

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.

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
21st October & 22nd October**

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6
I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1,3-5,7-10
R: Give the Lord glory and honour

Second Reading: 1 Thess 1:1-5
We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21
Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

Next Sunday's Readings: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
Second Reading: 1 Thess 1:5-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

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

Mission Sunday

Today Catholics all over the world, observe World Mission Sunday. Pope Pius XI instituted this annual observance in 1926 by Papal decree. Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on, and prayer for, the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelisation around the world. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be.

I remember the mission Sunday activities back home in Cochin, India. It is a big celebration. We have many activities on Mission Sunday. There are different stalls, food courts, auction centers, entertainment, and games. At the beginning of October, the parish will distribute the Mission Sunday envelope to each and everyone's house. The Mission Sunday envelopes will be returned with contributions at the end of the month. Through this program the parish collects a good number of contributions for missions.

Secondly, most of the parishes organise different mission stalls around the church compound. The stalls are run by the church organisations. They collect grocery items, fruits and vegetables, etc from the people and people donate them for mission. With the mission spirit, they sell everything at a good price. There are a variety of food courts of traditional foods, handicrafts stalls and entertainment centers for children, which are also an attraction of mission week. For the parish, the month of October is a month for prayers and mission activities. Everyone has the spirit and feeling that we are doing wonderful mission work along with the missionaries across the world during these mission weeks.

We are all missionaries by baptism. Let us celebrate this month as a mission month for missionaries. This year we are invited to support families from disadvantaged backgrounds through programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic run by the sisters in Timor-Leste. Through our prayers and mission activities, let's support our missionaries around the world. God bless.

Fr Alex Varghese, A/Parish Priest

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 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

Rockhampton Parishes Pastoral Council - The Rockhampton Parishes Pastoral Council (RPPC) consists of elected members from each Parish and meet regularly. If you would like to contact a member of the RPPC please speak to your parish representative or email: RPPC@rok.catholic.net.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently deceased: Joseph Lynam, Michael Greene Snr (Sydney), Bevan White, Margaret Richards, Claudia Sullivan, Ann McIver, Marcia Ilott

Anniversaries: Pauline Sisley, Kevin Doyle, Brian James Barnes Alan Poole,

Those who are sick: Fr Peter Tonti, Alan and Joy Liddell, Barry Clanfield, Connie Waldron, Graham Guth, Louise Parsons, Lorraine Charles, Don & Donna Wedel, Angela White, Carmel Kendall, Narelle Beavan, Allana Brooks, Penny Desouza, Michael Webb, Maria Taylor, Cherie Smith, Stephen Jones, Elaine Winter, June Poole & The Poole family, Linda Samms, Cherry Butac, Jeanette Allen, Annielyn Punzalan, Jean Battour, Michael Harris, Kelly Reynolds, Bev Bartlem, Patricia Fern-Smith, Barry Carter, Beverley Johnson, Marion Brigg, John Dobson, Gronwyn Jones, Gwenda Casey, Christopher Steer, Daisy Maturin, Tony Wilkinson, John Manwaring, Gino Abenzi, 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.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MICHAEL

Over the past few weeks, Fr Peter Tonti has been on leave enjoying a well-earned break. During this time, he has under-taken some medical tests, and he has been diagnosed with low-grade Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma and has now begun treatment in Perth. The treatment includes chemotherapy and is expected to be for a period of six months to put the disease into remission. Fr Peter has family in Perth to support him through this challenging period. Please keep Fr Peter in your prayers. If you have a message for Fr Peter, please send to Bishop Michael's office, and it will be forwarded onto Fr Peter. C/o Bishop's House, PO Box 611, Rockhampton Qld 4700



This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venlale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

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ANOINTING MASS—HOLY FAMILY

There will be an one off Anointing Mass at Holy Family Church at 9am, all welcome, Tuesday 24th October. The students from St Anthony's School will be in attendance as they are currently learning about the various Sacrament of the Catholic Church.

