



St Patrick's Parish Emerald

Welcomes You

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

21st & 22nd January 2023

*We, St Patrick's Catholic Parish, welcome all into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through
Community, Service, Spirituality and Faith Formation.*

SUNDAY CONNECTIONS

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples. (shorter form Matthew 4:12-17)

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/third-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a-sunday-connection/>

**Australia Day Mass
Thursday
26th January
8am**



**We acknowledge the Gayiri People,
Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today,
and pay respects for their Elders, past and present.
We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples here
today.**

Please Especially Pray For

Sick: Lisimoni Fahamokioa, Nancy Mooney, Dale Grounds, Robyn Brosnan, Myra Stanton, Vinita Allix, Mike Burns, Margaret McCormack, Shirleen Piltz, Rita Ross, Dane Tappenden, Mary Hornery, Lawrence McNamee.

Deceased: Margaret Anthony, Ted Harvey, Cardinal George Pell, Trevor Daniels, Peter Turich, Sr Lynette Pearce, Guia Constantino.

Anniversaries: Peter Pitman, Vi McCosker, Timothy Sanderson, Owen Dwyer, Sally Roberts, Don Ash, Sr Marie Duffy, Sr Rosa MacGinley, Brendan Conway, Phylis Boland, James Burns, Gordon McKinlay, Alice Boland, Peter Gallagher, Barry Mahony. **Please contact the parish office if you are aware of people or families within our community requiring our prayers and/or support.**

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Week Day Mass Times:

Tuesday 12noon. *
Wednesday 7am
Thursday 8am
Friday 9am
*Anointing Mass 4th Tuesday Monthly

Weekend Mass Times:

Emerald: Saturday 6pm | Sunday 8am
Gemfields: 2nd & 4th Sunday monthly
10.30am | Anakie Community Hall
All Welcome

St Patrick's Parish Mothers Group

For Mothers at any stage in life.

*Sharing Faith, Life, Prayer,
Motherhood, Womanhood*

Mothers Unfolding with Mary

Wednesday 25th January

9am @ Playground Cnr Yamala & Ruby Sts

Any queries contact Loy 0422326841

"A woman's soul is fashioned as a shelter in which other souls may unfold." - St Edith Stein



Church January Roster

Ground Maintenance

Bill Mahony, Glen McKinlay, Bernie Frawley

Church Cleaning:

27th: Jackie McGavin, Loyola McKinlay,
Marie Mahony

THIS WEEKEND 21/22 January

Sacristan:

6pm: John Millard
8am: Peter Agius

Commentators:

6pm: Morag Hyslop
8am: Jackie McGavin

Readers:

6pm: Margaret Smith, Mary Pearce
8am: Loyola McKinlay, Marsha Krawczyk

Communion Ministers:

6pm: Margaret Daniels, Kevin Bickhoff
8am: Bill & Marie Mahony

Altar Servers:

6pm: Volunteers please
8am: Volunteers please

No Children's Liturgy School Holidays:

Holy Goods:

6pm: Margaret Boland
8am: Sue Peters

Musicians:

6pm: Jun, Richard, Alvin, Lorraine
8am: Esther, volunteer singers

Anointing Mass

Tuesday 24th January at 12noon



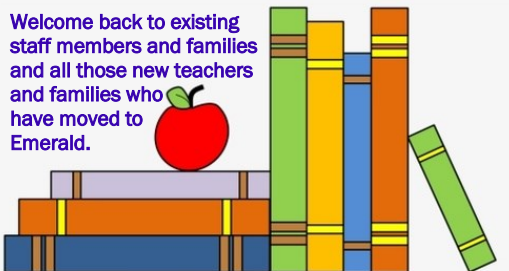
FUNERAL NOTICE

MARGARET ANTHONY

Saturday 28th of January 11am

St Patrick's Church

Welcome back to existing staff members and families and all those new teachers and families who have moved to Emerald.



Back To School

Parish Sign-on

Commencing February 2023

Position Vacant

The position of Fair Coordinator is vacant - all interested enquiries most welcome. Don't hesitate to Contact Francie Hartley or Jackie McGavin for more information 4982 1066.

Parish Date Claimers

3rd Sunday of the month | morning tea and baptism preparations

4th weekend of the month | wedding anniversary blessings| baptism blessings

January Fr Truc on leave, 20th - 25th

School resumes Term One, 23rd *

St Patrick's Parish Mothers Group, 25th @9am *

Australia Day. Office closed, 26th

Australia Day Mass, 26th @ 8am *

February St Brigid's School opening Mass, 1st @ 9am

Marist College Emerald Opening School Mass 10th @ 9am

St Patrick's School Opening School Mass 13th @9am

Bishop's In-service Day 17th

Ash Wednesday Mass, 22nd @ 7am

Marist College Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 22nd @ 9am

Anointing Mass 24th @12noon

St Patrick's School Ash Wednesday Liturgy 24th @12.40pm

Fr Truc annual leave 28th - 28th March

* See Bulletin Notice.

**Positions Vacant
Rockhampton Diocesan Office**

The vacant positions are:

Graduate Accountant

Finance and Administrative Support Officer

The ads are available on the Diocesan website or on Seek. For more details, click on the details below.

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/59389412>

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/59586776>

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/employment/>

January Emergency Weekend Relief -
Uniting Church 4982 1405

Weekday support The Neighbourhood Centre

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