



# St Patrick's Parish Emerald Welcomes You

*4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)  
27th & 28th January 2024*

We, St Patrick's Catholic Parish, welcome all into a personal relationship  
with Jesus Christ through *Community, Service, Spirituality and Faith Formation.*

## SUNDAY CONNECTIONS

### Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fourth-sunday-of-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>

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### Liturgies

#### Weekday Mass Times

*Tuesday 12noon\* / Wednesday 7am*

*Thursday 8am / Friday 9am*

*\*Anointing Mass 4th Tuesday monthly*

#### Weekend Mass Times

*Saturday 6pm*

*Sunday 8am*

*Anakie Community Hall:  
2nd & 4th Sunday monthly*

### Marist College

#### Thursday Morning Mass

Recommencing Thursday 1st February 8am.

All welcome

**A reminder NO Mass at the Church.**

### ST PATRICK'S PARISH

**Position Vacant**

**Casual Cleaner**

For further information contact the parish office.



We acknowledge the Kairi, the Wangan, and the Western Gangaloo Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands of which St Patrick's Parish is situated. We recognise their continuing connection to the land, waterways, and community. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



**Sick:** Fr Peter Tonti, Dawn Meek, Marjorie Millard, Peter Mahony, Shelley Herwin, Nancy Mooney, Myra Stanton, Vinita Allix, Margaret McCormack, Shirleen Piltz, Rita Ross, Dane Tappenden, Mary Hornery, Lawrence McNamee.

**Deceased:** Gerard Pearce (our condolences to Mary and family on the passing of a wonderful Husband, Father and Grandfather), Michael (Mike) Burns, John Murray.

**Anniversaries:** Colin Shaw, Margaret Anthony, Ted Harvey, Trevor Daniels, Peter Pitman, Vi McCosker, Timothy Sanderson, Owen Dwyer, Sally Roberts, Don Ash, Sr Marie Duffy, Sr Rosa MacGinley, Brendan Conway, Phylis Boland, James Bums, Gordon McKinlay, Alice Boland, Peter Gallagher, Barry Mahony.

*Please contact the parish office if you are aware of people or families within our community requiring our prayers and/or support.*

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Children 7yrs to 12yrs

An information session will be held Tuesday, 30 January at 3.30pm at St Patrick's Church for parents wishing to have their children baptised into the Catholic Faith. Please register your interest, or if you have a query, contact the parish office on 4982 1066. Please share this information.

### Church January/February Roster

**Ground Maintenance:** Tony Caffery, John Millard

**Church Linen:** Cecilia Hooper

**February:** Marissa Ryan

**Church Cleaning:**

**02nd:** Susan McCosker, Juliana McCosker

**09th:** Jackie, Loy, Marie

**17th:** Volunteers please

**24th:** Marsha, Carmen, Grainne

**THIS WEEKEND 27/28 January**

**Sacristan:**

**6pm:** John Millard **8am:** Bill Mahony

**Commentators:**

**6pm:** Morag Hyslop | **8am:** Loyola McKinlay

**Readers:**

**6pm:** Marissa Ryan | Yvonne Farrell

**8am:** Evelyn Walker | Anna Wolff

**Communion Ministers:**

**6pm:** Rod Devlin, Margaret Smith, Volunteer please

**8am:** Janice Moriarty, Grainne Cullivan, Yvonne Farrell

**Altar Servers:**

**6pm:** Volunteers please

**8am:** Volunteers please

**No Children's Liturgy.**

**Holy Goods:**

**6pm:** Deborah Titmarsh | Grainne Cullivan

**Musicians:**

**6pm:** Noel, Lorraine

**8am:** Esther, Rebekah

### Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to Eddie & Mary Vella and Bill and Marie Mahoney celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and Darrell & Marian Dingle celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this weekend.



### PLANNED GIVING

	October	November	December
Envelope	\$2925	\$3264	\$3480
Loose	\$5362	\$3128	\$5316
Average	\$1657	\$1598	\$1759

Please contact the parish office to join planned giving.

## Parish Sign-on February 2024 Continuing God's Work How Will You Contribute?

**Ministries work as part of a team on a roster system**

### Holy Goods Shop

Assisting people with the purchase of items for sale. Rostered monthly.

**Music Ministry**  
Play and instrument  
Join the choir

**Reader**  
Share the word of God during Mass.

Frs Truc & Francois invite parishioners to consider where you can share their time and talents with the parish community. Training and in-servicing provided.



**Eucharistic Minister**  
Assisting the Priest to distribute Holy Communion

### Ground Maintenance.

A team of 3 people. Maintaining Church and Parish grounds.

### Church Cleaning Group

Cleaning Church prior to weekend Mass and funeral services.

**A fundraising event for Look Good Feel Better**  
Helping to improve the self-esteem & quality of life of people undergoing cancer treatment.

**A Dreamy Breakfast**  
**Sunday 11th February, 2024**

**8am -10.30am | Emerald Town Hall Supper Room**

**\$65 p/person - bookings essential**  
**(No Eftpos—cash only)**

Tickets are non-refundable and should be purchased by Wednesday 7th February to avoid disappointment

Bookings: Margy 0447 968 172 | Donna 0409633 821

Giveaways, raffles and lots of fun!

### Parish Date Claimers

*3rd Sunday of the month | morning tea and baptism preparations*

*4th weekend of the month | wedding anniversary blessings| baptism blessings*

**January** Rosary Group **28th @ 5.30pm**

Legion of Mary **29th @ 5.15pm**

Mothers Group **31st @ 9am Church**

Good Shepherd Group **31st @ 7pm**

**February** Eucharistic Adoration **02nd @ 5.30pm**

Rosary Group **04th @ 5.30pm**

**Congratulations to couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this month.**

*With praise and thanksgiving to God*  
*Most Reverend Michael McCarthy DD*  
*Bishop of Rockhampton*  
*invites the people of the Diocese of Rockhampton to the*  
*Presbyteral Ordination of*

**Rev Peter Duncan Doherty**

**10.00am, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**February 2024**

**St Joseph's Cathedral**

For those unable to join in person, the event can be watched on the St Joseph's Cathedral YouTube channel -

<https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>