

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.

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
27 & 28 January 2024**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94:1-2,6-9
R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28
This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Next Sunday's Readings: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

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

Happy New School Year from Catholic Education.

The beginning of a new school year is an exciting time full of hope and promise as young people commence or continue their lifelong journey of learning. Serving in a leadership role for Catholic Education calls me to always act in the best interests of the students whose parents have entrusted them to the care of Catholic Education.

"It is all about the students" is a simple mantra but it is one that is my guiding light and I believe the guiding light of each person who serves in the Ministry of Catholic Education. The care and safety of the students in our Catholic kindergartens, schools and colleges is our highest priority.

By ensuring a warm, welcoming, caring, secure and faith-filled learning environment, we strive to provide the solid foundation upon which we can nurture in our students a love of God, a love of neighbour and a love of creation.

As Catholic educators, we strive to ensure our students grow in faith, knowledge, and wisdom and at the same time we endeavour to foster in each child the life skills that will stand them in good stead for their life's journey.

The fact that Catholic Education is flourishing today and providing a faith based, gospel based, academically and culturally diverse education to all who seek our Values is a testament to those who have gone before us. We truly stand on their shoulders and today the baton has been passed to us to build on those solid foundations and to take the Good News of Jesus to the increasingly secular world in which we live.

That is our challenge and, on behalf of all who serve in the Ministry of Catholic Education, I thank all parishioners for your prayerful and practical support of our Catholic schools, colleges, and kindergartens. It is deeply valued and appreciated.

God Bless Leesa Jeffcoat

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Fr Bill Senn
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Catholic Parishes of Rockhampton

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**St Joseph's School**
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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: Noela Davies, Dolores Adams, Martin Jacques, Theresa Williams,

Anniversaries: Denis White, May Richards, Gavin Hornung

Those who are sick: Colleen Keeley, Graham Swadling, Raymond Trevaskis, Barbara Trevaskis, Stephen Balkin, Ravi Ramswarup, Fr Peter Tonti, Sarah Siganto, Barry Clanfield, Alan and Joy Liddell, Connie Waldron, Graham Guth, Lorraine Charles, Don & Donna Wedel, Carmel Kendall, Narelle Beavan, Allana Brooks, Penny Desouza, Angela White, Michael Webb, Maria Taylor, Stephen Jones, Elaine Winter, June Poole & The Poole family, Marion Brigg, Linda Samms, Gino Abenzi, Jeanette Allen, Barry Carter, Annielyn Punzalan, Jean Battour, Michael Harris, Cherry Butac, Kelly Reynolds, Bev Bartlem, John Dobson, Patricia Fern-Smith, Beverley Johnson, Goronwy 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.

CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR THE PRESBYTERAL ORDINATION OF REV PETER DOHERTY

If you wish to join the choir for the Presbyteral Ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving of Rev Peter Doherty your attendance at the following rehearsals is required and greatly appreciated at St Joseph's Cathedral:

Tuesday 30th January 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 06 February 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 13 February 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 20 February 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 22 February from 8.00am

Fr Andrew Hogan MC & Joy Philippi – Conductor

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES Week of 29th January

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
	12:00Noon	St Joseph's Cathedral
Thursday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	4.30-6.30pm	Adoration at St Mary's Church
Friday:	9:00am	Our Lady Help of Christians
		St Joseph's Park Ave School Mass in the school undercover area.
	12:00noon	St Joseph's Cathedral
	5:30pm	Holy Hour for Vocations
		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.

1st Friday of the month during the 9am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Avenue

With praise and thanksgiving to God

*Most Reverend Michael McCarthy
Bishop of Rockhampton*

*invites the people of the Diocese of
Rockhampton to the
Presbyteral Ordination of*

Rev Peter Duncan Doherty

*10.00am, Thursday 22nd February 2024
St Joseph's Cathedral*

For those unable to join in person, the event can be
watched online at:

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

2024 Sacramental Program Catholic Community of Rockhampton

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Parent Information Nights will be held
at 5.30pm on

Tuesday 30 January @ St Peter's School Library
Thursday 1 February @ Holy Family Church

Attendance at one of these sessions is vital to
finding out what is involved in the preparation
process for your child to receive Sacraments in
2024.

