

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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th & 12th February 2023

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20
He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34
Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37
Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Next Sunday's Readings: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

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

"THERE ARE AS MANY PATHS TO GOD AS THERE ARE PEOPLE"

Recently I have joined with the Rockhampton Catholic RCIA team as they accompany several people on their journey of discernment and discovery. The diversity of their backgrounds, ages and experiences is a reminder for me of the late Pope Benedict XVI's insight that "there are as many paths to God as there are people." While theirs is a structured journey at this time, it is useful to remind ourselves that we too continue on our journeys of discernment and discovery, both as individual Christians, and together as a Christian community.

The discernment of the interior movements of the heart is what Christ speaks of in today's Gospel. To the admonitions of anger and lust, we could very well add the seductions of power, pride, a myopic focus on wealth and selfish pleasure; as all of these can act as the kindling for those destructive actions which harm individuals and undermine the sanctity and stability of families. Christ calls for us to acknowledge the ends to which unchecked anger and lust may lead. To discern then within our own interior forums is to recognise what is happening within ourselves, so that in discovering the motivations, patterns and influences of our emotions and feelings, we might quench the kindling and so avert the potential blaze.

To spend time with those on the RCIA journey is a privilege. They do not journey alone. Accompanied by the RCIA team, as well as friends and sponsors, their journey subsists, as all of our individual journeys do, within the wider Christian journey, accompanied by Christ who accompanies us all; present in our hearts; present in our midst as worshipping communities; present in the Eucharist. Perhaps our challenge for this week can be to seek to discover the presence of Christ within our discernment of our choices, responses and reactions as all of us continue on our own Pilgrim journey towards what St Paul in the Second Reading calls 'all that God has prepared for those who love him.'

May God Bless you, your families and all those dear to you

Peter Doherty

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

Very Rev Peter Tonti VG
Parish Priest

Fr Alex Varghese
Associate Pastor

Fr Jomon Pothara
Associate Pastor

Peter Doherty
Seminarion on Pastoral Placement

CATHEDRAL PARISH


Parish Manager: Gerard Hogan
Office Hours: Office is closed to 20th February 2023
Phone: 4927 6744
Email: cposj.admin@rok.catholic.net.au
Postal: PO Box 8446 ALLENSTOWN 4700


NORTH ROCKHAMPTON CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Parish Secretary: Trish Jones
Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am-2pm
Phone: 4928 2800
Email: nrcpadmin@rok.catholic.net.au
Postal: PO Box 9874 FRENCHVILLE 4701

 **St Anthony's School**
Norman Gardens
4994 8200
sanr_office@rok.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Michael Roach

 **St Mary's School**
North Rockhampton
4994 8210
snmr@rok.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Simon Warren


 **St Joseph's School**
Park Avenue
4994 8205
SJPA_Office@rok.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Bernard Fitzgerald

 **Emmaus College**
North Rockhampton
4923 5700
Principal: Eamon Hannan

 **St Joseph's School**
Wandal
4994 8230
sjwl@rok.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Bernadette Brennan

 **St Peter's School**
Allenstown
4994 8225
spr@rok.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Peter Smith

 **St Paul's School**
Gracemere
4994 8235
spgr@rok.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Anthony Greene

 **The Cathedral College**
Rockhampton
4999 1300
Principal: Rob Alexander

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: June Hooper, Anne Eske

Anniversaries: Colin Grosse, Colin Paul Grosse

Those who are sick: 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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

We come to You Lord, as brothers and sisters of a parish community. We are fragile and we are not always in communion. We need to be a community of communities that always puts people in the centre, accepting what each one is and has. Send your Spirit upon us so that we build a true Christian community born of shared faith, the fraternity lived and welcoming those most in need. Help us, Father, to build spaces of lively participation, and communion imbued with a missionary spirit. Give us the grace to be a parish community that evangelizes and allow us to be evangelized by the poorest, as a sign that all love and hope are found in You. Amen.

