

Catholic of Parishes North Mackay & Farleigh

St Joseph's, St Brigid's, St Brendan's, St Helen's, Star of the Sea

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 21 April 2024

Today we take a moment to offer our prayerful support to the Queensland seminarians at Holy Spirit Seminary in Banyo.

Support your
seminarians today



Make your gift to support Holy Spirit Seminary by going online, using the envelopes in your parish, or calling (07) 3324 3200.

The journey to priesthood starts with an answer to a call. Once these young men enter the seminary, the demands of study, self-reflection and dedication to faith can be overwhelming. It is only through the grace of God, and the support of the faithful that our seminarians can stay the course and complete their formation.

Once ordained, our new priests must be prepared to shepherd larger communities than in the past – parishes with multiple churches and multiple schools.

Knowing all this, the young men at the Holy Spirit Seminary still commit themselves to following the call to priesthood.

Can you think of a better way to positively influence the future of the Church than to invest in seminarians?

Your financial support enables Holy Spirit Seminary to provide valued theological and pastoral formation as well as teaching seminarians to shepherd in a new way. Through your contribution, you can provide accommodation, functional classrooms and facilities that contribute to their education, and helps ensure our future priests are fully equipped for the task ahead.

With your generosity, we will be able to prepare these men to be priests of faith and service with the Gospel as their foundation.

The worshipping communities of North Mackay and Farleigh acknowledge the Yuwibara people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather and pay respect to their elders: past, present, and emerging. For we too are one in land, one in spirit, one in faith, united in God's love.



Parish Team

Parish Priest

Fr Andrew Hogan

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Fr Raju Mandothparambil

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Mrs Kerry Dempsey

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Anointing In Danger of
Death

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Parish Donation Point



1. Scan the QR Code with your phone camera
2. Tap on the link that appears
3. Make your donation

Please Pray For:

The newly baptised:

Neckson Banaag, Thomas Bray, George Bray.

The sick:

Rosa Menzies, Jane Zammit, Jenny Dickson, Joy Gray, Elizabeth Overden, Sr Lila Galvin.

The recently deceased:

Carmen Ret, Laurel Dalitha Carey, Margaret Airoidi, Jan Webb, Joseph Abela, Margaret Vella, Rita Hows, Con Gravino, Mary Vella, Margaret Cherry.

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Gladys Dickson, Iris Vella, Jean Mifsud, Julie Anne Ross, Paul McLean, Diane Deguara, Sam Deguara, Sam Deguara (Jnr), Julie Anne Ross, Lily Riseley, John Borg, Sr Betty Attard, John Vassallo, Anthony Borg.

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.

Forms for adding names to the bulletin are available at the back of the church.

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards 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

Email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au

Diocesan Website www.rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/

**Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults
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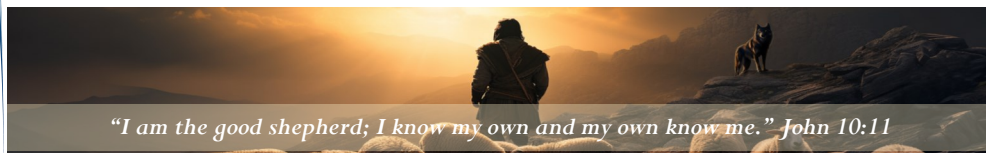
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Queensland Professional Standards Office: www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/

This Weeks Response & Acclamation

℟: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. *Alleluia!*



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Parish Events & News

Bishop's Gift

The parishes of the Northern Region along with the Colleges and Schools have purchased a crozier in recognition of the Bishop's 10th Episcopal Anniversary. This crozier will be used by the bishop when he visits the parishes and schools of this region. If you would like to contribute to this gift your donation would be very welcome. Simply place your donation in an envelope clearly marked: 'Bishop's Gift' and place it in the collection at Mass or drop it in to your local parish office.



