

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.

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th & 5th November**

First Reading: Malachi 1:14—2:2, 8-10
You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130
R: In you, Lord I found my peace.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13
We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12
They do not practise what they preach.

Next Sunday's Readings: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

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

Mother Effect

Nobody ever said parenting would be easy.

From dirty hands to messy floors, cacophonies of noise and disobedience, it is easy to get bogged down in what can be a fairly chaotic experience. And yet, amidst the chaos, there is so much raw beauty to be found, in forgiveness, cuddles, family singalongs whilst doing the dishes, the family rosary and prayer times, and working together to care for the younger members of the family. Slowly but surely, as we strive to all grow in holiness together, we find that the domestic Church is truly alive and blossoming in our midst. But, as they say, it takes a village.

The very health and life of our Parishes depends on how we are caring for and nurturing our families. *"The family in fact is the basic unit of society and of the Church. It is the "domestic church." Families are those living cells which come together to form the very substance of parish life."* John Paul II (The Parish as a Family of Families)

Mother Effect was born out of a desire to encourage and empower families as they live out their own domestic church. It's about creating motherhood connection, and activating missionary motherhood, inspiring the passing on of faith at home. Founded in Brisbane a decade ago, Mother Effect has budded into several groups across the east coast of Australia, including here in Rockhampton. Held in the comfort of the home, a Mother Effect morning sees young families come together to play, connect and pray. There is playing of instruments and singing praise to our God, a tangible presentation based on a Gospel story or an aspect of Liturgy, liturgical craft and, of course, coffee and delicious baked goods whilst the mothers mull over the latest parenting issues. If you are interested in coming along to the Wednesday morning Mother Effect meetings, or helping out, please contact the Parish Office.

Please pray for this vital mission, for as Pope Francis said *"The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the Church. (Amoris Laetitia)* Laura Otto, Mother Effect

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: Maureen Williams, Pauline Kerrisk, Giovanni (John) Travanto, Michael Greene Snr (Sydney), Sr Patricia Heenan RSC.

Anniversaries: Brian Daley, Peter Raynolds, Peter Durkin, Juan Augustine Briones, Helen Briones, Juan Briones, Hermann Leitgeb, Lizbeth Zammit and those whose names appear in our November Remembrance Book.

Those who are sick: Fr Peter Tonti, Alan and Joy Liddell, Barry Clanfield, Connie Waldron, Graham Guth, Lorraine Charles, Angela White, Don & Donna Wedel, 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, Gino Abenzi, 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, 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.

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

Louise Parsons is grateful for the recent prayers during her illness. She is now home and recovering well, thank you again for your prayers & kindness. Louise Parson.

EMMAUS COLLEGE SACRED ART DISPLAY

This weekend all visitors to Holy Family Church will have the opportunity to view the wonderful artworks that were submitted for the 2nd annual Emmaus College Sacred Art Competition. The theme for the competition was 'Walk with us' and the creativity and talent displayed by the staff and students who got involved was amazing. The artist statements demonstrated how each artist reflected deeply on the Catholic tradition and showed a deep spiritual connection and awareness. We hope you all enjoy the display.

"THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW" MATTHEW 9:37

Currently we have a number of ministries, including the Bereavement Team, Baptism Preparation and Children's Liturgy in need of volunteers. If you can help with these or other valuable ministries in our Churches contact Trish or Helen in the Parish Office.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

If you have lost a family member or friend join us this coming Wednesday, 8th November at St Joseph's Cathedral from 5:30pm to remember them. Please contact the Parish Office to RSVP.

PARISH FACEBOOK POSTS

The Rockhampton Parishes' Pastoral Council has nominated Vanessa Ramswarup, Community Engagement Manager for the Diocese, to be our facilitator for parish news and notices on Facebook. These will be shared via the Diocesan Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/rokdiocese>). If you have photos or stories to share on the Facebook page contact Vanessa.Ramswarup@rok.catholic.net.au, T 4887 3091 or M 0499 359 719.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday Alfie Atwell and April Barwick will be welcomed into the Rockhampton Catholic Community as they are Baptised in the Catholic faith at Holy Family Church. May God bless you on this day and every day.

2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The 2024 Sacramental program for children across all our parishes will commence in January and run through to May. Children are invited to prepare for and receive the three Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. If you are interested in your child receiving the Sacraments and entering more fully into the life of the Church you can find initial information and a timeline on our website.

<https://sites.google.com/rok.catholic.edu.au/sacramental-program/home>

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES Week of 6th November

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
5.30pm Memorial Service
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.

YOUTH GROUPS

North Rockhampton Youth Group

The North Rocky Youth Group meet at Holy Family Church Hall, for information contact northrockyyouth@gmail.com.
Dates for Term 4 are: Sat 4th Nov, Sat 25th Nov & Sun 10th Dec (Christmas Trivia Night).

Elevate Youth Group

Young people in school Years 6 – 12 are invited to join Elevate Youth. Elevate Youth runs from 6 to 8.30pm and includes the 6pm Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral, followed by dinner, games, and discussion in the Cathedral Centre. Dates for Term 4 are: Saturday, 11th November. An online enrolment form can be accessed via the QR Code or this link: [Elevate 2023 - Southside Parish Youth Group - Permission Form](#)



CATHEDRAL CONSERVATION APPEAL

The annual Cathedral Conservation Appeal will be held across the Diocese next weekend, 11th & 12th November. This is your chance to continue the work started in faith by our predecessors and to support the ongoing work required to upkeep our Diocesan Cathedral for future generations. Your support is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS THEMED CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT - this Sunday

Members of the Combined Catholic Community are cordially invited to attend a Christmas Themed Chamber Music Concert to be held this Sunday, 5th November in St Joseph's Cathedral. Soloists, duettists and ensembles from The Cathedral College, St Peter's, St Paul's Gracemere and St Joseph's Wandal will perform. We request that members of the audience are seated by 1.45pm for a 2.00pm start.

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 - www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.



MERCY ASSOCIATES GATHERING

All are welcome next Saturday, 11 November, following 9am Mass in St Joseph's Cathedral to the Parish Function Room (behind Cathedral Bookstore). Our guest speakers are Alice Galea and Jacinta Taske, Teachers from *The Cathedral College*, sharing their Reflections on World Youth Day 2023.



CELEBRATING A SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

Bishop Michael would like to extend an invitation to all married couples across the Diocese celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year, to join him to celebrate your milestone on Sunday, 3rd December at the 9.30am Mass, St Joseph's Cathedral. Please RSVP to the Bishop's Office by 27th November if you are able to attend - 4887 3070 or email bishopsoffice@rok.catholic.net.au.

ECUMENICAL CORNER

Rockhampton Churches Together - this week we pray for the Fire Church

Rockhampton Churches Together - Prayer Service this Sunday

We invite you and your congregation to join together with the other churches this Sunday, November 5th at 5pm for an hour of prayer for Rockhampton and the 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.

David Alley, email: qasim2@gmail.com phone: 0429 363 811

MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 9.30 AM MASS ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

The Catholic Parishes of Rockhampton are fortunate to include the diversity of cultures and language.

Come and join in this day of culture and national pride and a shared meal following Mass.

All community members are encouraged to wear their national costumes and participate in the Liturgy by reciting the "Our Father" in their own Language.



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:

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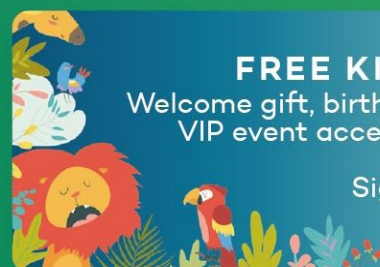
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