

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.

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
3rd & 4th February 2024**

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:1-6

R: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

Next Sunday's Readings: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

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

The Road from Pastoral Placement to Priesthood

Over the next two weeks I will be away from the Diocese on a canonical retreat in preparation for the upcoming ordination on 22nd February.

I will also take the opportunity to attend some formation seminars on the Sacraments which will no doubt be useful for the exercise of ministry among the People of God.

I have been deeply humbled by the welcome and hospitality extended to me by everyone in the parishes of the city Rockhampton, Gracemere and Mt Morgan since my arrival to commence my Seminary Pastoral Placement in January 2023 last year.

As that time flowed into the ministry of the diaconate in July 2023 some six months later, I have appreciated the moments of grace where I have been blessed to minister among you during Baptisms, Funerals and even three Weddings.

This time for us together has also been one where you have listened to and provided feedback to me on the content of my homilies. I have appreciated the sense of accompaniment that I have felt with you during these conversations.

It is my sincere hope that the content of these homilies may have touched you in some way, and perhaps provided substance for moments of prayer, reflection and then action.

As we prepare together as a Diocese for this ordination in a few short weeks time, I am looking forward to exploring with you new opportunities for our shared sense of Christian mission. To make the work of God our own together in our portion of the Kingdom is to live out faithfully that which has been entrusted to us as baptised Christians – incorporated as co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Please keep me in your prayers in during my week-long retreat which commences Sunday 4th February. Be assured that all of you, along with all of the people of the Diocese of Rockhampton, remain in mine.

Peter Doherty, Deacon – Diocese of Rockhampton

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Deacon

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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: Gerry Davies, Noela Davies, Dolores Adams, Martin Jacques, Edgardo Angeles, Manang Mimay Aquilizan, Ricardo Rosario, Hermie Ignacio, Edmundo Ocampo

Anniversaries: We remember all those who are resting in eternal peace.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES— 14 February 2024

7am	Holy Family Church
9am	St Mary's Church
9am	St Joseph's Cathedral
12noon	St Joseph's Cathedral
5:30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Ave



ADORATION THIS WEEK:

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES Week of 5th February

Monday:	7:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday:	9:00am	Holy Family Church
	5:30pm	St Anthony's School Mass St Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday	9:00am	St Mary's Church
	12:00 noon	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
	12:00 noon	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>

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 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

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 4 in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsonday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we welcome Hunter Rees, Arielle & Hudson Payne and their families to the Holy Family Catholic Community as the children are blessed with the waters of baptism.

2024 PIETA LENTEN PROGRAM RESOURCE AVAILABLE FROM ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL GIFT & BOOKSTORE

Embark on a transformative Lenten journey with *Pietà*, an exquisite book and Triple CD Resource containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, questions and visio divina that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. For more information contact Helen Godwyn at St Joseph's Cathedral Gift & Bookstore on 07 4921 2170 or email cathedralbookstore@rok.catholic.net.au

MENALIVE SCRIPTURE JOURNALING GROUP

All men are welcome to come along to the café area of Frenchville Sports Club on Mondays at 7pm to catch up, pray and discuss the gospel of the day. Newcomers are always welcome, just bring along a pen and paper. For more information contact Kevin at kjpeagam@gmail.com or 0407 589 674.

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!



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

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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

The Ecumenical Movement 'has been characterized by a missionary outlook' and strongly emphasized by Popes in our century. The verse of John's Gospel—"that they may all be one, ...so that the whole world may believe that you have sent Me." (John 17:21), is Ecumenism's guiding inspiration and motif (See Art 98 "That They May All Be One". Pope Paul vi)

How aware am I of this Gospel teaching highlighted by the popes? How does it influence my relationships with people from other Christian denominations?

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:

Kathy Bryan – St Joseph's Cathedral

Shaun Pettett – Our Lady Help of Christians

Helen Mollard – Holy Family

Mike Kelso – St Mary's

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



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