

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.

Second Sunday of Lent

4th & 5th March 2023

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4
The call of Abraham, the father of God's people

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10
God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9
His face shone like the sun.

Next Sunday's Readings: Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-42

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

JESUS WOULD PROBABLY LAUGH

Recently, I read a Facebook post like this....one of the best sermons we ever heard about came from a priest who took a whole new approach to the idea of giving up things for Lent. Jesus would probably laugh at us for giving up things like chocolate, beer, coffee ...all the things that actually bring us joy and make us happy. What he might suggest is giving up the things that make us miserable in God's paradise. Things like self-doubt, insecurities, jealousy, greed, gossip and anger, the things that move us away from The Light. Honour his sacrifice by giving up the darkness in your life.

We are in the second week of Lent. The 40 days of Lent is the special time that prepares us for Easter. It is a time of saying sorry and changing our hearts and minds. It's a time of turning our hearts and minds to God's way of love and goodness. Let us try to reach, in this holy season, to others with more love and kindness especially in our own families, our schools, our workplaces, parish communities and in our world. Every day, especially in this Lenten season, let us ask ourselves how can I become a better person.

God bless us all.

Fr Jomon Poothara

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

Very Rev Peter Tonti VG
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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: Margaret Thomson, Lola Ross-Bradley; Billie Loscher & Bev Waddington

Anniversaries:

Those who are sick: June Poole, Linda Samms, Noel Goltz, Jeanette Allen, Jim O'Connor, Cherry Butac, Annielyn Punzalan, Jean Battour, Michael Harris, Kelly Reynolds, Jim Van Brink, 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.

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.

YOUTH GROUP

All highschoolers are welcome to attend the Friday evening Youth Group at Holy Family Church on the 17th March, or on 1 April, following the Saturday 5pm Mass. Remember 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.

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.

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

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

THE ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL GIFT & BOOKSTORE

Just a reminder. The St Joseph's Cathedral Gift & Bookstore has reopened and has new opening hours. Come in and browse for that religious resource or inspirational gift, new opening hours are as follows:

Thursday, Friday & Monday 9am - 2pm and Saturday & Sunday 8:30am - 12 Noon

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.

Last Weekend's Collections	Cathedral Parish	Our Lady Help of Christians	Holy Family	St Mary's
Planned Giving (Envelopes, Direct Debit, Credit Card)	NA	\$1020.00	\$1051.61	\$460.00
Loose	NA	\$164.90	\$922.00	\$367.25

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.

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



With more shoppers using their Drakes App or Key Tag a cheque of \$1,640, was recently donated through the Drakes Community Dollar program to the St Joseph's Cathedral Conservation Fund. To date, over \$51,048 has been donated to the St Joseph's Cathedral Conservation Fund. Thank you and happy shopping at Drakes.

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.

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. Diocesan employees are encouraged to apply.



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ECUMENICAL CORNER

- ♦ Rockhampton Churches Together - this week we pray for Calvary Lutheran, Berserker
- ♦ 1968 Joint Publication by the World Council of Churches and the (SPCU) Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity (Later Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity) of texts for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This co-operation continues until today.
- ♦ Catholic Church announces the appointment of 12 Catholic full members of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches. (WCC)
- ♦ 1969 The First Ecumenical Directory is published by the SCPU – Secretariat Promoting Christian Unity.
- ♦ Pope Paul VI 's historic visit to the World Council of Churches. (WCC)

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
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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