

Rockhampton Catholic Parishes

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.

21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

20th & 21st August, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7,11-13

The disciplines those he loves.

Gospel: Luke: 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God

Next Sunday's Readings: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-20,28-29

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14

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

I draw your attention to next weekend which is Social Justice Sunday. In previous years this Sunday occurred at the end of September but has been moved forward in the calendar. The Australian Catholic Bishops also release their annual Social Justice Statement around this weekend. The theme this year is - *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*. You can download a copy of the statement from the website (see bulletin notice). I invite you to read this, and a few copies will be made available in our churches. Our priests will be speaking to this statement next weekend, as it embodies the teaching tradition of the Church, namely Catholic Social teaching.

Migrant and Refugee Sunday is now on the 24th and 25th September and resources for this have recently been released. You can find the resources here - <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit>. Further information will be provided on this closer to the date.

Thank you to all those who have prepared and supported our young people who celebrated their First Holy Communion over the last couple of weeks in the parishes in North Rockhampton, completing their sacramental program for 2022.

This weekend I will be celebrating Confirmation with our young people in The Valleys Region Parish and visiting the communities there with Father Simeon.

**Yours in Christ
Bishop Michael McCarthy**

CLERGY: If you require a Priest in an emergency after hours please call (07) 3830 5216

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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

Becoming a Catholic - If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic, contact the parish office or email - rcianorthrocky@gmail.com

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently deceased: Marina George, Carmel Rowen, Jenny Wallace (Toowoomba)

Anniversaries: Grace James, Rod Bartlem

Those who are sick: Beverley Johnson, Ray Norton, Jim Van Brink, Marion Brigg, Kevin Hynes (Marybrough), Bernie Brady, Bev Bartlem, Nguyen Thi Nhuan (Vietnam), Catherine Everingham, Carmel Schick, Christopher Steer, Barry Carter, Nena Suclan, Pat James, Daisy Maturin, John Dobson, Tony Wilkinson, John Manwaring, Mirita Abenzi, Gino Abenzi, Pat Healey, 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

An unnamed person in today's Gospel reading asked a question: Lord, will those who are saved be few? Jesus said: Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

Dear friends, the invitation to enter the kingdom of God is open for all, but we must struggle and discipline ourselves spiritually to be there, "for the God who created us without ourselves, cannot save us without ourselves" says St. Augustine. **Fr Matthias Ogwo**

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH LIGHTING REPLACEMENT

The Holy Family Church will be closed for the week of **Monday 22nd - Friday 26th August** to allow access by contractors to upgrade the lighting in the church. Due to this work there will not be the usual Tuesday morning Mass at Holy Family.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 28th AUGUST

Social Justice Sunday is next week, 28 August. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference statement for this year is titled: *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*. This statement is enlightening about church teaching and condemns the use of the bible to justify male power over women and children. To access a copy online go to: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we welcome the Towns family, as Elias & Everett are Baptised in the waters of the Holy Spirit.



AUSTRALIAN SYNTHESIS FOR GLOBAL SYNOD OF BISHOPS

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released a statement reflecting the call from "Catholics in Australia for a church that is missionary and a Eucharistic community that is inclusive"

Copies of the full statement are available by contacting Trish at the Parish office, or to download at www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

A reminder that the Cathedral bookstore is now open every Saturday from 8:30am to midday and every Sunday from 9:00am to Midday.

DIOCESAN E-NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of the Diocesan E-Newsletter has come out and can be found online at - <https://rok.catholic.net.au/news-events/bishops-newsletter/?edition=august-2022>.

This provides news from all around our Diocese. If you would like to get it sent directly to you inbox email CatholicCQ@rok.catholic.net.au with your details.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday:	5:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday:	No Mass this week @	Holy Family Church
	5:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday:	9:00am	St Mary's Church
	5:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Thursday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	4:30-7pm	Adoration St Mary's Church
Friday:	9:00am	Our Lady Help of Christians
	5:30pm	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>	\$	\$425.00	\$944.00	\$440.00
Loose	\$	\$236.40	\$887.50	\$268.50

RCIA PARISH SPONSOR

The RCIA team are looking for Parish Sponsors to Journey with our Candidates/Catechumens. If interested in this ministry, please email the team at rcianorthrocky@gmail.com

Requirements of sponsors:

- Accompanies the person in their journey to sacraments. Isn't necessarily a Godparent but can be so if the Candidate decides.
- Participates in the sessions (as much as possible) with them.
- Faithful, questioning, hospitable, disciplined, prayerful.
- Like a coach who watches, listens, offers guidance, encouragement and challenges.

In particular we are searching for a young man, from Holy Family, and an older gentleman 60+ from the Cathedral to travel with two men on their journey of sacramental faith formation.

Sessions are currently from 6pm to 7:30pm on Tuesday evenings.

THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul Conference and the Rockhampton Support Centre are very appreciative of the assistance given during the recent Winter Appeal. The generous donations of blankets, clothes, food and financial support have been a great boost to those everyday Australians who are finding it increasingly difficult to cope with the escalating cost of the basics of life for their families.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE - ST MARY'S PARISH

Thank you to our dedicated Parish Safeguarding Representatives of Kathy Bryan - Cathedral Parish, Helen Mollard - Holy Family and Shaun Pettett - Our Lady Help of Christians. The Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office are currently calling for a new Safeguarding Representative for St Mary's Parish. If you are interested or would like to know more contact pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au or phone 4887 3080.

POSITION VACANT

The Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office are currently seeking an experienced Administration Officer to support their important work. This position will involve working 22.5 hours a week with flexibility to complete the hours over 3 or 4 days between Monday to Friday. Applications close 10am, Monday 22nd August. For further information visit – <https://rok.catholic.net.au/employment/administration-officer-safeguarding/>

THURSDAY LADIES CLUB

Come and join the next gathering of the Thursday Ladies Club at Holy Family Hall on 1st September at 10:00am. All welcome to join in the fun and enjoy a morning tea.

ECUMENICAL CORNER: [Decree on Ecumenism Art.3](#)

3. Even in the beginnings of this one and only Church of God there arose certain rifts,(19) which the Apostle strongly condemned.(20) But in subsequent centuries much more serious dissensions made their appearance and quite large communities came to be separated from full communion with the Catholic Church - **for which, often enough, men of both sides were to blame.** The children who are born into these Communities and who grow up believing in Christ cannot be accused of the sin involved in the separation, and the Catholic Church embraces upon them as brothers, with respect and affection. For men who believe in Christ and have been truly baptised are in communion with the Catholic Church even though this communion is imperfect. The differences that exist in varying degrees between them and the Catholic Church - whether in doctrine and sometimes in discipline, or concerning the structure of the Church - do indeed create many obstacles, sometimes serious ones, to full ecclesiastical communion. The ecumenical movement is striving to overcome these obstacles. But even in spite of them it remains true that all who have been justified by faith in Baptism are members of Christ's body,(21) and have a right to be called Christian, and so are correctly accepted as brothers by the children of the Catholic Church.(22)

CATHOLIC MOTHER'S GROUP

All young families are welcome to attend MotherEffect, for connection, play & prayer. 9:30am fortnightly on Wednesdays. Contact Laura for more details: 0434 552 280

ADVENT PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2022

Bishop Michael with Fr Noel Milner will be leading a Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2nd to 19th December 2022. For further info see the Diocesan website or contact info@harvestjourneys.com or 1800 819 156 and quote Tour Code PV2226.



Did you know?
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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.



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

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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