

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.

**Third Sunday of Lent
2nd & 3rd March 2024**

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
The Law was given through Moses.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18:8-11
R: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel: John 2:13-25
Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Next Sunday's Readings: Forth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21

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

LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE MASS: THE CREED

Have you ever wondered why we say the *Creed* every Sunday (except when we renew our baptismal promises at Easter)?

One key word at the start of the Creed sheds light on the weekly Profession of Faith at Mass. That key word is "believe."

Belief can be something intellectual. For example, in the Creed, we affirm our belief that there is "one God," that Jesus is "the Only Begotten Son of God" who died and rose again on the third day. We also believe in "the Holy Spirit" and "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church."

On the other hand, belief can literally mean to take one's stand on something else. In other words, from the biblical perspective, belief in God does not simply express an intellectual conviction that God exists. It also entails a personal entrusting of one's entire life to God. Just as married couples may affirm their trust and commitment to each other regularly and tell each other over and over again, "I love you," so do we in the Creed renew our commitment to the Lord each week, lovingly telling him over and over again that we surrender ourselves to him, that we want him alone to be the foundation of our lives—that we "believe" in him. This is why we recite the Creed every Sunday at Mass.

While the Creed is not directly from Scripture, it summarises the story of the Bible: moving from creation to Christ's incarnation, death, and resurrection, the sending of the Holy Spirit, the era of the Church, and finally Christ's second coming at the end of time, the Creed carries us through the entire story of salvation history – from Genesis to the book of Revelation, with a keen eye on the three divine Persons who are the principal actors in this drama: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As one theologian has commented, "What the Scriptures say at length, the Creed says briefly."

Either the Apostles' Creed or Nicene (full title: Nicaeno-Constantinopolitan) Creed can be said, with the Apostles' Creed commonly said during the Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas seasons and the Nicene Creed in Ordinary Time.

Sri, Edward. 2021. *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Understanding What We Say and Do in the Liturgy*. Revised Edition. West Chester PA: Ascension Press. pp 87-89.

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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: Kevin Casey (Mackay), Robyn O'Brien, Ronald Luckel, Mary Baker,

Anniversaries: Margaret Hoffmann, Marie Barker, Margaret Thomson, Therese Dutton, Joseph Tryhorn,

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, Barry Clanfield, Connie Waldron, Alan and Joy Liddell, Graham Guth, Lorraine Charles, Don & Donna Wedel, Carmel Kendall, Narelle Beavan, Allana Brooks, Penny Desouza, Angela White, Michael Webb, Stephen Jones, Elaine Winter, Annielyn Punzalan, June Poole & The Poole family, Marion Brigg, Cherry Butac, Gino Abenzi, Daisy Maturin, Linda Samms, Jeanette Allen, Barry Carter, Jean Battour, Bev Bartlem, Michael Harris, 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.

Thank You, From Fr Peter Doherty

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the great many people who made possible the Ordination Mass and Thanksgiving Mass last week. A thank you too to the many people who travelled from across the Diocese from Bundaberg to Mackay and all throughout the Central Highlands and Central West to come together to be there in person as a Diocese gathered around our Bishop, Bishop Michael, at this time.

Many thanks also to the people who travelled from beyond the Diocese, especially those from the (Arch)dioceses, of Brisbane, Toowoomba, Townsville and Cairns, but also those who made the journey from outside the Province.

Many thanks also to the great many people who have offered prayers and cards of support. I deeply appreciate the expressions of encouragement and good wishes that I have received.

I now look forward to entering into the rhythm of life as an ordained priest among, with and for you on our shared Christian journey together.

With every best wish and blessing

Peter Doherty



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**Third Sunday of Lent
2 & 3 March**



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CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

St Joseph's Cathedral will host the first Chamber Music Concert for 2024 on Sunday, 3rd March commencing at 2:00pm.

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of music from students of our local Catholic Schools and Colleges

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES Week of 4th March

Monday:	7:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday:	9:00am 5:30pm	Holy Family Church St Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday:	9:00am 12:00 noon	St Mary's Church St Joseph's Cathedral
Thursday:	8:00am 4.30-6.30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral Adoration at St Mary's Church
Friday:	24 Hours with The Lord 9:00am 12:00 noon 4:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Our Lady Help of Christians - Followed by Reconciliation St Joseph's Cathedral Mass Followed by Reconciliation St Joseph's Cathedral— Stations of the Cross St Mary's Church - Stations of the Cross St Joseph's Cathedral - Benediction, Adoration & Reconciliation Stations of the Cross - In Malayalam language St Joseph's Cathedral - Latin Rite Mass In Malayalam language
Saturday:	9:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Penance:	Saturday 9:30-10:30am Saturday 4:00-4:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral 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

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.

ETHICAL EASTER EGGS

Cocoa farmers get paid less than a dollar a day, forcing them to resort to slavery and child labour. Approximately 2.1 million children work on cocoa bean farms everyday. This is one of the many reasons why it is crucial to purchase ethically sourced chocolate brands, especially around Easter time.

This year for Emmaus College's annual Easter raffle, which is part of our fundraising for Caritas, our leaders have decided to only have ethical Easter eggs as the prizes. Brands such as Nestle, Chocolatier, Moser Roth, Coles and Woolworths have some ethically sourced chocolate products.

When buying Easter eggs this year, we ask that you keep this in mind and look for brands that display the Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance logos on the packaging to support this cause.

YOUTH NEWS

The youth of the Rocky parishes gathered in force for the inaugural Rocky Catholic Youth Games last Saturday. Northside versed Southside youth in a series of fun contests, with Northside coming out the victors! Thanks to all the wonderful youth who came along, and to Fr Alex, Fr Peter, Fr Samuel and the Bishop for coming and supporting the youth!

This is the beginning of a move to bring the two youth groups together and we look forward to enjoying future faith initiatives together.

The DATES for the rest of this term are: Sat 2nd March (5pm Holy Family), Sat 9th March (6pm Cathedral) and Good Friday morning 29th March (Stations of the Cross at Kershaw Gardens)

All high schoolers welcome! For more information contact northrockyyouth@gmail.com Laura Otto and Tanya Gill.

MOTHER EFFECT

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

THURSDAY LADIES CLUB

Thursday Ladies Club will be held at Holy Family Hall on 7th March at 10am. Morning tea will be served. Come along and join in the lessons in Card Making. Please bring a ruler, scissors & glue. Lucky door prizes will be provided to everyone



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.

ECUMENICAL CORNER

Pope John Paul 11 in his encyclical Ut Unum sint teaches, "When I say that for me, as Bishop of Rome, the ecumenical task is "one of the pastoral priorities" of my Pontificate,¹⁵⁷ I think of the grave obstacle which the lack of unity represents for the proclamation of the Gospel. A Christian Community which believes in Christ and desires, with Gospel fervour, the salvation of mankind can hardly be closed to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who leads all Christians towards full and visible unity". Art 99 Ut Unum Sint

What a challenge the Pope set himself. He couldn't do it alone. How do you see yourself taking up this challenge?

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

PALMS DONATIONS



All parishes are calling for donations of palms and bookleaf pine cuttings to be used during the Palm Sunday Mass on the weekend of the 23 & 24th March.

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