

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.

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd & 3rd September 2023**

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9
R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2
May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27
Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Next Sunday's Readings: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekial 33:7-9
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God!"

These words above are the Response to our Responsorial Psalm from today's Mass. They speak to us of our **innate and deep yearning for God** and God's presence in our lives .. indeed, in our very souls!

Our soul thirsts for the life of God bursting to life within us **AND** indeed our response to that thirst has the power and the potential to create and **shape the course of our LIFE!**

As we reflect on the gift of Fatherhood today, let us become aware of the great asset that is the place of **good and generous fathers** in the family, parish, Church, and wider community. Together, fathers and mothers share a gift like no other: the gift of life-long nurturing of their children ... forming the future citizens and *parents* of the world! How awesome is that?!!

Hence, the importance of **solid fatherhood** in the world of today, a world where the legitimate place of the father is under constant and direct attack. As Catholic Christians, we possess a treasure trove of spiritual and theological gifts and resources to ensure the present and the future **legitimate place of the father** in the life of the family and the society of today.

May we each offer our support to the fathers in our lives that they might truly **live their vocation** in the context of their families and communities. In the context of faith formation, it is **VITAL** that young children experience their fathers being **joyfully involved** in their own and their children's ongoing spiritual development; this is a potent example of the gift and vocation of fathers in the life of their families and faith communities.

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God!" 1 John 3: 1

May the fathers among us enjoy a wonderful and peaceful Father's Day today! AMEN!!
Fr Bill Senn

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Rockhampton Catholic Parishes:

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

Marriages: Advanced notice and preparation is required (six months minimum). Contact the parish office for more details.

Funerals: Contact the 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: Joan Muller, Michael Nolan

Anniversaries: Samantha Smyth, Julia & Noel Connor, Jim Woodall & Dennis Galvano

Those who are sick: Louise Parsons, Don Wedel & Donna Wedel, Lorraine Charles, Angela White, Carmel Kendall, Narelle Beavan, Allana Brooks, Penny Desouza, Michael Webb, Des Andrews, Maria Taylor, Cherie Smith, Trang Le, Stephen Jones, Elaine Winter, June Poole, Linda Samms, Jeanette Allen, Jim O'Connor, Cherry Butac, Annielyn Punzalan, Jean Battour, Michael Harris, Kelly Reynolds, Robyn Grant, Patricia Fern-Smith, Barry Carter, Beverley Johnson, Marion Brigg, John Dobson, Gronwyn Jones, Bev Bartlem, 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.

IGNITE CONFERENCE: WONDER

Ignite is a National Catholic Conference for people of all ages to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way. Our diocese is taking a group which is open to all high school students and young adults. This year Ignite runs from September 21st to 24th. To register go to <https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC23BNE>, enter the coupon code **RockyDioHigh** or **RockyDioAdult** and select the ticket type that starts with 'Diocese of Rockhampton'. Accommodation and transport from Rockhampton, Calliope and Gin Gin is included in the registration cost. For more info contact Mick on 0433 897 973 or youth@rok.catholic.net.au.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL ST VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY

We are looking at revitalizing the St Joseph's Cathedral St Vincent de Paul Society group. Is there a need in your community that you believe that the St Vincent de Paul Society could help with? For example: visiting, providing assistance to families, to those on the margins, being creative in other ways of assistance: like creating greeting cards or writing advocacy letters. Becoming a Member of the St Vincent de Paul Society means that you would have resources at hand, and a philosophy to stand by, while meetings create fraternity and spiritual development. You can be of any age and familiarisation would be available.

If you would like to contact us directly, please contact neil.dwyer@svidpql.org.au or naomi.pettett@svidpql.org.au or 0437 673 356 to discuss.



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

This Saturday we welcome; Mara Bush and Finlee Fuller, as they begin their faith journey through Baptism at Holy Family Church.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER?

We are inviting girls and boys, women and men who have received all the Sacraments of Initiation to think about becoming an Altar Server. We are offering information sessions on:

- Sunday 10 September from 11:00 am – 12:30pm at the Cathedral Parish Centre
- Thursday 14 September from 4:00pm – 5:30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Main Street, Park Avenue

If you (or your child) would like to attend either of these sessions, please contact the Parish Office on 4927 6744 or cposj.admin@rok.catholic.net.au.

RAISING FATHERS

A free evening event for parents with MenAlive founder Robert Falzon, exploring fathering from the frontline. Join us as Robert unpacks practical advice and shares stories that are powerful, informative and instructional for fathering in today's world. Light refreshments are included!

When: Wednesday September 13th 6pm-8pm **Where:** TCC Library

Please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/9LPKGBMUV9>.

2024 ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

Orders are now open for the 2024 Liturgy Resources: God's Words, Break Open the Word, Ordo, Daily Mass Book and more!! To order, contact Helen at the St Joseph's Cathedral Gift & Bookstore on 4921 2170 of cathedralbookstore@rok.catholic.net.au.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES Week of 4th September

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 Noon	St Joseph's Cathedral
Thursday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	4:30-6:30pm	Adoration at St Mary's
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.

