

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.

Third Sunday of Lent

11th & 12th March 2023

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water to drink

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94:1-2,6-9

If today your hearts hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Next Sunday's Readings: Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

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

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Recently, the St Mary's Year Six cohort was asked to develop a covenant or agreed contract for 2023. This is what they decided upon: St Mary's is our second or third home. It is our community, our voice. There is no normal. So, we are called to celebrate the differences. All are welcome here. This covenant will be used to guide the students in their last year of primary schooling and reflects the Catholic ethos instilled in them during their time with us. Perhaps there is a message for all of us in their words.

Primary schools have their own rhythm of life. Our students come to us at the beginning of the year excited to be back at school and full of life and love. Each ten-week term has its own important events and rituals that mark the passing of time. For our young people, a year is an awfully long time. They will have grown a few centimeters, lose a few teeth, collected a bunch of bumps and bruises, learn a great deal about God's creation, and experienced a number of things for the very first-time including hardship and disappointment. When the disciples asked Jesus who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, he replied, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mat 18: 3) What does this mean for us?

Lent is a time to pray, fast and give to others. Perhaps we should be childlike in our approach. Perhaps we are called to simplify our lives, to be thankful in prayer for the small wonders of our world, to share our toys, to be happy with what we are given and not ask for more. Perhaps we should pay careful attention to our young people and be prepared to learn their ways all over again. To remember how we viewed the world when we were young.

During the weeks leading up to Easter, students in our Catholic schools will be given many opportunities to fulfill their Lenten obligations. Weekly liturgies will remind us of our calling, classes will be dedicated to supporting Project Compassion, and our prayer life will take on even more special significance. Please take the time to pray for our young people in all schools in Rockhampton. May they celebrate the differences and be welcoming places for everyone.

Simon Warren

On behalf of the St Mary's Primary School community.

CLERGY: [If you require a Priest in an emergency after hours please call \(07\) 3830 5216](tel:0738305216)

Very Rev Peter Tonti VG
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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 Bradley; Fr Brian Harris, Rogelio Intoy, Ray Busby

Anniversaries: Hermann Leitgeb

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

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.

YOUTH GROUP

All highschoolers are welcome to attend the Friday evening session on 17th March at Holy Family Hall or on 1 April, following the Saturday 5pm Mass. Remember Good Friday 7th April for Stations of the Cross at Kershaw Gardens.

BBQ AFTER MASS

St Mary's will host a BBQ after the 7:00am Mass next Sunday 19th March. All welcome.

ADORATION

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

SCRUTINIES

As part of the Rite of Christian Initiation process, recently, Bishop Michael McCarthy invited our catechumens (Michelle, Rodney and Taya) to place their names in the Book of the Elect to formally signify their desire to enter fully into the life of the Church through Christian initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass. Please continue to pray for our Elect as they continue their journey in faith. Over the next three Sundays (commencing today), special prayers (called the Scrutinies) will be said for them during the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass and 9.00 am Sunday Mass to support them and strengthen them as they prepare for this great event in their lives. Please continue to pray also for our candidate (Matthew) who will be received into the Church and complete his Christian initiation during the Easter Season.

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.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISHES

Your generous financial support through our weekly collections helps our parishes to provide what we do in serving our community and forms part of us being good stewards – time, talent and treasure. As with anyone, our parishes have operating expenses to meet which are on the rise. For us this includes looking after our clergy, insurance, electricity, rates, water, maintenance and repairs, wages, telecommunications and general administration costs. All of this supports us in the Mission of Jesus Christ in our local area. You can support our parishes financially through a number of means – the weekly loose collection, planned giving envelopes and electronic transfer. If you would like to discuss planned giving or electronic giving options, or change your current contribution, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your support!

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.

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.

WHAT IS RCICCA?

The acronym RCICCA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age. This Rite is intended for children over the age of 7yrs and younger than 14yrs, who have not been baptized as infants, and who wish to be fully initiated into the Catholic church. The RCICCA program follows a similar format as the adult RCIA program but has been adapted for the age of the children.

Canon law prescribes that the children will be initiated and receive all three sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and their First Eucharist) at the same time i.e., during the one mass.

In the Rockhampton parishes, at the moment, we have 12 children who are enrolled in the 6 week RCICCA program and will prepare to receive all three of the Sacraments of Initiation on Pentecost Sunday, May 28 during the 9:00am mass at Holy Family Church.

The RCICCA program is different from the other Parish sacramental program, that you may be familiar with, as the children enrolled in the RCICCA program have not yet been baptised and therefore cannot receive Confirmation of First Eucharist.

This weekend the children in the RCICCA program celebrated the Rite of Acceptance into the program to begin their journey of faith. Please remember them in your prayers.

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.



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

ECUMENICAL CORNER

- ◆ Rockhampton Churches Together - this week we pray for Rocky Wesleyan Methodist Church, Lakes Creek.
- ◆ 1970 The Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission commences.
- 1971 Mar Ignatius Jacob II, Syrian Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, pays an official visit to Pope Paul VI. They sign a common declaration.
- 1972 Start of the dialogue between the Catholic Church and some of the Classical Pentecostal churches and leaders (first of its type).
- 1973 Shenouda III, Coptic Orthodox Patriarch visits Pope Paul VI. They sign a common declaration. Start of a dialogue with the Coptic Orthodox Church.
- 1974 Synod of Bishops on Evangelization Today. Presence of fraternal delegates.

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

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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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