

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.

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th & 12th November**

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it

Responsorial Psalm: 62: 2-8

R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia (Mt 24:42,44)

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Next Sunday's Readings: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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

Rocky Northside Catholic Youth

This year, the Rocky Northside Youth Team have had the privilege of journeying with the youth through the video series, the Alpha Youth program. It's an honour to delve into the search for meaning with the youth, whilst exploring the basic elements which fuel our faith. Topics included: Who Jesus Is and Why He Died for Us, Prayer, The Bible, The Church, Living Out the Faith and more.

In this Sunday's Psalm response, we hear the very depths of David's heart crying out "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God!" We can all relate to that feeling of being parched, whether just for water, or by misplaced desires for things of this world, when in fact, we can only be truly quenched, by turning to the only One who can satisfy the desires of every heart.

None know this reality more than our beautiful young people, who, in a time of life which holds great change and questioning, confusion and self-discovery, are truly thirsting for the Way, the Truth and the Life, although sometimes they are unaware of this reality.

And yet the passion and enthusiasm with which they undertake their search is admirable. We can be inspired by their fervour—to get in touch with the thirst deep within ourselves, and let it drive us to seek God all the more!

We hope and pray that through the fun, loud, messy and yet safe and deep space that we create for our Youth Group night, they find a place where their thirst for God is satisfied, and they can feel a part of the family of God. For, isn't that what we are all thirsting for? What we were made for? Connection with God, and connection with each other.

On this note, the youth would like to offer YOU an opportunity to build community and connection by coming together for a Parish Trivia Night!

On behalf of the youth, I would like to extend a warm invitation to all parishioners to a Pot Luck and Trivia Night on Sunday 10 December at 5pm. The Trivia Night will provide a valuable opportunity for the youth to connect with the Church community and all proceeds will go towards ministry to youth in the Rockhampton Catholic Community next year. For more information about the Northside Youth Group or to register for the Trivia night please email northrockyyouth@gmail.com

Laura Otto, Rocky Northside Catholic Youth

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: Giovanni (John) Trovato, Sr Patricia Heenan RSC. Carol-Ann Carolyn

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

Those who are sick: Ravi Ramswarup, Fr Peter Tonti, Sarah Siganto, Alan and Joy Liddell, Barry Clanfield, Connie Waldron, Graham Guth, Lorraine Charles, 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, Angela White

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.

CATHEDRAL CONSERVATION APPEAL

The annual Cathedral Conservation Appeal will be held across the Diocese this 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.

“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,

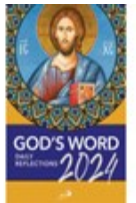
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Why preserve our piece of history?

Upkeep and preservation of St Joseph's Cathedral is a costly expense. From 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023, the Diocese incurred costs of \$173,000. With insurance costs rising sharply and ongoing repairs and maintenance, annual costs are expected to exceed \$700,000 per annum.

Your contribution can help continue the tradition of the Catholic community to preserve the Cathedral for future generations, as a major historical landmark of one of the great cities of central Queensland. It has a special association with our identity for the Catholic Community of Central Queensland as our cathedral.



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Children's Liturgy, Ministers of Communion and Proclaimers of the Word at all our Masses. If you think you can help with these or any of the many valuable ministries in our Churches please contact Trish or Helen in the Parish Office.

CHURCH LINEN ROSTER

Thank you to all involved with maintaining our Church linen each month! We currently need willing volunteers to fill the months of September and October 2024 for the Cathedral roster. If you would like to be a part of this essential ministry, for the Cathedral or any of our parishes, contact the Parish Office. Training can be provided.

MULTICULTURAL MASS - next Sunday

Everyone is invited to the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral next Sunday 19th November to celebrate multicultural Sunday. This is a chance to appreciate the diversity of cultures and languages that make up our worshipping communities across the Rockhampton Parishes. Bishop Michael will be presiding. People are encouraged to wear their national dress and bring their country's flag, and participate in the Liturgy. Following Mass there will be light refreshments and a chance to socialize in the Cathedral Corso area—please bring a plate of finger food or a cultural dish to share.



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES Week of 13 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

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.



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

This weekend Harry Lewis, Hudson Wright & Henry Cowan will be welcomed into the Rockhampton Catholic Community as they are Baptised in the Catholic faith at St Joseph's Cathedral and Our Lady Help of Christians Park Avenue. May God bless you on this day and every day.

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 25th Nov & Sun 10th Dec (Christmas Trivia Night).

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Will be held on Friday 24 November with children's rides commencing at 5.00pm and stalls opening at 5.30pm. EFTPOS will be available on a number of stalls but you will still need cash for the other stalls. Tickets in the giant multi-draw raffle, which will be drawn on the evening of the Fair, are available for purchase at St Mary's School office or after the 7.00am Mass at St Mary's Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

Advent commences on 3 December this year and we would like to carry CLOW through to Christmas. If you hold a valid Blue Card and would be available to help at 9.30 am Mass or you would like more information, please contact Helen in the Parish Office/Bookstore.

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>

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul St Camillus Rockhampton team requires three or four strong people on a roster basis to complement present numbers to assist in unpacking food pallets sourced from donating suppliers, for use at the Support Centre. Persons need to be able to lift approximately 15kgs. Pre-start sign up and training given. Contact 4927 6026 Tues, Thurs and Friday between 9am—12pm for further information.

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.

ECUMENICAL CORNER

Rockhampton Churches Together - this week we pray for the Congregations and Believers in Yeppoon.

Rockhampton Churches Together - November 12th 2023

The Bishop of Rome himself must fervently make his own Christ's prayer for that conversion which is indispensable for "Peter" to be able to serve his brethren. I earnestly invite the faithful of the Catholic Church and all Christians to share in this prayer. May all join me in praying for this conversion. (Art 4 That they may be One-Ut Unum Sint by Pope John Paul 11)

THIS SUNDAY! BOOK SALE

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Sunday 12 November

St Joseph's Cathedral

outdoor shelter

10:30—1:00pm

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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:

Kathy Bryan – St Joseph's Cathedral

Helen Mollard – Holy Family

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THURSDAY LADIES CLUB
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