



# St Patrick's Parish Emerald

## Welcomes You

5th Sunday of Lent (Year B)  
17th March 2024

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



## HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*.

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision. The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftain of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died March 17, 461 at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.

### St Patrick's Breastplate



Christ be with me, Christ within me  
Christ behind me, Christ before me  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me  
Christ to comfort me and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger  
Christ in hearts of all that love me  
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.



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### Liturgies

#### Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 12noon \* / Wednesday 7am

Thursday 8am Marist College /

Friday 9am

\*Anointing Mass 4th Tuesday monthly

#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8am

Anakie Community Hall:

2nd & 4th Sunday monthly

Please keep in your prayers:

Mark Shields, Ofa Fakatavia,  
and Harper Christison

Catechumens and Candidates in the RCIA, RCIC  
programs. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide  
and strengthen them on their faith journey.



Reconciliation, 4.30pm  
followed by  
Stations of the Cross  
Fridays, 5.30pm, Church



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:** Beatrice, Mick BurrIDGE, 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:** Br Peter Clinch cfc, Gerard Pearce, Mike Burns, John Murray.

**Anniversaries:** Neil McCosker, Stella Leishman, Maxwell Winter, John Redhead, John Maguire.

*Please contact the parish office if you are aware of people or families within our community requiring our prayers and/or support. The Parish Priests are available for special blessings (home, vehicle, occasions). Contact the parish office to make an appointment.*



## Grow Your Faith

### Join a Lenten Group

**Monday, March 18th, 7pm**  
6 Statesman Drive

Rod and Elma Devlin

M:0420 422 103 for more information

**Tuesday, March 19th, 9.30am**  
17 Baker Street

Peggy Layton

M:0458 650 943 for more information

*All welcome*



**Come lets celebrate St Patrick's Day**  
**17th March - 9am Mass**

Join us for a cup of tea and some Irish treats.

Kids Activity (rock and chocolate treasure hunt)

Music and Dancing

Everything Green like Green Beer and Green Cordial

## Baptism Blessing

**Xavier John Jayme**

Parent: John & Noreen

**Kaea May Parata**

Parent: Meirana & Kacie



**Good Friday**  
**at 9am**

## Youth Gathering

**Saturday,**  
**16th March**

**10.30am - 11.30am**  
**at the Church.**

**Open to children 9 years and older.**

## Reconciliation

**Friday 15th March**

**4.30pm**

**(Prior to Stations of the Cross)**

## Church March Roster

**Ground Maintenance:** Michael Heinemann,  
Michael Case, Max Dunne

**Church Linen:** Marsha Krawczyk

**Church Cleaning:**

**22nd:** Jackie, Loyola, Marie

**28th:** Volunteers please

**THIS WEEKEND 16/17 March**

**Sacristan:**

**6pm:** John Millard | **8am:** Peter Agius

**Commentators:**

**6pm:** Michael Heinemann | **8am:** Janice Moriarty

**Readers:**

**6pm:** Morag Hyslop | Mary Pearce

**8am:** Bill Mahony | Anna Wolff

**Communion Ministers:**

**6pm:** Kevin Bickhoff, Margaret Smith, Rod Devlin

**8am:** Bill & Marie Mahony, Anna Wolff

**Altar Servers:**

**6pm:** Zoey and Sarah McKenzie

**8am:** Codi Doyle, Rose Kerle

**Children's Liturgy.**

**6pm:** Meaghan Tucker, Helen Smale

**8am:** Mikaela Mayfield, Luka Hill

**Holy Goods:**

**6pm:** Margaret Boland | **8am:** Sue Peters

**Musicians:**

**6pm:** Richard, Lorraine

**8am:** Roslyn, Mila



## PLANNED GIVING

	November	December	January
Envelope	\$3264	\$3480	\$3760
Loose	\$3128	\$5316	\$6326
Average	\$1598	\$1759	\$2521

Please contact the parish office to join planned giving.

## Dear Visitor,

Welcome to Emerald. Please take a St Patrick's prayer card wishing you every blessing for an enjoyable and safe journey.

**MARIST COLLEGE EMERALD**  
musical production of

**Annie JR.**



**EMERALD TOWN HALL**  
**WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH**  
**1:00PM | 7:00PM**

**TICKETS ON TRYBOOKING**  
**ADULTS \$20 CONCESSION \$15**



The people of the Diocese of Rockhampton are invited to join Bishop Michael McCarthy and the clergy of the Diocese in the celebration of the

**Chrism Mass 2024**

**10.00am, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**St Joseph's Cathedral**

light refreshments will be provided after the celebration.

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

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



## Easter Mass Times

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Emerald</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Blackwater</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
	<b>9am</b>	<b>Springsure (SCT)</b>
	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Emerald</b>
	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Blackwater</b>
	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Emerald (ECT)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Emerald</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Blackwater</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Emerald</b>
	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Duaranga</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Anakie</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Woorabinda</b>



## Second Collection Throughout Lent

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