

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.

First Sunday of Lent

25th & 26th February 2023

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Creation of our first parents, and sin.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 50:3-6, 12-14, 17
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11
Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Next Sunday's Readings: Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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
(www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton)
6:00pm St Joseph's Cathedral

THE SEASON OF LENT

We are very familiar with bushfires. Every year acres of bush lands have been destroyed by fire. After the bushfire this bush becomes dust and from the dust new growth comes up again. The same way the cane farmers burn the fields after harvesting. When they burn it the cane stalks become dust and it kills all the bacteria as well. When everything becomes dust, they have a new growth.

We are entering into the season of Lent. Lent is the time to 'burn' our sins in the fire of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and then renew our life in Christ. We want to 'clean up' our lives during Lent. By receiving ashes on our foreheads, we begin the Lenten season.

The word "Lent" comes from an old English word Lenten which means 'lengthen' and reflected the days becoming longer in spring in the Northern Hemisphere. In spring season there are many changes that we can see in Nature around us. Everything in Nature gets a new life. So, it reminds us that Lent is a 'spring season' of our life to clean and to renew. We want a change of heart this Lent.

Every year the season of Lent helps us to prepare for the death and resurrection of Christ for the salvation of the world. We need to purify and renew our lives during the period of Lent by repentance. Let's take seriously our approach to the season of Lent. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are three main pillars of Lent. By spending more time in prayer, fasting and giving alms (good works) let us come closer to God and strengthen our faith and thus renew our life. It is a way of showing that we love God and turn away from those things which keep us from God. Have a blessed season of Lent.

Fr Alex Varghese

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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: Ray Busby, Peter Houison (Sydney)

Anniversaries: Margaret Hoffmann, Joseph Tryhorn, Colin Grosse, Colin Paul Grosse, Pat Byrne, Theresa Dutton, Alma Campbell, Rita Milne

Those who are sick: June Poole, Margaret Thomson, Linda Samms, Noel Goltz, Jeanette Allen, Jim O'Connor, Cherry Butac, Annielyn Punzalan, Jean Battour, Michael Harris, Kelly Reynolds, Jim Van Brink, Claudette Rieck, Robyn Grant, Patricia Fern-Smith, Brittney Higgins, Barry Carter, Ray Norton, Beverley Johnson, Marion Brigg, Kevin Hynes (Maryborough), 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, Patricia Ann Borthwick
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.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

When: Friday March 3rd 5:30pm **Where:** St Joseph's Cathedral **What:** Stations of the Cross & Benediction
 Holy hour is on this coming Friday. From 5:30pm there will be Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction and then a vegetarian dinner afterwards. Contact Mick at 0433 897 973 or vocations@rok.catholic.net.au to be included in catering or for more information. Cash donations are welcome to help cover the cost of dinner.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Everyone is welcome to attend Stations of the Cross, each Friday during Lent at 5:30pm at St Joseph's Cathedral or St Mary's Church.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Do you have a call to assist one of our many Ministry teams as a volunteer? There are several places available across the parish where your assistance would be appreciated. Roles such as readers, sacristans and joining our bereavement teams to visiting those who are sick, either in their homes or nursing homes and hospitals.

Instruction would be provided to ensure best practice and safeguarding requirements are met. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

ADORATION AND WORSHIP

Start off your Lenten journey with some quality time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome for Adoration and worship - 7.30pm on Sunday 26th February at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Park Avenue.



There is weekly Adoration, every Thursday from 4:30-6:30pm at St Mary's Church, all are welcome.

ANOINTING MASS

Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Saturday, 4th March at St Joseph's Cathedral during the 9.00am Mass. All are welcome.

DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE WELCOMES YOU

Often referred to as the "**Church's best kept secret**" Catholic Social Justice teaching is rich and compelling. Pope Francis says that *an authentic faith always involves a deep desire to change the world*. The Diocesan Social Justice Committee invites you to explore possibilities in this ministry of changing the world - of acting justly in all areas of life. Please come along: Saturday 11 March, 9am-12pm, lunch provided
 Venue: "Stoneleigh" Range Convent, 263 Agnes St, Rockhampton.
 RSVP: Pat Wood rsm, Ph 0419203677 or marypatricia.wood@gmail.com

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 4:30-6.30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral Adoration St Mary's
Friday:	9:00am 12:00pm 5:30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians St Joseph's Cathedral Stations of the Cross— St Joseph's Cathedral & St Mary's Church
Saturday:	9:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral Anointing Mass

Penance:

Saturday	9:30 - 10:30am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Saturday	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>	Cathedral Parish	Our Lady Help of Christians	Holy Family	St Mary's
Planned Giving <i>(Envelopes, Direct Debit, Credit Card)</i>	NA	\$1028.80	\$1399.61	\$525.00
Loose	NA	\$141.30	\$734.95	\$480.00

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023

Enrolments for this year's program need to be finalised before the 19th March 2023.

All families of the Catholic Worshipping Communities of Rockhampton wishing for their child to participate in the 2023 Sacramental Program are now invited to enrol, please contact the Parish office for more information. 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 4928 2800 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 YEARS AND OVER)

Family information evening will be from 5:30pm on Thursday 2nd March.

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.

YOUTH GROUP

All highschoolers are welcome to attend the next Youth Group at Holy Family Church on the 4th March, following the Saturday 5pm Mass. Remaining dates for Term 1 are: Friday 17th March, Saturday 1 April & Good Friday 7th April for Stations of the Cross at Kershaw Gardens.

The North Rocky Youth Group are calling for food donations of soft drinks/poppers, chips or biscuits etc to be shared with the young people at gatherings. These can be left at the Parish Office. Thank you for your ongoing support.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE – Sponsorship Applications Close This Week!

Registrations are running out but there are still some available for our Diocesan WYD pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal from the 28th of July to the 11th of August. This is an amazing experience that every young Catholic should try to get to at least once in their life. We are pleased to now be able to offer partial sponsorship for 4 pilgrims! Applications for sponsorship can be made online up to and including **Tuesday the 28th of February**. For more information scan the QR code or contact Mick at youth@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973



LADIES CLUB

All are welcome to come along to the next Ladies Club morning tea, 2nd March from 10am, at Holy Family Church Hall. Fun, laughter and friendship are guaranteed.

MOTHER EFFECT

All young families are most welcome to connect fortnightly on Wednesday mornings. We play, share morning tea, and have catechesis and songs with our children. Contact Laura for more information - 0434552280.

2023 WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's Service has been prepared by the Women of Taiwan. All are welcome to the Services.

Date & Time: 3rd March at 10:00am
Venue: Peace Christian Church, 8 Thozet Road, North Rockhampton
Guest Speaker: Rev Jennifer Hercolt of the Anglican Church

There will be a second local Service followed by a morning tea at:

Date: 4th March at 9:30am
Venue: St Paul's Catholic Church, Victoria Street, Gracemere
Guest Speaker: Peter Doherty, Seminarian on Pastoral Placement



ECUMENICAL CORNER

- Rockhampton Churches Together - this week we pray for St Joseph's Cathedral Parish.
- Start of Bilateral Dialogue Model by Catholic Church. Preparatory meeting of the Anglican- Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) Dialogue between the Catholic and the Lutheran World Federation begins. Dialogue between the Catholic Church and the World Methodist Council begins

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2022) and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and adults at risk. For further information or support please contact the Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding office:

Response line: 1800 830 113 (free call) or Email: pssomanager@rok.catholic.net.au

For more information see the Diocesan website: <http://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

Queensland Professional Standards Office: www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/

Your Local Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

Kath Bryan – St Joseph's Cathedral
Shaun Pettett – Our Lady Help of Christians

Helen Mollard – Holy Family
Mike Kelso – St Mary's

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

Accommodation needed for female non-smoker, non-drinker who has recently arrived in Rockhampton to commence a new employment opportunity.

If you are able to assist please contact Morgan on 0435 584 764

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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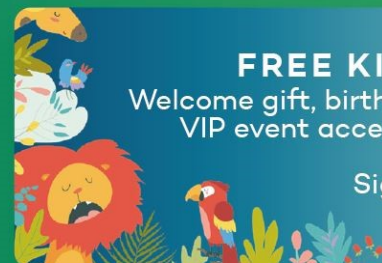
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