

# 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

27th & 28th August, 2022

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

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord,

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 67:4-7,10-11

**God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

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

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

**Gospel:** Luke: 14:1,7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom: 9:13-18

Second Reading: Philemon: 9-10,12-17

Gospel: Luke: 14:25-33

### 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 this weekend's newsletter.

This Sunday the Australian Catholic Bishops draw our attention to the Social Justice Statement. I invite you to read the statement online at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/> or there should be a few hard copies for those without electronic access. If you need further assistance please contact the parish office.

Over these next few weeks I will be on annual leave. I have appointed Father Matthias as the Administrator for the Parishes of Rockhampton for this time, and I thank him for taking on this responsibility while I am away.

Before I go, I would like to wish the teachers, support staff and students in our schools and colleges all the very best as you approach the end of Term 3 and that you have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

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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Fr Bill Senn  
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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)

**Becoming a Catholic** - If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic, contact the parish office or email - [rcianorthrocky@gmail.com](mailto:rcianorthrocky@gmail.com)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Recently deceased:** Clare Burke, Marina George, Carmel Rowen,

**Anniversaries:** Kevin Barry, Bert Shamburg, Brendan Ran, Mary Grace, John Black, Barry Scanlan, Bernadette Atwell, Ken Crough

**Those who are sick:** Beverley Johnson, Ray Norton, 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

Generally, we choose to invite the dignitaries, relatives, and friends from our own backgrounds according to our status and with whom we feel comfortable. This is the commonality we see everywhere in the society.

In contrast to this commonality, today's Gospel passage is challenging us to have a synodal banquet and not to invite those who can repay us. We are called to invite those who cannot repay us as in the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. We need a lot of humility and hospitality to call such people and allow them to speak fearlessly and relate with them freely. Humble (yourselves) the More, the greater you are, and you will find favour with God.

**FR Jayanthi Maddala HGN**

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 28th AUGUST

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse. This Sunday is Social Justice Sunday. The Australian Catholic Bishops have issued a powerful statement, Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse, condemning the scourge of domestic and family violence. It is a document very well worth reading. This is very much an issue for people of Christian congregations, as research indicates that such people are as likely to perpetrate and suffer such abuse as the society in which they live. Assistance is available from CatholicCare (previously Centacare) as outlined in the handout at the back of the church. To access a copy of the Bishop's statement go to: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au).

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - Mass, Adoration & Benediction

Friday, 2nd September from 5.30pm at St Joseph's Cathedral. Come and spend an hour with our Lord this coming Friday and drop into the Cathedral Centre afterwards from 6.45pm for food and fellowship. Contact Mick at 0433 897 973 or [vocations@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocations@rok.catholic.net.au) to be included in catering or for more information.



## HOLY HOUR - with Praise & Worship

Come spend an hour with the Lord, with times of silence and praise and worship. Monday 29th August from 7.30 to 8.30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church.

## BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We join with the following children and their families and pray that they will grow in their love of God and become living members of Christ's Church: Archer John Lowry, Parker Dawson, Stella West, Riley Tomkins, Zahri Waterson



## 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](http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch)

## YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group is on 3 September come and join the fun and pizza after Mass 6-8pm. The Youth Group is calling for any food donations of: soft drinks/poppers, chips or biscuits. These can be left at the Parish Office, thank you for your continued support!

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday:	5:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday:	9:00am	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
<b>1st Saturday of the month—Anointing Mass</b>		
<b>Penance:</b>		
Saturday	9:30 -10:30am	St Joseph's Cathedral - following the 9am Mass
	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>\$800.00</b>	<b>\$859.00</b>	<b>\$480.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	\$	<b>\$176.50</b>	<b>\$738.65</b>	<b>\$189.10</b>

## 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](mailto:rcianorthrocky@gmail.com). A sponsor accompanies the person in their journey to the sacraments by participating in sessions, living out their own faith as an example and offers guidance and encouragement.

## IGNITE CONFERENCE - The Moment

Ignite is a National Catholic Conference for people of all ages to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way. Rockhampton Diocese will be taking a group again open to all high school students and young adults. This year Ignite will be at St Laurence's College Brisbane from September 22nd to 25th. To register just go to <https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC22bne>, then enter the coupon code RockyHigh or RockyAdult and select the ticket type that starts with 'Rocky Diocese'. Accommodation and transport from Mackay, Rockhampton, Calliope and Gin Gin is included in the registration cost. For more information contact Mick on 0433897973 or [youth@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth@rok.catholic.net.au).

## POSTION VACANT

The Community Engagement Office of the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton is responsible for cultivating and nurturing an effective philanthropic base that supports the mission of the Diocese. Expressions of interest are invited from persons with suitable qualifications/experience to join the Community Engagement Office in any of the following areas:

- Appeals management, including receipting and donor acknowledgement
- Public relations, including social media and organisational communications
- Donor relations, including bequests and major donors

The Diocese is willing to consider flexible working proposals, including part-time or casual hours and being based in any part of the Diocese of Rockhampton.

Please phone Holly Tucker on 4887 3090 or email [hr@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:hr@rok.catholic.net.au) to discuss whether your skills may match the Diocese's requirements.

*Successful applicants must be willing to undertake a National Criminal History Check.*

## SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE - ST MARY'S PARISH

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](mailto:pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au) or phone 4887 3080.

## 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

Moreover, some and even very many of the significant elements and endowments which together go to build up and give life to the Church itself, can exist outside the visible boundaries of the Catholic Church: the written word of God; the life of grace; faith, hope and charity, with the other interior gifts of the Holy Spirit, and visible elements too. All of these, which come from Christ and lead back to Christ, belong by right to the one Church of Christ.

The brethren divided from us also use liturgical actions of the Christian religion. These most certainly can truly engender a life of grace in ways that vary according to the condition of each Church or Community. These liturgical actions must be regarded as capable of giving access to the community of salvation.

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/)

## 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](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com) or 1800 819 156 and quote Tour Code PV2226.



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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.



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