

# Rockhampton Catholic Community

**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.*

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

19th & 20th November, 2022

**First Reading:** 2 Sam 5:1-3  
They anointed David king of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 121:1-5  
**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

**Second Reading:** Col 1:12-20  
He has taken us into the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke: 23:35-43  
Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

### Next Sunday's Readings: First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isiah 2:1-5  
Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14  
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44



### SUNDAY 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

Catholic Ordinariate at St Peter's Church:  
Next Mass: 8:00pm Christmas Eve

## BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

We come to the end of the Church's year, the Feast of Christ the King and we look forward to next Sunday as we begin Advent and the beginning of the new liturgical year.

This weekend we celebrate in the Cathedral the significant wedding anniversaries from the last year. This is a chance to celebrate and bless those living out their vocation of marriage as a wonderful example for all of us. At St Mary's Church we welcome Mr Ray Carrington into full communion with us. Welcome Ray, and we will pray for you in your faith journey. Thank you to those who have walked with Ray to help prepare him to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

A reminder that I have invited all people who undertake any ministry across all communities of Rockhampton to a thank you function this coming Thursday, 24th November, in recognition of the work you do in the Rockhampton Catholic Community. You can find RSVP details inside the bulletin, or contact the Parish Office.

As the end of the school year is approaching I wish all students the very best over the next couple of weeks as they finish their end of year exams. Congratulations to all the Year 12 students who finished their schooling last week. I pray that you may enjoy a safe break and wish you all the very best as you embark on your future endeavours.

The next Anointing of the Sick Mass will be Saturday 3rd December. This monthly Mass is celebrated for all the Rockhampton Catholic Communities on the first Saturday of the month at St Joseph's Cathedral during the 9 am Mass.

With best wishes  
**Bishop Michael McCarthy**

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

**Bishop Michael McCarthy**

**Fr Matthias Ogwo**  
Associate Pastor

**Fr Bill Senn**  
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**Fr Jayanthi Maddala**  
Associate Pastor

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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:** *Estelle Bohan nee Brazil (Brisbane), Carmel Schick, Rita Challinor*

**Anniversaries:** *Zoraida Mora*

**Those who are sick:** *Cherry Butac, Annielyn Punzalan, Jean Battour, Michael Harris, Marie Lawrence (Brisbane), Kelly Reynolds, Veronica Dobson, Laura & Baby Otto, Jim Van Brink, Goronwy Jones, Claudette Rieck, Robyn Grant, Patricia Fern-Smith, Brittney Higgins, Barry Carter, Ray Norton, Beverley Johnson, Marion Brigg, Bernie Brady, Kevin Hynes (Marybrough), Bev Bartlem, John Dobson, Pat James, Nguyen Thi Nhuan (Vietnam), Christopher Steer, Nena Suclan, Daisy Maturin, Tony Wilkinson, John Manwaring, Mirita Abenzi, Gino Abenzi, Gwenda Casey, 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 the universal Church celebrates the solemn feast of Christ the King, also known as Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This festival is celebrated in honour of Jesus Christ as the Lord over all creation. This is the king we worship. Unwittingly, the Romans acknowledge his kingship by writing, "This is the king of the Jews", and the repentant criminal experience his forgiveness. Yes, Jesus is king like nobody else. He is a servant king who serves, a loving king who loves even his own enemies.

The thief acknowledges his mistakes and earnestly begs for Jesus' favour. He implores, "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And the Lord promises him the kingdom. We are also likewise invited to call unto the Lord in perfect faith and He will surely answer us as He answered the thief.

**Fr Jayanthi Maddala**

## CHRISTMAS THANK YOU FUNCTION FOR ALL IN MINISTRY - THIS WEEK

An invitation is extended to all people who undertake ministry in all Parishes across Rockhampton to a thank you function with Bishop Michael - **Thursday 24th November from 4-6pm**. For further information and to RSVP for catering please reply online at

<https://forms.office.com/r/Ui4TwASZPG> or contact the Parish Office.

## CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

As previously advised, with the roof work almost complete the weekday Mass times for St Joseph's Cathedral have changed. The weekday times will now be -

**Monday 7am, Tuesday 5.30pm, Wednesday 12pm, Thursday 8am, Friday 12pm**

## BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

We welcome Ella Joan Driver and her family as she is baptised in the waters of Baptism at Holy Family Church this Sunday.



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS?

All are welcome to join to watch "Who is Jesus?" on Wednesday 23 November at Duhig Conference Centre, 7:30-8:30pm following drinks and nibbles at 7:00pm. RSVP to the Parish Office along with any dietary needs. [nrcpadmin@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:nrcpadmin@rok.catholic.net.au) or 4928 2800.

## ST MARY'S FAIR - NEXT FRIDAY

St Mary's Fair will be next Friday 25 November with children's rides and Kids' Alley commencing at 5.00pm and stalls opening 5.30pm. Come and enjoy a great evening with the chance of winning a ham and other Christmas fare. EFTPOS available on some stalls but you will still need cash for others. Tickets in the giant multi-draw raffle which will be drawn on the evening of the Fair are available for purchase at St Mary's School.

