

## St Patrick's Parish Emerald

Welcomes You

Easter Sunday (Year B) 30th & 31st March 2024

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

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF

ROCKHAMPTON

Re: Easter Message 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The Easter Sunday Gospel of Jesus speaks to a friend, Mary of Magdala, and brings hope to those who had thought all was lost. In the recognition of the Risen Christ, her pain of loss was turned into joy.

This is the Risen Christ who calls all of us by name. While we may not recognise immediately His presence, He is there with us and invites us with Him to turn our pain and sorrow into joy.

This year, we have much to be concerned about and hope that the Risen Christ will turn sorrow into joy. We ask Him to calm the hearts of the leaders in the Middle East and in Eastern Europe. These wars have gone on too long and there are people suffering in Palestine and Ukraine.

Around the Diocese, our prayers are with you as your own challenges mount.

May the blessings of the Risen Christ be with you and your families this Easter, and may you experience the gift of hope that brings joy from Him.

Yours sincerely

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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

We welcome with faith, praise and love Mark Shields and Ofa Fakatava as they celebrate the Rite of Christian Initiation.

May you both feel the love of this community and be encouraged to continue to grow in faith and love.

St Patrick's Parish Community



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.

The Parish Team

## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST HAS COME INTO THE WORLD

It is a message being proclaimed in Church gatherings right around the world on this Easter Day. The message of a light that dispels all darkness, brings newfound joy and restores hope. A message that we too must be witnesses, bringing the joy, hope, love and promise of the Gospel alive to our family, friends, neighbours and community.

As we witness at home and abroad the truly challenging, and sometimes frightening times, we might feel it is difficult to be empowered by such a life-giving message this Easter.

Be encouraged by the unforgettable story of Great Britain's 400m runner Derek Redmond, that Fr Francois shared with us last weekend. How, although he had snapped his hamstring during his event at the Barcelona 1992 Olympic Games, he was determined to keep his promise to his father that he would finish the race 'no matter what'. How his father, Jim ran onto the track and helped him fulfil that promise.

Fr Francois encouraged us to never give up, finish the good work you have started, you will face challenges along the way, persevere, the Father will never leave you, he will be right with you, right up to the finish line.

During this special time of grace, may the Risen Christ, who defeated death and evil, bestow upon you many graces. May He strengthen your faith and give you happiness, good health and many blessings. May He always protect you and those close to you. May He bless you during this holy time. May God reward your generosity and support of our parish.

Many blessing to Mark and Ofa, and all those being received into the Catholic faith this weekend.

Thank you to all volunteers, for your great work, each one of you are very important, you contribute a great deal to our church. Happy Easter to all.



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.

Church	March/A	April Roster

Ground Maintenance: Michael Heinemann, Michael Case, Max Dunne April: Bill Mahony, Glen McKinlay, Bernie Frawley

 Church Linen: Marsha Krawczyk

 April:
 Deborah Titmarsh

 Church Cleaning:

 April:

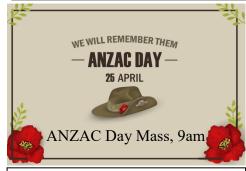
 5th:
 Marissa, Kellie, Tesa

 12th:
 Susan, Juliana

EASTER ROSTER - 28/29/30/31 March ON CHURCH KITCHEN BENCH.

Office Leave

Fr Francois will be on leave 1st to 5th April, SVD U5 meeting. Fr Truc will be available for any queries. The Parish Office reopens 2 April, 9am.

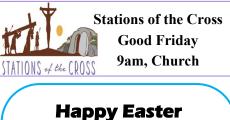


Social Justice Group Rockhampton – some thoughts from ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans)

Join with the one billion responsible 'indulgers' this Easter and watch what chocolate you eat. Join ACRATH's *Indulge Responsibly* Easter chocolate campaign starting on Ash Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Much of the world's chocolate, including some of what is sold in Australian shops and supermarkets, is produced using cocca beans harvested by child labourers, many of whom endure enslavement and poor, sometimes dangerous, working conditions.



Click here for more information <u>It's chocolate.</u> so Indulge Responsibly (acrath.org.au)



A very Happy Easter to those

who are visiting and to our

Safe travelling to everyone during this time. We pray that

Fr Truc, Fr Francois, Francie & Cathy

The Diocesan Sacramental Working Party works

together to animate the Sacraments of Initiation

support to sacramental preparation teams

to engage in programs which are engaging.

the Catholic Church. The group is seeking a

policy for the Diocese of Rockhampton. The group works with Bishop Michael to provide advice and

throughout the diocese, ensuring that children and

inspiring, and which invite them to enter more fully

into a relationship with Jesus and into the life of

suitable individual to undertake a paid, short-term

process. Ideally, the successful applicant will have

knowledge of sacramental preparation and have a

contemporary understanding of both theology and

pedagogy. If this sounds like you, please feel free

to outline your interest and suitability by emailing

bishopsoffice@rok.catholic.net.au (please include

the subject line 'Attention: Sacramental Working

Party'). Expressions of interest are due Friday 19

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project, to develop resources, aligned to policy,

which parishes could utilise for the preparation

young people in our region have the opportunity

you all return safely home.

Parish community.



## Easter Mass Times

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Holy Thursday	9am	Springsure
	5.30pm	Emerald
	6pm	Blackwater
Good Friday	9am	Stations of the Cross
	9am	Springsure (SCT)
	Зрт	Emerald
	Зрт	Blackwater
	4.30pm	Emerald (ECT)
Saturday	6pm	Emerald
	6pm	Blackwater
Sunday	8am	Emerald
	8.30am	Duaringa
	10.30am	Anakie
	10.30am	Woorabinda
	6pm	Springsure

PROJECT COMPASSION



Second Collection Throughout Lent

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

PLANNED GIVING					
*	December	January	February		
Envelope	\$3480	\$3760	\$3135		
Loose	\$5316	\$6326	\$3772		
Average	\$1759	\$2521	\$1726		

Please contact the parish office to join planned giving.

Emergency Relief Roster March Anglican Church 49821802 Contributions can be made direct to the Parish Account BSB: 034 210 Account: 002296 Name: St Patricks Church Emerald Ref: Initial|Surname

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