

St Patrick's, Mackay
St Francis Xavier, West Mackay
St Mary's, South Mackay,
St Michael's, Sarina

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Sunday 14th January, 2024

Below is a letter from Bishop Michael McCarthy outlining the Priest appointments for 2024.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr Gasper for his Priestly Ministry over the past two years and wish him many of God's blessings as he prepares to take up his new appointment as Administrator of the Marian and Finch Hatton Parishes.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

After consultation, I have made the following appointments.

- Father Gasper Peruvellil – Administrator to the parishes for Marian and Finch Hatton, effective 3rd February 2024.
- Father Anthony Nguyen – Associate Pastor of the Mackay Southern Cluster Parishes for three years, effective 3rd February 2024. Father Anthony has been with Father James at Walkerston these past few months. From 8th January 2024 until he takes up his appointment in February, Father Anthony will assist in the parishes of Rockhampton.
- Father Van Bang Nguyen (Fr Bang) – Parish Priest of the Parishes of the Central West, effective 13th February 2024.

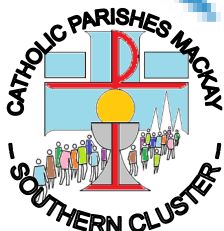
Yours sincerely

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St Patrick's
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Mackay

St Francis Xavier
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West Mackay

St Mary's
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South Mackay

St Michael's
1 Range Road
Sarina

St Therese's
18 Grasstree Road
Alligator Creek

We Remember in Prayer

Those who are sick: Michael Doolan, Dan Vickers (Bris), Fr Peter Tonti, Giselle Andersen, Linda Matsen, Julie Sammut, Jim Doyle (Marian), Rosa Menzies, Clyde Hoffman, Freddy Ahwang, Sue Christensen, Debbie Jones, John Bugeja jnr, Kiana Bugeja, Alison Bugeja, Jim Scriha, Debbie Hagger, Gavin Carter.

The faithful recently departed: Gerard Masters, Gloria Collins (Toowoomba), Bill Zahnleiter (R'ton), Gloria Lomibao Patacsil (P'pines), Charles (Chookie) Deguara (Bris), Francis Agius (Canada)

Anniversaries of death: Jim Breen 20/1, Ian Scott 31/1, John Caruana 9/1, Filippo Fazio 13/1, Rev Fr John Rasmussen 10/1, Jim Vella 20/1, Frank Vella 13/1, George Vella 13/1, Arthur Noonan 9/1

We remember those for whom Mass has been requested: Trevor Lamb, Desiree Reynolds, Tom & Glenys McCrone, Malcolm Zillmann, Jamie Winn, Fr John Landy, Fr Wilie Moran, Andrew Moran, Sister Allice Foley, Margaret Connor, Sennio Masian, Betty Denehey, Angelo Ninni, Mrs Frances Droulers, Maureen Lummow, Terence McBride, Monica Ballinger, John van der Ouderaa, Kathleen von Leonardi, George Vella, Rita Steindl, Michael Patroni, Eric Eastment, Domenica Fazio, Ann, Harold & Des Hinton, Bev & Barry Waddington, Reg Cappello, Angelo, Natalina & Tony Cappello, Victoria & Sam Micallef, Angela Mayer, John Thurling, Joe Bartolo, Paul & Tona Bartolo, Jim, Joe & Grace Attard, Sr Betty Attard, Mary Vella, Margaret Hackett, Michael Hackett, Bernard McGuire, Peter Ribaldone, Mary Muller, Jim Muscat, Charles Fenech, Cesare Del Dot, Brian Smith, Fr Patrick Mooney, Grace Mifsud, Lois & Stan Clark, Raymond Gunning, Jim, Anna & Joseph Rostirolla, Antonio, Maria & Vincenza Rostirolla, Francesco, Anna & Joseph Rostirolla, Phillip Sanfilippo, Pietro & Prassede Raiteri, Kathleen Carroll, Marlene Comin, Doris McSherry, Francis & Peter Corby, Brian Hill, Gerard Hill, Ben Faa, Tony & Vera Galea, Louis & Grace Bezzina, deceased members of the Borg, Bartolo, Sorbello, Mirabella, Muscat, Galea, Hackett, De Brincat, Willis and Camilleri families

