

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

25 & 26 March 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 129
With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11
If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

Gospel: John 11:1-45
I am the resurrection and the life.

Next Sunday's Readings: Palm Sunday
Entrance: Matthew 21:1-11
First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

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
This Mass is livestreamed and available publicly at - www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton
6:00pm St Joseph's Cathedral

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

As I continue on my Pastoral Internship journey here in the Rockhampton Catholic Community with you all, the Youth Ministry Team has welcomed me to join with them for their regular gatherings. Currently using the facilities of Holy Family Church as a logistical base, the events are open to all children of high-school age. Sessions at the Cathedral Parish Centre are also currently being discerned.

Facilitated by many of the active Young Adults in our Catholic Community, these current Youth Ministry events have their genesis in the presence of the 2018 NET Team which were continued and embraced by Laura Otto. Laura began the process of gathering together a committed team of young, active, faithful, practising Catholics who have carried on the engaging work of youth ministry. Now, inspirationally led by co-ordinator Jane Downing, the team of Anthony Walby, Ally Walby, Jae Lah-Youn, Tom Whittaker, Edan Pereira, Andrew Lamb, Melissa Fenlon and others offer a combination of fun activities, games and, most importantly, the opportunity to explore the Catholic faith in a safe, faithful and non-judgemental way.

This is done primarily through the Alpha-Youth Program. Alpha-Youth creates a space for young people to have meaningful conversations about life, faith and purpose. Supporting the faith formation and guidance that young people receive from their families and schools, it aims to contribute to the proclamation of the Catholic message in a way that encourages young people to begin to see that they can play their part in changing the world for the better and offers a portfolio of foundational tools to begin to do so.

In opening up a space for honest enquiry, Alpha-Youth promotes connection, content and conversation. Each Alpha-Youth session centres around a particular Catholic-themed topic where young people are encouraged to share what they think. In encouraging the life-long journey of reflection and discernment, everyone's opinion is heard, and everyone has the opportunity to learn from each other.

Please continue to pray for the Youth Ministry Team and the children who are the beneficiaries of this ministry.

Peter Doherty – Seminarian

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

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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: Judith Mary Grosskopf, Neil McCosker, Lola Bradley

Anniversaries: Jim Woodall

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.

CHRISM MASS INVITATION

Bishop Michael invites 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 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.

CHOIR PRACTICE TIMES

You are invited to join the Choir for the Chrism Mass & The Easter Triduum. All practice times are at St Joseph's Cathedral:

CHRISM MASS - will be celebrated this year at 10.00 am on Thursday 30 March.

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.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Sunday 2 April 7pm – Easter Vigil practice

Wednesday 5 April 5pm – Holy Thursday and Good Friday practice

CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASS TIMES FOR NEXT WEEK

Due to the Pre-Easter gathering for the Priests next week some changes have been made to the weekly Mass times.

YOUTH GROUP

Highschool aged children are welcome to attend on 1 April, following the Saturday 5pm Mass. Good Friday 7th April for Youth 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.

THIRD SCRUTINY

This weekend the Third and final Scrutiny will be prayed over our Elect (Michelle, Rodney and Taya) during the 6pm Vigil Mass and 9am 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 our candidate (Matthew) who will be received into the Church and complete his Christian initiation Easter Sunday.

ANOINTING MASS

Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Saturday, 1st April at St Joseph's Cathedral during the 9.00am Mass. All are welcome.

ADORATION

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

THURSDAY LADIES CLUB - EASTER THEME

Hop into the Easter spirit, share the fun, laughter and friendship, come along to the Easter themed Thursday ladies club morning tea - Holy Family Hall, 6th April commencing 10am.



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES— NOTE SOME CHANGES THIS WEEK

Monday:	7:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Thursday:	10:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral - Chrism Mass
	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 Anointing Mass

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:

Sat & Sun	25 & 26		Ritual of Remembering Baptism and Enrolment Ceremony 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

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER

The Rockhampton Catholic Community will soon be launching a new and exciting website and we are looking for a suitably skilled volunteer to assist with its monitoring and ensuring our website is kept up to date and meets the needs of our community. If you are interested and want to know more, please contact the parish office at nrcpadmin@rok.catholic.net.au for more information.

POSITION VACANT: RESIDENTIAL CLEANER FOR DIOCESAN PROPERTIES

The Diocese is seeking a residential cleaner to service Diocesan properties on a regular basis, at least one day a week. Duties include general residential cleaning (washing and replacing linen, vacuuming and mopping, cleaning bathrooms, etc). If you have are interested and have experience in housekeeping or other cleaning, please send your resume and cover letter to hr@rok.catholic.net.au outlining your suitability for the role and availability (days and hours) or phone the Human Resource Manager on 4887 3090.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER

The devotion of "Spiritual Adoption" began in Poland many decades ago and was supported by St Pope John-Paul II. The Devotion is to save a baby in danger of abortion. Pray from the Annunciation (25th Mar) to the Nativity (25 Dec). Missing a day does not matter. The prayer can be found at the back of the church; or contact mail@fli.org.au

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Special celebration for the Feast of Divine Mercy will be held on Sunday, 16th April at St Mary's Church, 155 Nobbs St.

- 2pm Confession
- 3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (3 o'clock prayer & Chaplet)
- 3.40pm Divine Mercy address
- 4pm Holy Mass with blessing of Divine Mercy images (bring your image)

Holy goods store will be operating.

Enquiries: Colleen 4933 6289 / 0404 461 765 or email—ian.graham6@bigpond.com

Please note: If possible please go to confession prior to the Feast, due to the shortage of priests available. You have up to 20 days prior to and after the Feast to still be eligible for the Plenary Indulgence. However to receive Holy Communion one must be in the state of Grace



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 St Luke's Anglican Parish, Wandal

1982 Publication of Faith & Order Commission's document "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry" (BEM) ARCIC – Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission presents its Final Report to its authorities. Pope John Paul II makes an official visit to Canterbury

1984 Common Declaration of John Paul II and Mar Ignatius Zakka I (Was Syrian Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch)

Pope John Paul II makes a visit to WCC (World Council of Churches)

First Catholic Staff person appointed to work at the WCC desk on Mission and Evangelization.

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"Be Still and know that I am God"

The World Community for Christian Meditation is an Ecumenical Community. Meditation is about coming to stillness of spirit and body.

All are invited to join the Rockhampton meditation group at Middle Hall, The Range each Wednesday form 6pm, commencing 5th April. For enquiries contact Barb - wccm.rton@gmail.com.



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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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