

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 Easter

22 & 23 April 2023

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33
It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15:1-2,5,7-11
R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21
The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35
They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Next Sunday's Readings: Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14,36-41
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25
Gospel: John 10:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY'S 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

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC DAY is the National Day of Commemoration of Australia and New Zealand for the victims of war and for the recognition of the role of the armed forces. It marks the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. We recall the landing of the troops at Gallipoli, Turkey on 25th April in 1915.

The battle was brutal and it is estimated that 8,000 Australian and 2,700 New Zealand soldiers were killed before the eventual and brave withdrawal at the end of 2015. The Turkish forces also experienced similar losses.

The respect for the bravery of the soldiers on both sides of the combat lives on today. The memorial site at Anzac Cove provides a place of contemplation and prayer. Today we speak of an 'Anzac Tradition' meaning the ideas of courage, endurance and mateship. We are greatly indebted to all who have lived and died protecting our beliefs and freedoms. We offer our thoughts and prayers for all people affected by the brutality and the consequences of fear and the bloodshed of war.

It is interesting, that in a secular country, we will take the time to reflect in silence and liturgy. We listen to the language of our heart. And in the sacred space of silence we touch into the depths of where we truly live. For a short moment we forgo our individual goals of wealth and entertainment, status and ego and we remember and express our deepest values of gratitude, dignity and respect.

It is interesting the Australian and New Zealand flags both highlight the Cross in the top left-hand corner and both display the Star of the Southern Cross. So close to Easter the Cross still remains part of our psyche and secular liturgy of remembrance and hope for peace.

It is disappointing that our secular media, including our publicly funded ABC, are prepared to rightfully and deeply invest in the remembrance and celebration of the ANZAC traditions, yet mock and trash the Christian Easter remembrance and celebration traditions.

Let us honour our ANZACS and listen to their stories. Let us celebrate and live the freedoms they have provided for us. And let us take the time to reflect. In the sacred space of silence let us truly listen to the Risen Christ's call, "Shalom" (Peace).

Lest we Forget

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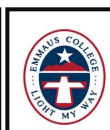
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Baptisms: Contact the respective parish office for more details on bookings and required preparation sessions.

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: Gerry Bailey, Noel Goltz, Chlorie Bottrell

Anniversaries: Tim Sisley, David Moore, Heather Logovik

Those who are sick: Trang Le, Stephen Jones, Lorna Matthews, Elaine Winter, June Poole, Linda Samms, 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.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

As we approach the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (30th of April) as well as the feast day of St Joseph the Worker the next day, you are invited to pray a diocesan novena to St Joseph for vocations. The novena starts this Sunday the 23rd of April and ends on the 1st of May.

You can find the novena online at <https://rok.catholic.net.au/catholic-faith/vocations/novena/>

ANZAC DAY MASS

This coming Tuesday we pause to remember our service personnel over the years, we remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, we remember those who have returned but are left with a memoires that no one should need to carry and we remember their families . We also reflect on the mateship that will last the test of time, and those that continue to serve today. ANZAC Day Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Cathedral at 8:00am, all are welcome. This will be the only Mass celebrated this day.

DIAMOND JUBILEE

On Saturday 29 April 2023, at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Joseph's Cathedral, we will honour the Diamond Jubilee of Profession of four Sisters of Mercy, namely Sisters Beryl Amedee, Mary Badger, Rita Connor and Margaret Graves. You are very welcome to join us for this special celebration.



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YOUTH GROUP

The Northside Youth Group have started again for Term 2. Upcoming dates are:

- ◆ Saturday 6th May after the 5pm Holy Mass
- ◆ Friday 19th May from 7pm

both in the Holy Family Hall. All high school aged students are welcome to attend.

ADORATION

Come and join in Adoration between 4:30-6:30pm every Thursday at St Mary's Church. All are welcome.

THURSDAY LADIES CLUB

The next Thursday Ladies Club morning tea will be on 4th May, come along and enjoy the "Mother's Day" themed morning. There will be morning tea, fun and lots of laughter.