CWL Farleigh

Is hosting a **Mother's Day Mass** at St Brigid's Catholic Church, on Wednesday 8th May at 9.30am. All are very welcome to attend. Raffle to be drawn after Mass.

The Catholic Men's Dinner Club

Will meet on Mon. 29th April at 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start at the Boomerang Hotel, Nebo Rd. The guest speaker is Doug Petersen, local historian, subject 'Father Pierre Marie Bucas a Life and a Possible Saint'? Visitors/New members and all Ladies are welcome. RSVP to Peter Sheedy by text or mobile at 0418 186 691".

Holy Seminary Appeal

Will be held at all Parish Masses **this weekend 20th / 21st April.**

Date Claimer - Safeguarding Level 1 Training

Will be delivered in our Parish. Below is the date and times available. Please note that all Clergy, Religious, Parish Staff and Church Volunteers are mandated to attend this training every 5year. The Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office team look forward to seeing you at the training. **Parishes of North Mackay and Farleigh** Wednesday 1st May, 10.30am & 5.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre. To Register contact Parish Office 49574855 Tuesday to Friday or email stjomky@rok.catholic.net.au.

Catholic Care Central Queensland

As part of our transition to become an incorporated governing body, we are seeking to recruit highly skilled individuals to join our soon to be established Board of Directors. Your strategic thinking, expertise, and leadership will influence critical decisions and allow Catholic Care to reach new heights! Find out more and submit your expression of interest at: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/74453495>



*You are invited to Mackay's Celebration
of
Bishop Michael McCarthy's
10th Anniversary as Bishop of Rockhampton
and welcome to
His Excellency Archbishop Charles Balvo
Apostolic Nuncio to Australia*

Where

St Patrick's Hall
River St

RSVP

Friday 24 May 2024
E: stjomky@rok.catholic.net.au
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When

Friday 31 May 2024
5.30pm

Liturgies

Monday

Tuesday

6.30am St Joseph's

Wednesday

9.30am St Brigid's

Thursday Anzac Day

6.30am St Joseph's

Friday St Mark, evangelist

6.30am St Joseph's

Saturday

4.00pm St Brigid's
6.00pm St Joseph's

Sunday

7.00am St Brendan's
7.00am Star of the Sea LWC
9.00am St Joseph's
9.00am St Helen's LWC

**Brigid, you were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.**



Next Week's Scripture

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

*I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.*

Second Reading

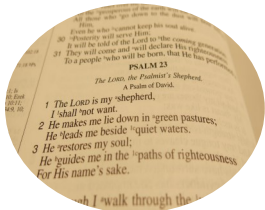
1 John 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

Gospel

John 15:1-8

*All who live in me, and I in them,
bear much fruit.*



Gospel Reflection

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

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Dianne Bergant CSA was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of *The Bible Today* (1979-2005), *Biblical Theology Bulletin* (1990-2014), *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (1992-2001), *New Theology Review* (1997-2003), *Teaching Theology and Religion* (2003-2005), and *Chicago Studies* (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters in books.

Diocesan Vocations Prayer

Lord, you are the good shepherd who calls us by name and asks us to follow you.

May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts of those who you are calling to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Give them courage to respond to their vocation to serve your church.

*May all of us seek to know you better, to faithfully follow your call to holiness,
and proclaim the gospel to the world. Amen.*



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF ROCKHAMPTON

Parish Churches

Called by baptism, strengthened by the sacraments and nourished by the Word of God,
we are committed to witness Christ's mission in the world.

St Joseph's

21 Grendon St
North Mackay

St Brigid's

961 Bruce Hwy Farleigh

St Brendan's

799 Mackay Bucasia Rd
Rural View

Star of the Sea

2241 Yakapari-Seaforth Rd
Seaforth

St Helen's

71 McIntyre St, Calen

Catholic Schools

Holy Spirit College



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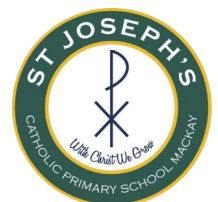
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