1st Friday of the month during the 9am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians—for all communities.

BECOMING CATHOLIC AS AN ADULT

Interested in becoming Catholic or completing your Sacraments as an Adult? The team have started sessions, at 6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays alternatively. Please email rcianorthrocky@gmail.com for more information or contact the Parish Office on 4927 6744.

ST MARY'S FAIR

St Mary's Fair will be held this year on Friday 24 November. The Fair Committee are looking for donations of prizes/vouchers for the Multi-draw Raffle. If you are able to assist, please contact St Mary's School on 4994 8210 or email smnr_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au by 6 September.

UPDATE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

For those of you who haven't had a chance to read last week's Social Justice Statement this concluding challenge, directly from the statement, is worth highlighting:

"We, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council, invite members of the Church to walk with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in this year of great possibility.

We hope for an end to the pain, the hurt and the injustice that has burdened the First Peoples of this land for far too long. Let us commit ourselves to fostering a civilisation of love in Australia. Let's come together in friendship and love to show all that love can not only change individual lives, but that it can change society for the better.

We urge every Catholic and all people of goodwill to take every opportunity to join with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in dialogue about their hopes and dreams for the future and about whether the Voice proposal could help to bring about change for the better. Listen and learn from what you hear. Let love guide you in making a decision that supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to find justice."

Access the statement online by typing in *Listen, Learn, Love 2023-2024 social justice statement*

FAITH, FOOD, AND FRIENDS

Young people aged 12 – 18 are invited to join the Southside Parish group: Elevate Youth. Elevate is a safe space where young people can explore and discuss all things faith, and life's big questions. To sign up please follow the link below or scan the QR code.

Details: **When:** Saturday 9 September 6 pm – 8:30 pm
(Elevate Youth will commence after Mass)
Where: St. Joseph's Cathedral and Cathedral Centre
Who: Any questions ask Mrs Gill, Miss Duffin or Mrs Harney
Why: For young people to get together, create friendships, have fun, and learn about and understand the Word of God.

[Elevate 2023 - Southside Parish Youth Group - Permission Form](#)

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THURSDAY LADIES CLUB

All are welcome to come along and join in the fun and laughter at the Thursday Ladies Club, morning tea at Holy Family Hall on Thursday 7th September from 10am.



CALL FOR KNITTERS

Join the knitters group, Tuesday 5th September, Vinnies Store meeting room, Gladstone Rd. No knitting experience? Instructors are on hand to guide. Wool, knitting needles & morning tea provided. Transport can be arranged. For more info contact Julie 0419109067. New members welcome!

SOUND OF FREEDOM MOVIE

Is a true story film that exposes the darkness of child trafficking. A federal agent saves a boy from traffickers, but his sister is still captive. He embarks on a dangerous mission, risking his life to free her from a fate worse than death. Based on the gripping true story of a man's mission to rescue children from the darkest corners of the world. This action-packed drama shines a light on the harrowing reality of sex trafficking and the valiant efforts of those who work tirelessly to combat it. You can view the trailer here - https://youtu.be/EI_jHh1bEfo. Check your local cinemas for availability and times.

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

Helen Mollard – Holy Family

Shaun Pettett – Our Lady Help of Christians

Mike Kelso – St Mary's

NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

All highschoolers welcome to attend. Fun, faith, fellowship and food!

Fridays 7-9pm.

There is only one remaining date for Term 3 activities - Friday 15th Sept (see notice below). For more information contact: northrockyyouth@gmail.com

Rocky Northside Catholic Youth presents:

Let's go bowling!

Friday 15th Sept

Laser Tag and snacks included!
All Highschoolers and Grade 6 students welcome too!

7PM-9PM
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Only \$10 per person!

RSVP: northrockyyouth@gmail.com

ECUMENICAL CORNER

Rockhampton Churches Together - this week we pray for the Seventh Day Adventist Church & Community.

The Special Consideration of the Eastern Churches

For many centuries the Church of the East and that of the West each followed their separate ways though linked in a brotherly union of faith and sacramental life; the Roman See by common consent acted as guide when disagreements arose between them over matters of faith or discipline. Among other matters of great importance, it is a pleasure for this Council to remind everyone that there flourish in the East many particular or local Churches, among which the Patriarchal Churches hold first place, and of these not a few pride themselves in tracing their origins back to the apostles themselves. Hence a matter of primary concern and care among the Eastern, in their local churches, has been, and still is, to preserve the family ties of common faith and charity which ought to exist between sister Churches.
Art 14 Decree on Ecumenism

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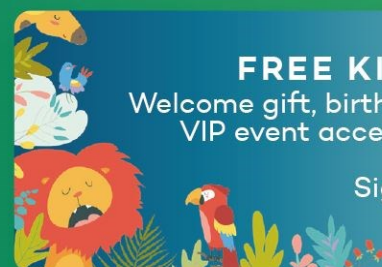
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