TEMPORARY CHANGES TO CATHEDRAL CENTRE & BOOKSHOP ACCESS

Work continues on the replacement of the roof of the Cathedral Centre. This will affect access to the Cathedral Office, Meeting Room and Bookstore. The parish office will be closed to the public until 20th February, but can still be contacted by their regular phone and email.

Due to unforeseen circumstances The Cathedral Bookstore was not able to temporarily relocate and is now closed to the public, however will continue to provide services via telephone and email. Trading will resume, as normal, from the Cathedral Centre from Wednesday 22nd February.

FRIDAY MASS CHANGES THIS WEEK

Due to our clergy attending Bishop's In Service Day this coming Friday, 17th February, the regular Friday Masses at Our Lady Help of Christians and the Cathedral will not be celebrated this week. All other weekday Masses will be as normal.

ASH WEDNESDAY

As we move towards the commencement of Lent for 2023, there will be a number of Mass opportunities across the Rockhampton Parishes on **Wednesday 22 February**:



7:00am	Holy Family, Norman Gardens
8:00am	St Paul's Gracemere
9:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
9:00am	St Mary's, North Rockhampton
10:00am	Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan
12:Noon	St Joseph's Cathedral
5:30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Avenue

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday:	7:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday:	9:00am	Holy Family Church
	5:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday:	9:00am	St Mary's Church
	12 Noon	St Joseph's Cathedral
Thursday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	4:30-6.30pm	Adoration St Mary's
Friday:	NO MASS - Due to Bishops in Service Day with the Schools	
Saturday:	9:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral

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.

NAME TAGS

Would you like to now the name of the person sitting beside you in church, or the lovely parishioner who welcomes you every week at the church door? The Parish will happily provide name tags for all parishioners who request them. Simply contact the parish office at nrcpadmin@rok.catholic.net.au or 4928 2800 with your name and parish and a name tag will be produced. This will also benefit our new Clergy as they move around the various parishes.

<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	\$780.00	\$1375.61	\$550.00
Loose	NA	\$105.00	\$897.05	\$343.00

RCIA

Continuing this weekend, a number of candidates in the RCIA program will be participating in the Rite of Acceptance at some of our Masses to become Catechumens - individuals who have not yet received baptism and are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates on their ongoing journey towards becoming full members of the Catholic Church.

If you or anyone you know is interested in finding out about becoming a Catholic, please contact the RCIA Team - rcianorthrocky@gmail.com.

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 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)

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 Hall - Friday, 17th February from 7pm.

The dates for the remainder of Term 1 are: Saturday 4th March, Friday 17th March, Saturday 1 April & Good Friday 7th April which will be Stations of the Cross at Kershaw Gardens.

The 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.

CRAFT GROUP

Come along on Thursday morning to craft group at the Holy Family Hall from 9th February from 10am. Come along and meet new friends and learn a new skill, knitting, crocheting or just enjoy the companionship and a cuppa.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE – SPONSORSHIP NOW AVAILABLE!

Registrations are running out but there are still some available for our Diocesan WYD pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal. The pilgrimage is open to anyone aged 18 to about 35 and will leave Australia on the 28th of July and return on 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.

For more information scan the QR code or contact Mick at youth@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.



SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

The Mater Hospital Rockhampton is seeking Special Ministers of the Eucharist to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion to patients. If you could spare approximately 2 hours per day for one or two days per month – on a Wednesday, Friday or Sunday, please contact the Pastoral Care Office 49 313 624 between 8.45am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

ECUMENICAL CORNER

- Rockhampton Churches Together - this week we pray for the St Paul's Anglican Cathedral Community in William Street.
- Ecumenical Milestones:
 - * 1962 – 1965 The Second Vatican Council: presence of observers and guests from other churches and Ecclesial communities as well as from the World Council of Churches.
 - * 1963 The Catholic Church send two official observers and guests to the first World Council of Churches Conference on Mission in Mexico City. WCC Faith and Order Conference in Montreal.
 - * 1964 First historic meeting of Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras in Jerusalem. Publication of Conciliar Decree on Ecumenism, Unitatis Redintegratio