*****Please Note: Permission must be sought from the person for their name to be added to the sick list. Names of recently deceased family members and names for anniversaries will only remain in the bulletin for 30 days. There is no correlation between offering Mass Stipends and names of the sick or deceased being added to the bulletin*****

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Parish Schools

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Senior Campus & Mercy Campus



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St Mary's Catholic
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Charles & William Board, Luka Butschle, Savannah Rufil and Eli Muscat will be Baptised at St Patrick's Church this weekend.

Please pray for **Charles, William, Luka, Savannah, Eli and their families** as we welcome them into our Faith Community.

Ordination of Deacon Peter Doherty to the Presbyterate

The Ordination ceremony will be in St Joseph's Cathedral on **Thursday morning 22nd February 2024 at 10.00am**, the feast of The Chair of St Peter. Bishop Michael welcomes the presence of the Rockhampton Diocese to join with him at the Ordination Mass.
On the Friday morning, 23rd February, Fr Peter will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in St Joseph's Cathedral at 9.00am.

Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

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DATE CLAIMER

Safeguarding Training will be delivered in our Parishes on the dates listed below. All Clergy, Religious, Parish Staff and Church Volunteers are required to **attend this training every year**.

The Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office team look forward to seeing you at the training.

Walkerston:

Tuesday 30th April, 5.30pm in St John's School Hall

Mackay North:

Wednesday 1st May, 10.30am & 5.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre

Southern Cluster:

Thursday 2nd May, 10.30am & 5.30pm in the Southern Cluster Parish Centre

To register please contact the Parish Office

A new presentation is available to watch for those who are not able to attend the sessions listed. The new presentation can be viewed at the Cluster Parish Office.

Please phone 4957 4807 to organise a time to view the presentation.

Mission Statement

*As followers of Jesus,
we strive to create & celebrate meaningful liturgies,
establish hospitable & caring communities,
accept different cultures and values,
reach out to all people with compassion
and care for the
environment.*

Vision Statement

*The Catholic communities
of the Southern Cluster (Mackay)
bear witness to our baptismal call
by living, proclaiming and
continuing the mission of Jesus.*

Liturgies (week commencing 15th January)

Monday

12.10pm St Patrick's

Tuesday

6.30am Francis of Assisi Chapel
5.30pm St Mary's

Wednesday

6.30am St Francis Xavier
4.00pm Francis of Assisi Chapel

Thursday

9.00am St Michael's
5.30pm St Mary's

Friday

6.30am St Francis Xavier
12.10pm St Patrick's

Saturday

*St Fabian, pope, martyr
St Sebastian, martyr
Blessed Virgin Mary*
7.00am Francis of Assisi Chapel

Devotions - St Patrick's

Tuesday

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Novena & Benediction



Friday

11.00am Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
12 noon Angelus



Sunday Mass

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B**

Saturday 20th January:

5.00pm St Mary's
6.00pm St Francis Xavier

Sunday 21st January:

7.00am St Patrick's
9.00am St Francis Xavier
9.00am St Michael's
10.45am Francis of Assisi Chapel
6.00pm St Patrick's
(only Sunday night Mass in Mackay)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Patrick's Church

Friday & Saturday
11.30am - 12.00 noon

St Francis Xavier Church

Saturday 9.30am - 10.00am

This Week's Scripture

First Reading: A reading from the first book of Samuel (3:3-10.19)

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm: *Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.*

I waited, I waited for the Lord.

and he stooped down to me;

he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,

praise of our God. (R.)

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.

Instead, here am I. (R.)

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law

in the depth of my heart. (R.)

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;

you know it, O Lord. (R.)



Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (6:13-15. 17-20)

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation: John 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (1:35-42)

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

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