MERCY ASSOCIATES GATHERING



Celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023?

Bishop Michael would like to extend an invitation to all married couples across the Diocese celebrating a significant wedding this year to join him to celebrate your milestone.

St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton
Sunday, 3rd December during the 9.30am Mass

Please RSVP to the Bishops Office by 27th November on 4887 3070 or email bishopsoffice@rok.catholic.net.au



ADORATION WITH WORSHIP

All are warmly welcomed to spend an hour in the Lord's presence this Sunday 22nd October, 7.30pm at OLHC Church.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES Week of 23rd October

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
	12:00pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Thursday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	4:30-6:30pm	Adoration at St Mary's
Friday:	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.

Tuesday 24th October, a special one off Anointing Mass will be held at Holy Family Church at 9am, all welcome.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday Shelby Pickering, Alexander Schultz, Ella Pershouse & Oliver Ryan who will be welcomed into Rockhampton Catholic Community as they are Baptised in the Catholic faith at St Joseph's Cathedral. May God bless you on this day and every

THURSDAY LADIES CLUB

Come and join in the fun, laughter and morning tea at the Holy Family Hall, Thursday 2nd November commencing from 10am.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.' Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413



PASTORAL CARE PRACTITIONER—MATER ROCKHAMPTON

The Mater Private Hospital Rockhampton is looking for a Pastoral Care Practitioner to join the team in a permanent part-time role, working 20 hours per week.

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Applications close on 26 October 2023, Please do not hesitate to submit your application today! To apply, please scan the QR Code above.

NORTH ROCKY YOUTH GROUP—TERM 4 DATES

The North Rocky Youth Group meet at Holy Family Church Hall, for more information contact northrockyyouth@gmail.com Dates for Term 4 are: Sat 4th Nov, Fri 24th Nov & Fri 8th Dec (Christmas Trivia Night)

ELEVATE YOUTH GROUP

Young people in school Years 6 – 12 are invited to join Elevate Youth. **Term 4 dates:** 11 November

Elevate Youth begins with the 6 pm Saturday night Mass in St. Joseph's Cathedral, followed by dinner, games, and discussion.

Time: 6 pm – 8:30 pm (including 6:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral) Venue: St. Joseph's Cathedral and Cathedral Centre

An online enrolment form can be accessed via the QR Code or this link: [Elevate 2023 - Southside Parish Youth Group - Permission Form](https://www.caritas.org.au/gaza)



MEN ALIVE PARISH WEEKEND

When: November 4th-5th **Where:** The Duhig Centre, 147 West St Rockhampton

An opportunity for men to explore what it means to be fully alive. Discover a new sense of purpose and mission in your marriage, family and community. Organised by local men and suitable for all men over 18 years of age. \$55 for two days. Good food and company assured. Bring a mate.

For any inquiries contact Mick at Michael.otto@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.

To register use the QR code or go to <https://app.tickets.org.au/CDOR/MenAliveROK23>.



ECUMENICAL CORNER

Rockhampton Churches Together - this week we pray for the Rockhampton Economy.

Rockhampton Churches Together—Prayer Service on Mount Archer 5th November 5pm.

We invite you and your congregation to join together with the other churches on November 5th at 5pm for an hour of prayer for Rockhampton and the Rockhampton Region. People will be coming from many church congregations to pray for our city. Let us combine our faith and hearts together for what the Lord is wanting to do.

Let us know if you plan on being there. Over the next few Tuesday mornings at combined ministers' prayers we will also plan the service - feel free to join us. **David Alley, website: www.davidalley.com.au email: qasim2@gmail.com phone: 0429 363 811**

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/

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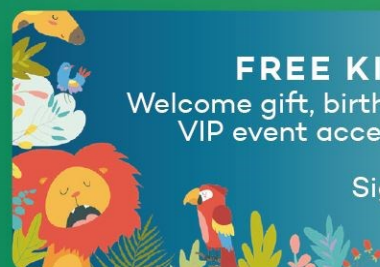
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