

St Patrick's, Mackay
St Francis Xavier, West Mackay
St Mary's, South Mackay,
St Michael's, Sarina

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 31st March, 2024



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Re: Easter Message 2024

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.

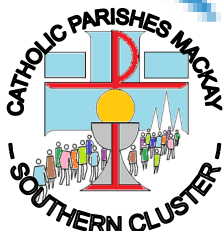
Yours sincerely

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Alligator Creek

We Remember in Prayer

Those who are sick: Debbie Kirkman, Ester Cabalfinllarenas (P'pines), Dan Vickers (Bris), Fr Peter Tonti, Giselle Andersen, Linda Matsen, Julie Sammut, Jim Doyle (Marian), Rosa Menzies, Clyde Hoffman, Freddy Ahwang, Sue Christensen, Debbie Jones, John Bugeja jnr, Kiana Bugeja, Alison Bugeja, Jim Scriha, Debbie Hagger, Gavin Carter.

The faithful recently departed: Jan Webb, Maglio Signorini, Nicholina Herd, Margaret Vella, Steven Gargano (Sydney), Joseph Sant, Irene King, John Rogers, Alfred Galea, Patrick Scriha, Con Gravino, John Quattromani (Syd), Carmel Azzopardi, John Ryan, Kevin Casey

Anniversaries of death: Amarlie Carroll 4/4, Sr Betty Attard 29/3, Mary Phillips 12/3, Albert Phillips 7/6, Margaret Burke 20/3, Gertrude Devlin 29/3, Gerard Falzon 22/3, Les German 6/3, Susan Hackett 22/3, Angela Gauci 29/3, Fr Kevin Treacy 26/3, Paul Gauci 27/2, Connie Gauci 26/3, Garry Ash 3/3, Ken Denning 8/3, Maria Sorbello 15/3

We remember those for whom Mass has been requested: David Crowley, Jean & Richard Sciberras, Joe Bartolo, Joe, Grace & Jim Attard, Mary Vella, Paul & Tona Bartolo, Beryl Neilsen, Eric Eastment, Cara McKenzie (Cairns), Kath Bartolo, Evelyn Phimister, Ma Felicula & Ursicio Karaan, Josafina & Jean Smith, Agustin, Gertrudis, Carlos, Pepito, Ellora Jao, Shelly Rutland, Ma Dulce Obina, Paterna & Alfonso Murgo, Bill & Carmel Daley, Jamie Winn, Ray Patroni, Tom & Glenys McCrone, Jim, Frank & George Vella, Rita Steindl, Margaret Hackett, Michael Hackett, Pat Leahy, Dianne Shore, Bernard McGuire, Cesare Del Dot, Fr Patrick Mooney, Grace Mifsud, Raymond Gunning, Jim, Anna & Joseph Rostirolla, Antonio, Maria & Vincenza Rostirolla, Francesco, Anna & Joseph Rostirolla, Phillip Sanfilippo, Pietro & Prassede Raiteri, Kathleen Carroll, Marlene Comin, Doris McSherry, Francis & Peter Corby, Brian Hill, Gerard Hill, Ben Faa, Tony & Vera Galea, Louis & Grace Bezzina. Deceased members of the Patroni, Ahern, Forzatti, Borg, Bartolo, Sorbello, Mirabella, Muscat, Galea, Hackett & De Brincat families

Please Note: Permission must be sought from the person for their name to be added to the sick list. Names of recently deceased family members and names for anniversaries will only remain in the bulletin for 30 days. There is no correlation between offering Mass Stipends and names of the sick or deceased being added to the bulletin

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This Easter at St Francis Xavier Church, we welcome Jade and Christopher Harris into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Jade and Christopher's children, Rylan and Zachary, will be Baptised.

Please keep Jade, Christopher, Rylan & Zachary in your prayers.



Re-introduction of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds - The reintroduction of the Chalice will begin in our Parish Churches this weekend.

Please keep in mind, that you should refrain from receiving from the Chalice if you are not feeling well or have cold or flu like symptoms.

Anointing Mass

St Francis Xavier 6.30am,

Friday 5th April

Francis of Assisi Home
Adoration in the Chapel
**First Friday of the month,
5th April**
7.00am – 1.00 pm
All welcome



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!
Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project
Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

Divine Mercy Sunday: 7th April

St. Patrick's Church, Mackay

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ...2.00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet3.00pm

followed by Benediction

The NOVENA OF THE DIVINE MERCY starts on GOOD FRIDAY and finishes on DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. The Lord specifically asked that the Chaplet be recited as a novena especially on the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday), and He promised, "By this Novena (of Chaplets) I will grant every possible grace to souls..... This prayer will serve to appease My wrath." (Diary 796, 476)

Please come along and pray for the many needs of the Church and our nation. Encourage others to come.

Be blessed in abundance.

Leaflets containing the *NOVENA OF THE DIVINE MERCY* will be available at the entry of the following Churches: St. Patrick's, St. Francis, St. Mary's and St. Joseph's.



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.

Liturgies (week commencing 1st April)

Monday (Public Holiday)

9.00am St Patrick's

Tuesday

6.30am Francis of Assisi Chapel

8.00am St Mary's

Wednesday

6.30am St Francis Xavier

4.00pm Francis of Assisi Chapel

Thursday

9.00am St Michael's

5.30pm St Mary's

Friday

Anointing Mass

6.30am St Francis Xavier

12.10pm St Patrick's

Saturday

7.00am Francis of Assisi Chapel

Devotions - St Patrick's

Tuesday

6.30pm Rosary

7.00pm Novena & Benediction

Friday

11.00am Exposition of the
Holy Eucharist

12 noon Angelus

Sunday Mass

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Saturday 6th April:

5.00pm St Mary's

6.00pm St Francis Xavier

Sunday 7th April:

7.00am St Patrick's

7.30am St Therese's

9.00am St Francis Xavier

9.00am St Michael's

10.45am Francis of Assisi Chapel

6.00pm St Patrick's

(only Sunday night Mass in Mackay)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Patrick's Church

Friday & Saturday

11.30am - 12.00 noon

St Francis Xavier Church

Saturday 9.30am - 10.00am

This Week's Scripture

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34. 37-43)

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (3:1-4)

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!



Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (20:1-9)

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.