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The annual Holy Spirit Seminary appeal will take place during Masses next weekend as we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations, this year being 30th April (Fourth Sunday of Easter). Please be generous in your support of our seminarians.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

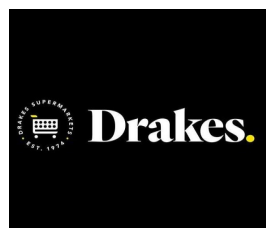
Monday:	7:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral ANZAC Day Mass
Wednesday:	9:00am	St Mary's Church
	12:00pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Thursday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	4:30-6:30	Adoration St Mary's Church
Friday:	9:00am	Our Lady Help of Christians
	12:00pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
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



Remember to use your Drakes Keytag or the Drakes App when you shop at any Drakes store, and 1c from every dollar will go towards the St Joseph's Cathedral Conservation Fund.

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM TIMELINE

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

2 May	5:30—6:30pm	Holy Family Church	Penance Family Workshop 2
4 May	5:30—6:30pm	Holy Family Church	Penance Family Workshop 2

RCICCA NEWS

The group of 13 young people, who are currently preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) during the 9am Sunday morning mass on May 28, will continue their catechesis sessions on Sunday April 23 during the 9am Holy Family Mass.

Parishioners, please note that all of these young people will be celebrating Baptism, Confirmation and their First Eucharist during the Sunday morning 9am Mass on 28 May – Pentecost Sunday! Please remember them in your prayers.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The Search series <https://www.thesearchbegins.org/> The Search is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

Whether you're a practiced inquirer or a jaded sceptic, The Search will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts, and challenged by others. Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, life's questions demand to be answered.

Thursday 27th of April - from 7:30pm to 9pm at The Cathedral Centre Meeting Room—What Do You Seek? [Episode 1](#)

In Episode 1, we open hearts with a look at the question "what do you seek?" What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? For some, this question is on their minds every day. For others, life goes by in a flash without even asking the question.

Thursday the 11th of May - from 7:30pm to 9pm - Who Are You? [Episode 2](#)

Thursday the 25th of May - from 7:30pm to 9pm Why a God? [Episode 3](#)

Friday the 9th of June - from 7:30pm to 9pm What's Our Story? [Episode 4](#)

Thursday 22nd of June - from 7:30pm to 9pm Who is Jesus? [Episode 5](#)

Friday the 7th of July - from 7:30pm to 9pm Am I Saved? [Episode 6](#)

Thursday the 20th of July - from 7:30pm to 9pm Why a Church? [Episode 7](#)

Email rcianorthrocky@gmail.com for more information. **All are welcome** to come along and view this series **RSVP by 26th of April for catering.**

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 Tuesday from 6pm. For enquiries contact Barb - wccm.rton@gmail.com.

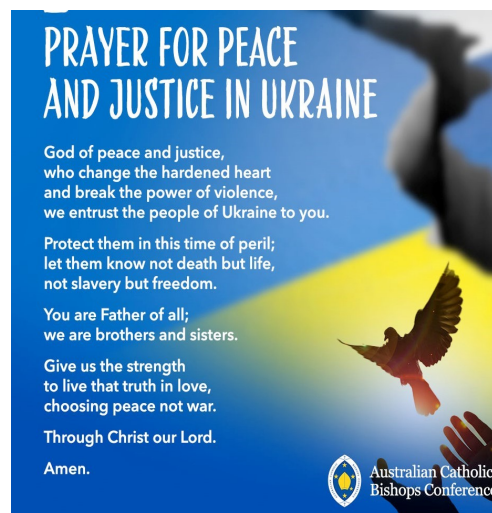
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ECUMENICAL CORNER

Rockhampton Churches Together - this week we pray for the Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry

- ◆ The Catholic Church embraces with hope the commitment to ecumenism as a duty of the Christian conscience enlightened by faith and guided by love. Here too we can apply the words of Saint Paul to the first Christians of Rome: "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit"; thus our "hope does not disappoint us" (Rom 5:5). This is the hope of Christian unity, which has its divine source in the Trinitarian unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (That they may be One Art 8)



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/>

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