

# 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.*

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

18 & 19 March 2023

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13  
In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 22  
**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14  
Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**Gospel:** John 9:1-41  
The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

### Next Sunday's Readings: Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11  
Gospel: John 11:1-45

### 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

## Parish Community Update from

Fr Peter Tonti

### FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

We say farewell to Gerard Hogan and thank him for his time with us as the Cathedral Parish Manager. Gerard has offered his time and skills for close to six years for our parish and we have greatly appreciated his generous nature and attention to detail particularly in the areas of Information Technology and parish management requirements. He certainly has been generous and most hospitable to the new Clergy team, as we recently circumnavigated our way around the Rockhampton community.

The position of Parish Manager is not financially viable for the Cathedral Parish. This financial situation has led to the redundancy outcome. We will be exploring several suggestions that Gerard has offered as a way forward for the St Joseph's Cathedral Parish. We wish all the best for Gerard and his family and our thoughts and prayers are with them as they journey along to their new ventures.

### VISION

We will be seeking your assistance as how best to offer administration support and management across the wider Rockhampton Catholic Community. We will need to have a Vision that ignites and unites us. Our Priorities will need to be clear with a focus on Time, Treasure and Talent. We will be seeking to mobilize people using the gifts of all, brought together and united, by the Holy Spirit.

*If you want to go quickly, go yourself.  
If you want to go far then go with others.  
(Old African Proverb)*

### Watch this space!

We ask for your patience as we explore the options and resources before us. We look forward to your prayers and input in determining and putting into place God's Mission across the Rockhampton Catholic Community.

**Very Rev Peter Tonti, VG, Parish Priest**

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

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Parish Priest

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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:** Neil McCosker, Lola Bradley,

**Anniversaries:** Thomas Varkey, Juanita Briones, Elizabeth Curtain

**Those who are sick:** Elaine Winter, June Poole, Linda Samms, Noel Goltz, Jeanette Allen, Jim O'Connor, Cherry Butac, Pat James, Annielyn Punzalan, Jean Battour, Michael Harris, Kelly Reynolds, Robyn Grant, Patricia Fern-Smith, Bev Bartlem, Brittney Higgins, Barry Carter, Ray Norton, Beverley Johnson, Marion Brigg, Kevin Hynes (Maryborough), John Dobson, 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.*

## 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, volunteers in our offices from time to time 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.

## SECOND SCRUTINY THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, the Second Scrutiny will be prayed over our Elect (Michelle, Rodney and Taya) during the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass and 9.00 am Sunday Mass to strengthen them as they look forward to receiving the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at Easter. Please continue to pray for them and also for our candidate (Matthew) who will be received into the Church and complete his Christian initiation on Easter Sunday.

## CHRISM MASS INVITATION

Bishop Michael has extended an invitation for all to join in the celebration of the Chrism Mass, being held at 10am on Thursday, 30th March at St Joseph's Cathedral. This is a marvellous opportunity for the Diocese to gather with our clergy as they conclude their time of pre-Easter gathering. At the Mass, the oils of Catechumens and of the sick will be blessed, and the chrism consecrated, to be used in Sacraments across all our communities for the next year. For those unable to attend in person you can watch the Mass live, or later, via the St Joseph's Cathedral YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>. This is an important celebration for our Diocese and as we lead into Holy Week.

## CHRISM MASS CHOIR

You are warmly invited to join the Choir for the Chrism Mass, which will be celebrated this year at 10.00 am on Thursday 30 March. If you would like to join, please attend Choir Practice on Sunday 26 March at 7.00 pm and again on Thursday 30 March at 8.30 am prior to the Chrism Mass.

## SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH

The Solemnity of St Joseph is usually celebrated on 19th March, however this year the celebration has been moved to Monday 20th March as the liturgy of the Lenten Sundays take precedence. All are welcome to the 7am Monday Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral to celebrate this significant solemnity for our Diocese, with St Joseph as the patron of our Diocese and protector of our Cathedral.

## YOUTH GROUP

All highschoolers are welcome to attend on 1 April, following the Saturday 5pm Mass. Remember Good Friday 7th April for Stations of the Cross at Kershaw Gardens.

## 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.

## ADORATION

Weekly Adoration, Thursday from 4:30-6:30pm, at St Mary's Church. All are welcome.

## 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
	12:00pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
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
	5:30pm	Stations of the Cross— St Joseph's Cathedral & St Mary's Church
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.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM TIMELINE

The following are the date claimers for the Sacramental program, across Rockhampton for March:

Tues & Wed	21 & 22	5:30-6:30pm	Penance Family Workshop 1	St Joseph's School Wandal
Sat & Sun	25 & 26		Enrolment at Parish Masses	
Sunday	26	9:00-10:00am	Children's Mass	Holy Family Church
Tues & Thurs	28 & 30	5:30-6:30pm	Penance Family Workshop 2	Holy Family Church

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Lectionary Of The Word is open to all children during the Sunday Mass at 5pm Holy Family (Vigil), 7am St Mary's, 9am Holy Family & 9:30 at St Joseph's Cathedral. It is an opportunity for children to come together and hear and reflect on the readings for the day. They are invited to ask questions, listen to music reflecting the readings, psalm and gospel acclamation, enjoy fun activities, watch a short video and a complete worksheet for children during these sessions.

## PROJECT COMPASSION



Support Caritas Australia this Lent and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. As St Pope John Paul II said, "**The future starts today, not tomorrow.**"

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY: CARITAS AUSTRALIA DIOCESAN DIRECTOR FOR ROCKHAMPTON

Caritas Australia is seeking a passionate Diocesan Director for the Rockhampton Diocese. This paid role is appointed by Caritas Australia in conjunction with the Bishop of Rockhampton and promotes the work of Caritas Australia through fundraising, advocacy and relationships with schools and parishes.

The role is flexible, working 1 day/7.6 hours per week on average across the year and involves engaging with communities across the Rockhampton Diocese, supporting Caritas Australia appeals and coordinating volunteers.

Duties include:

- Coordinating Project Compassion including the Diocesan Project Compassion Launch
- Providing a communications pathway between Caritas and the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton parishes and schools
- General administration tasks

For more information, including a copy of the role description and overview, contact the HR Manager on 4887 3090.

To apply for the position, submit your resume and cover letter to [hr@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:hr@rok.catholic.net.au). Diocesan employees are encouraged to apply.



## WOORABINDA MINISTRY

Volunteers are collecting pre-loved books {novels preferred} to sell at markets. Books can be left at local the parish office. This is an ongoing fundraiser. Thank you for your support

## BUILDING YOUR COMMUNITY A HOSPICE

What is a Hospice? Why do we need one? Progress so far & how can you help?

North Rockhampton Uniting Church would like to invite those interested to listen to Dr Vicki Richmond, GP, Co-founder and Board Chairperson of Fitzroy Community Hospice, followed by tea/coffee and chat. Friday 24th March at 10am, North Rockhampton Uniting Church, 321 Berserker St.

## ECUMENICAL CORNER

- ◆ Rockhampton Churches Together - this week we pray for Northside Family Church, Thorn Street Assembly.

- ⇒ 1977 Dialogue between the Catholic Church and Disciples of Christ begins.
- ⇒ Consultation between the Catholic Church and World Evangelical Alliance (first round).
- ⇒ 1980 Pope John Paul II and Patriarch Dimitrios I establish the Catholic Orthodox International Commission for Dialogue.

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

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

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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

## 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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