## THURSDAY LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club Christmas breakup will be held on Thursday 1st December with morning tea at the Frenchville Sports Club from 10am. There will be lucky door prizes and raffles with all proceeds going to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Bookings essential - please contact Marie 4928 2620 or Linda 4926 3371.

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday:	7:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday:	9:00am 5:30pm	Holy Family Church St Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday:	9:00am 12:00pm	St Mary's Church St Joseph's Cathedral
Thursday:	8:00am 4:30-7pm	St Joseph's Cathedral Adoration St Mary's Church
Friday:	9:00am 12:00pm	Our Lady Help of Christians St Joseph's Cathedral
Saturday:	9:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral

## Penance:

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

## Anointing of the Sick:

1st Saturday of the month during the 9am Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral - for all communities.

<u>Last Weekend's Collections</u>	<b>Cathedral Parish</b>	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>
<b>Planned Giving</b> <i>(Envelopes, Direct Debit, Credit Card)</i>	<b>\$1939.15</b>	<b>\$485.00</b>	<b>\$794.00</b>	<b>\$425.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$1761.25</b>	<b>\$162.00</b>	<b>\$767.40</b>	<b>\$259.55</b>

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023

All families of the Catholic Worshipping Communities of Rockhampton wishing for their child to participate in the 2023 Sacramental Program are now invited complete the online form using QR code. Baptised children turning **9 years (or older)** in 2023 are invited to take part. If you have a younger child or one not yet baptised but would like them to be considered, please contact the Parish office 49282800 to discuss and to make an appointment with the priest.



The faith journey that leads one to the Sacraments of the Church fosters a deep sense of belonging and a holy relationship with God, family and community in order to carry out the mission of Christ in the World.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE (7 YEAR AND OVER)

Families who have children over the age of seven (catechetical age) and are seeking to have them celebrate the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist – please contact the Parish Office for more information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children of Catechetical age.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY DATE-CLAIMER

Bishop Michael is leading a Diocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day in 2023. The group leaves Australia on 28<sup>th</sup> of July travelling to Avila, Segovia and Salamanca in Spain, then to Lisbon for World Youth Day, followed by a 3 day retreat at Fatima, arriving back in Australia on 11<sup>th</sup> of August. All pilgrims must be over 18 and preferably not older than 35. This is an amazing experience of the global Church that every young Catholic should try to get to at least once in their life. Registrations officially open in November. To express interest or for more information contact Mick at [youth@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth@rok.catholic.net.au) or 0433 897 973.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

### • CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Your support can give hope and joy to struggling families this Christmas. St Vincent De Paul are calling for donations of non perishable food towards their Annual Christmas Hampers which are donated to families in need. If you would prefer to make a financial donation, Christmas Appeal envelopes will be available at the donation points in our churches, or contact the Parish Office.



### • DID YOU KNOW

1,170 people assisted, 700 volunteer hours contributed and \$45,000 material aid provided in Rockhampton for the St Vincent de Paul Society since July. Want to help? Email - [naomi.pettett@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:naomi.pettett@svdpqld.org.au) or scan the QR code



## MERCY ASSOCIATES' GATHERING - ALL ARE WELCOME!



**Date:** Saturday, 26 November following the 9am Cathedral Mass  
**Guest Speaker:** Kathy Curran, National Leader of Formation, Mercy Health. Kathy is both a Mercy and Presentation Associate.  
**Topic:** *Visionary Courageous Women*  
**Venue:** Parish Function Room (behind The Cathedral Bookstore)

*Be inspired by stories of how early Australia was changed by courageous women of Mercy, leading to the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea, as we know it today.*

## YOUTH GROUP

All Highschoolers welcome!

Our last gathering for the year will be:



Saturday  
3rd December -  
Christmas Breakup at  
Kershaw Gardens.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### Christmas Eve – Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December

- ✦ 4pm – Sacred Heart, Mount Morgan
- ✦ 5pm – Holy Family
- ✦ 6pm – St Joseph's Cathedral
- ✦ 6pm – Our Lady Help of Christians
- ✦ Midnight – St Joseph's Cathedral



### Christmas Day – Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> December

- ✦ 6.30am – St Joseph's Cathedral
- ✦ 7am – St Mary's
- ✦ 8am – St Paul's, Gracemere
- ✦ 9am – Holy Family
- ✦ 9.30am – St Joseph's Cathedral
- ✦ 6pm – St Joseph's Cathedral

## ECUMENICAL CORNER

At the Second Vatican Council the Catholic Church committed herself irrevocably to following the path of the ecumenical venture, thus heeding the Spirit of the Lord, who teaches people to interpret carefully "the signs of the times".

[That they may all be One, by John Paul II Article 3](#)

## 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.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

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.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html>

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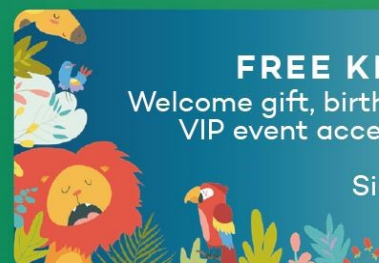
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