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 (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

St Joseph's Cathedral Gift & Bookstore

*Books ~ Sacramental Gifts ~ Bibles ~
Missals ~ Candles ~ Children's Books ~
Rosary Beads ~ Medals ~ Gifts and more!*

**ALL SALES BY PHONE OR EMAIL ONLY
UNTIL 22ND FEBRUARY WHEN
PHYSICAL STORE CAN RE-OPEN**

Phone: (07) 4921 2170

Email: cathedralbookstore@rok.catholic.net.au

Website: www.cathedralbooks.com.au

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

NEW CAR?

Don't do anything without talking to
JOY BAKER
AT TROPICAL AUTO GROUP



Call Joy today on 4931 9304 - 0403 166 258
or email jbaker@tropicalauto.com.au



C.T. HARRIS & COMPANY

Chartered Accountants



Level 5
130 Victoria Parade
Rockhampton QLD 4700
PO Box 92
Rockhampton QLD 4700
Ph: (07) 4927 8822 Fax: (07) 4927 3511
Email C.Harris@ctharrisco.com.au
www.ctharrisco.com.au



TUCKER & NANKIVELL
FUNERAL & CREMATION DIRECTORS

SERVICING CENTRAL QUEENSLAND & SURROUNDS FOR OVER 150 YEARS

Burial
Cremation
Central Queensland's
largest private chapel

Memorial services
Pre-arranged funeral plans
Pre-paid funeral plans
Motorbike hearse

CALL (07) 4927 2500
AVAILABLE 24 HRS 7 DAYS
TUCKERSFUNERALS.COM.AU
166 ALMA STREET, ROCKHAMPTON

FINLAYSON & MCKENZIE FUNERAL DIRECTORS



A.F.D.A.

Grantley Perry M.B.I.E., M.A.I.E. – Manager

Telephone: (07) 4922 1269
Mobile: 0419 770 070 ~ Fax: 4922 2275
Office: 56 William Street, Rockhampton



Brumby's
BAKERY EST. 1975

PARKHURST

OPEN FROM 7AM - 7 DAYS A WEEK
SPECIAL ORDERS WELCOME 07 4936 1338



Shop 20
Parkhurst Town Centre
Phone orders welcome 4922 9947
OPEN Mon to SAT 9am – last orders 7.45pm
OPEN Sunday 11am – Last orders 2.45pm



BEVERLEY SMITH

The Agency Real Estate



MCM
PLUMBING AND GAS

Licensed Plumber,
Drainer and
Gas Fitter.
Prompt, friendly
and quality service

Investment & Domestic Properties • All repairs, maintenance and renovations • Hot water service
Blocked Drains – 7 days a week Gas installations and repairs • Gas leaks • Compliance Certificates

Phone Mat 0438 149 817 QBCC. 1206893



Dr Gregory Moore

Dr Turna Mandal

Your Local Dentists

392 Dean Street

Ph: 4926 1887

Your Business Name
could appear here
Contact the Parish
Office for more details



You
matter

Your locally trusted community
service provider for over 45 years.

- Aged Care
- Disability
- Family Support
- Counselling



www.catholiccarecq.com | Call 1300 523 985



FRENCHVILLE
SPORTS CLUB

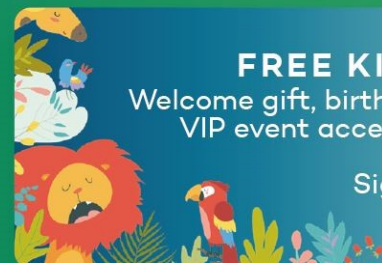
105 CLIFTON ST
NORTH ROCKHAMPTON



**COMPLIMENTARY
COURTESY BUS**

Tuesday to Saturday

Phone 4932 6800
to book



FREE KIDS CLUB

Welcome gift, birthday present,
VIP event access and more!

Signup for free
at reception