

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.

Sunday of the Resurrection 30th & 31st March 2024

First Reading: Acts: 10:34, 37-43
We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
R: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

Second Reading: Col: 3:1-4
Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel: John: 20:1-9
The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

Next Sunday's Readings: Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts: 4:32-35
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

Easter Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The Easter Sunday Gospel of John has Jesus speaking to a friend, Mary of Magdala. She is there by the Tomb and it is the Risen Jesus who brings hope to her and to all those who had no hope. As she recognises 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 Parishes of our Diocese and in Rockhampton, our prayers are with you as your own challenges mount.

With the priests of Rockhampton and the Diocese and all who assist in our mission; 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

Most Rev Michael McCarthy

Bishop of Rockhampton

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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: Kay Smith, Kerry Davison, Imelda Manintim, Judy Staker (Adelaide), June Dingle, Heather Bust,

Anniversaries: Tom Hegarty, Joan Rheinberger, Elizabeth Curtain

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

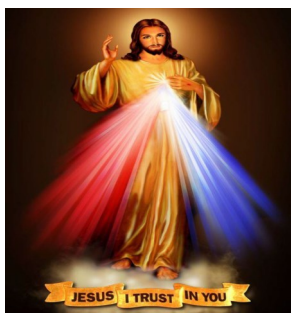
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—7th April.

All are welcome to Divine Mercy Sunday
St Mary's Church, North Rockhampton

2:00—3:00pm Confession

3:00pm -Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4:00pm—Mass



FOUR DAY CLOSURE OF ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL, 8-11 April 2024

This is due to electrical maintenance work, the St Joseph's Cathedral will be closed on the 8-11 April. A revised Mass schedule for these days will be available in next week's bulletin.

Call for Volunteer Assistance

The Diocesan Sacramental Working Party works together to animate the Sacraments of Initiation policy for the Diocese of Rockhampton. The group works with Bishop Michael to provide advice and support to sacramental preparation teams throughout the diocese, ensuring that children and young people in our region have the opportunity to engage in programs which are engaging, inspiring, and which invite them to enter more fully into a relationship with Jesus and into the life of the Catholic Church. The group is seeking a suitable individual to undertake a paid, short-term project, to develop resources, aligned to policy, which parishes could utilise for the preparation 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 the Working Party via bishopsoffice@rok.catholic.net.au (please include the subject line 'Attention: Sacramental Working Party'). Expressions of interest are due Friday 19 April, 2024.

LOVE AND RESPONSIBILITY

When: ZOOM 7pm Tuesday 2 April and 10am Saturday 6 April

What: Hayley Lanzon will share about her recent experience of attending an intensive course on John Paul II's *Love and Responsibility* with Christopher West, and explore its core messages of human love and relationships, especially concerning sexual ethics in the context of human dignity.



CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS – BEING SACRAMENTAL

A wonderful opportunity for formation on the sacraments is available here in Rockhampton this April & June.

This formation series is being offered by the Archdiocese of Brisbane but we will have a local hub here at the Duhig Centre to livestream the sessions. Sessions are at 7pm on Monday nights at the Duhig Centre and the first session is on April 15th. This formation is open for all, but will be particularly valuable to anyone who is a parish volunteer. For more information and to register scan the QR code.



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES Week of 1st April

Monday:	9:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral Easter Monday
Tuesday:	9:00am 5:30pm	Holy Family Church St Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday:	9:00am 12:00noon	St Mary's Church St Joseph's Cathedral
Thursday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Friday:	9:00am 12:00noon 5:30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians St Joseph's Cathedral St Joseph's Cathedral-Holy Hour
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



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

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, 14th February 2024. Much of the world's chocolate, including some of what is sold in Australian shops and supermarkets, is produced using cocoa beans harvested by child labourers, many of whom endure enslavement and poor, sometimes dangerous, working conditions.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Any parents who would like their sons or daughters who attend a high school in Rockhampton to prepare to receive any of these Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist – is invited to contact the following people to register their interest:

For students at Emmaus College please contact Ms Aine Toman, Assistant Principal: Mission aine_toman@emmaus.qld.edu.au

For students at The Cathedral College please contact Mr Pat Egan, Deputy Principal: Mission Patrick.Egan@tccr.com.au

For students at all other high schools please contact Mrs Trish Jones, Parish Secretary cposj.admin@rok.catholic.net.au

THE ADULT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Are you able to help teach the faith (even for a couple of months to complement the current team). Expressions of interest email rcianorthrocky@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.

HELP WITH DRAKES PROJECT

Shirley Hopkins volunteer DRAKES Fundraiser for the Cathedral needs a little help with this project. Mainly clerical and probably only 1 hour a month. Any help much appreciated. Tele 4936 4792 with message bank Email shirleyz@gmail.com

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF AN UNBORN BABY IN DANGER OF ABORTION

The Annunciation of the Lord, is also internationally recognised as The Day of the Unborn Child. It is suggested to Spiritually Adopt one Unborn Child in Danger of Abortion. Begin with a personal prayer, in a church or before a Crucifix, to commit to 9 months, then attach the prayer below to one decade of your daily Rosary. To forget occasionally does not break the commitment. You can add more days, accordingly.

The Spiritual Adoption Prayer:

My Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary Your Mother, who bore You so lovingly, and of St Joseph, strong man of faith, who protected you both, I pray to You for the life of the unborn child in danger of abortion, the one I have spiritually adopted. Please give to the parents of this particular child, the grace and courage to bring this precious one to the life you have destined for him/her. Amen.

LADIES CLUB—Holy Family Church Hall

Come along and enjoy the friendly community at Holy Family Hall, Thursday 4th April from 10am. A great opportunity to meet new friends

MOTHER EFFECT

Young Catholic families are invited to play, sing, pray and connect over coffee. Fortnightly Wednesdays mornings. Contact Laura for more info - 0434552280

ECUMENICAL CORNER

The first sentence of the Vatican II document on Ecumenism states: "The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Vatican II Council." (Decree on Ecumenism, 1964, par 1). Later in this same document (par 7) it emphasises: "There can be no ecumenism worthy of the name without a change of heart ... the renewal of the inner life of our minds, ... and an unstinted love, that desires of unity take their rise and develop in a mature way. We should therefore pray to the Holy Spirit for the grace ... to have an attitude of true generosity towards them ..."

For reflection:

Church teaching on Ecumenism continually reminds us that "there can be no Renewal in the Catholic Church without Ecumenical openness". What is my attitude to relationships with people from other Christian faiths? How can I develop/improve them?

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.psogld.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

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.

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