

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th & 19th February 2023

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48
Love your enemies.

Next Sunday's Readings: First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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

A WORD FROM EMMAUS COLLEGE

In Emmaus, this week, just like all schools across the Diocese of Rockhampton, all staff celebrated our annual Bishop's In-Service Day. This year's theme focused on how our schools and colleges are both educating and evangelising communities. As Catholic school staff, we strive to respond to the call to live the gospel, to nurture the spiritual formation of individuals, and to witness to the wider community.

At Emmaus, we respond to the call to live the gospel in a multitude of ways. Prayer and liturgy in Emmaus is always Christ-centred and strongly connected to the cycles of the liturgical year. In recognition of the rich tapestry of students, staff and families in our community, we strive to include some rituals that celebrate this diversity, especially our First Nations students and families. The Emmaus Story is the overarching Gospel story which informs all processes and activities in our college. Therefore, at Emmaus, just like Cleopas and his friend who welcomed the stranger, we strive to be companions on the journey with each other. We have formalised this as a student award that all can achieve, 'The Companion Award'. This award recognises the Gospel values of hospitality, love, service, humility and forgiveness in their actions within the school.

At Emmaus, nurturing the spiritual formation of individuals is also a priority. Just like in the Emmaus story where the encounter with Jesus on the road transformed the lives of the two disciples, we strive to provide rich and diverse encounter experiences for our community. Students and staff are given opportunities for formation that nurture the spirituality of each individual in ways that respect their religious background and their informed conscience. In Emmaus we also offer support for students and staff on their sacramental journey's.

At Emmaus, we witness to the wider community in a variety of ways. We prioritise connections with our parish community, as well as Catholic organisations such as Vinnies. We also strive to articulate explicitly to our students and parents the connections between school policies, structures and practices and the Christian values and principles of our college.

Aine Toman, Assistant Principal (Mission) Emmaus College

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
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Fr Jomon Poothara
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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: Georgina McDonald

Anniversaries: Edward Fitzgerald, Therese Dutton, Ted Lawlor, Colin Grosse, Colin Paul Grosse

Those who are sick: Margaret Thomson, Ray Busby, 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.

RE-OPENING OF THE CATHEDRAL CENTRE & BOOKSHOP

The Cathedral office and meeting room and Bookstore are due to re-open from next Monday, 20th February,

Opening hours will be as follows:

The Cathedral Centre - Monday to Friday 10am - 2pm

The Cathedral Bookstore - New Opening House—Thursday, Friday & Monday 9am - 2pm, Saturday & Sunday 8:30am - 12 Noon

ASH WEDNESDAY

As we move towards the commencement of Lent for 2023, there will be a number of Mass opportunities across the Rockhampton Parishes this **Wednesday, 22nd 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: **ASH WEDNESDAY** -
See all Mass times to the left of this notice.

Thursday: 8:00am St Joseph's Cathedral
4:30-6.30pm Adoration St Mary's

Friday: 9:00am Our Lady Help of Christians
12:00pm St Joseph's Cathedral

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.

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 49 313 264 between 8.45am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

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

Last Weekend's Collections	Cathedral Parish	Our Lady Help of Christians	Holy Family	St Mary's
Planned Giving (Envelopes, Direct Debit, Credit Card)	NA	\$1251.30	\$1796.76	\$445.00
Loose	NA	\$167.75	\$684.50	\$364.60

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)
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. The dates for the remainder of Term 1 are: Friday 17th March, Saturday 1 April & Good Friday 7th April which will be 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 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.



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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.

ECUMENICAL CORNER

- Rockhampton Churches Together - this week we pray for the Rockhampton Presbyterian Church.
- Ecumenical Milestones:
 - 1965 Reciprocal lifting of communications between Rome and Constantinople.
 - Joint Working Group between the Catholic and the World Council of Churches is set up.
 - 1966 Pope Paul the VI officially receives Anglican Archbishop Ramsey in the Vatican.
 - 1967 Exchange of visits between Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras

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 (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.psqld.catholic.net.au/

Your Local Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

Kath Bryan – St Joseph’s Cathedral	Helen Mollard – Holy Family
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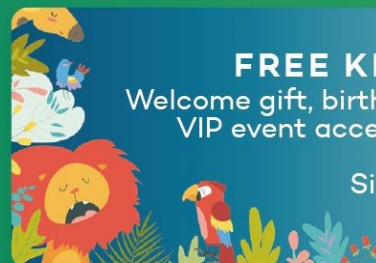
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