For further information, please contact:

Sacramental co-ordinators for baptised children:
Beryl Mills - berylmills18@gmail.com
Anthony Greene - anthony_greene@rok.catholic.edu.au

Sacramental co-ordinator for non-baptised children:
Gail Davis - gailtdavis58@gmail.com



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we welcome Jaden Mooney and Isla Robson into the St Joseph's Cathedral community as they are baptised in the waters of new life. We pray that every day is a Blessing in their lives.

ADORATION THIS WEEK:

ST MARY'S CHURCH, NORTH ROCKHAMPTON

Adoration each Thursday at St Mary's Church, Nobbs Street from 4:30-6:30pm

ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

Holy Hour for Vocations, Adoration & Rosary, Friday 2nd February from 5:30pm
Drop into the Cathedral Centre afterwards for food & fellowship.



WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE

Feast of

Sto. Nino de Cebu

SUNDAY 28 Jan. 2024

At 9:30 am., St. Joseph's Cathedral

Viva Pit Senyor!

A shared meal will follow after the mass.
Bring a plate to share.

INTERESTED IN SESSIONS FOR BECOMING CATHOLIC AS AN ADULT?

Interested in completing your Sacraments as an Adult? We are doing a 10 week series of sessions on Tuesdays at 5pm for those who have already been baptised. Starting the 23rd of January. Please email rcianorthrocky@gmail.com for more information or contact the Parish Office.

MERCY ASSOCIATES GATHERING

Date: Saturday, 10 February following the 9am Mass in St Joseph's Cathedral

Guest Speaker: Sister Berneice Loch *rsm* (CEO of *Mercy International Association*, Dublin from 2020-2023)

Topic: *Mercy International Association*

Venue: Parish Function Room (behind The Cathedral Bookstore) All are welcome!



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THURSDAY LADIES CLUB

Ladies Club will recommence on 1st February at 10am in the Holy Family Hall. There will be morning tea and brain teasing competitions as we welcome the 2024!!!

KNITTING CIRCLE

Come and join in the knitters group on the first Tuesday of each month, meeting at The Vinnies Store on Gladstone Road at 10:00am. No knitting experience, not a problem, instructors will be on hand, come and learn a new craft. All wool and knitting needles supplied. Transport can be arranged. For more information call Julie 0419 109 067

FANS OF THE CHOSEN

Episodes 1 and 2 of Season Four of The Chosen will be screening at the North Rockhampton Cinema from 1-4 February. Don't miss out on your tickets.

THE WORLD COMMUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Meditation, pure prayer is about coming to stillness of spirit and body. You are invited to join the Rockhampton meditation group at: **Middle Hall, The Range at 6pm on Tuesdays.** Contact Barb Hoare by email wccm.rton@gmail.com



ECUMENICAL CORNER

That they may all be One, by John Paul II Article 8

This statement of the Decree *Unitatis Redintegratio* is to be read in the context of the complete teaching of the Second Vatican Council. The Council expresses the Church's decision to take up the ecumenical task of working for Christian unity and to propose it with conviction and vigor: "This sacred Synod exhorts all the Catholic faithful to recognize the signs of the times and to participate actively in the work of ecumenism".⁷

How committed are you to recognising the signs of the time and actively participating in the work of Ecumenism?

YOUTH GROUP DATE CLAIMER

All high school students are invited to our Rockhampton Catholic Youth launch event – an afternoon of games, friends, Mass & Pizza!

When: 3pm on Saturday 24th of February

Where: Cathedral Centre

For more details or inquires contact youth@rok.catholic.net.au



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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