cathedral
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ROCKY NORTHSIDE YOUTH GROUP

All High School age youth are welcome to come together with the Rocky Northside Youth Group, in the Holy Family Church Hall during Term 2.

- Saturday 6-8pm (following the Holy Family Mass) on 30th April, 4th June, 2nd July
- Friday 7-9pm on 13th May & 17th June

JUBILEES OF PROFESSION - SISTERS OF MERCY

On Saturday 30 April 2022 at the 6:00pm Vigil Mass in St Joseph's Cathedral, we will honour the Diamond Jubilee of Profession of three Sisters of Mercy, namely Sisters Marlene Fitzgibbons, Marise Casey and Grace Bartolo and the Silver Jubilee of Profession of Sr Kerry-Anne Sullivan. You are very welcome to join us for this special celebration.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Do you want to see and feel what your faith assures you of, to encounter God's love and the gifts of The Holy Spirit? You are invited to a "Life in the Spirit" Seminar each Sunday for 6 weeks - commencing Sunday May 1 at the Duhig Centre, West Street. 7pm start and 8.30pm finish. To register contact Naomi Pettett 0438478094.

DIOCESAN NOTICE OF AN EMAIL SCAM

The Diocese is aware of an email scam whereby the scammer purports to be one of the priests currently ministering in our Diocese and sends an email to a person whose details have appeared in a Parish Bulletin, asking for assistance initially, and subsequently money or vouchers. Our priests will never contact you to ask for money. Official appeals will be announced at Mass and/or published in the parish bulletin. If you are ever in any doubt about the legitimacy of an email or text message seemingly from a priest, please contact the parish office to verify.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Special Celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy will be held at St. Mary's Church, 155 Nobbs Street, North Rockhampton starting 2.00 pm this Sunday 24th April.

Program:	2:00pm	Confession
	2:30pm	Divine Mercy address
	3:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		The 3 o'clock Prayer & Divine Mercy Chaplet
	4:00pm	Holy Mass with Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image.

Holy Goods store will be operating. Bring your Divine Mercy Image along for a special blessing (please bring your own personal sanitizer)

Enquires: Colleen 4933 6289 or 0404 461 765 or email ian.graham6@bigpond.com

CATHEDRAL TOUR DIRECTOR

The Cathedral Parish is looking for parishioners who might enjoy sharing the Cathedral's history with organized tours. Email CPOSJ.Admin@rok.catholic.net.au or call 49276744 and leave a message with your contact details.

NORTH ROCKHAMPTON LADIES CLUB

All are welcome to join in the fun and laughter at the next North Rockhampton Ladies Club from 10am on the first Thursday of the month, the next being the 5th May, in the Holy Family Hall.

CATHOLIC MOTHER'S GROUP

All young families are welcome to attend Mother Effect. For connection, play and prayer. 9:30am fortnightly on Wednesdays.

Contact Laura for more details: 0434 552 280

MERCY ASSOCIATES GATHERING

Date: Saturday 7 May
Following 9am the Mass at
St Joseph's Cathedral

Guest Speaker: Father Noel Milner
A wonderful historian on the Holy Land

Topic: *It is the Time to Tell the Story-
St Luke and his Writings*

Venue: Parish Function Room
(behind The Cathedral Bookstore)
All are welcome!



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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Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call) and calls will be forwarded to Helen (PSR) or email: 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>

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