

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 Easter
13th & 14th April 2024

Learning more about the Mass

First Reading Acts 3:13-15,17-19
You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him up from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 4:2,4, 5, 9
R: Lord, let your face shine upon us.

Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5
Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

Gospel Luke 24:35-48
It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

20th & 21st April Readings - Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 4:8-12
Second Reading Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29
Gospel John 10:11-18

20th & 21st April Mass Times

Saturday	9:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	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
	6:00pm	St Joseph's Cathedral

This Mass is livestreamed and available publicly at www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton

Shortly, before we receive communion, the priest says, "Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lord." Did you know that these words come right out of the Bible?

If you go to the last book in the Bible, the book of Revelation 19:1-6 we read about St John's visions of heaven - the multitude in heaven with the angels and elders singing a new song to the Lord. Four times they shout "Hallelujah". "Hallelujah" means "praise God" and it is found many times in the Old Testament but only four times in the entire New Testament and all of them in this passage.

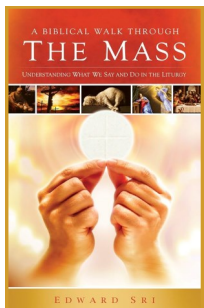
The passage continues, "Let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready." (Rev. 19:7)

Then the angel instructs John to write: "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." (Rev. 19:9)

Have you ever thought of the Mass as a wedding feast? Jesus is the Bridegroom, and the Church is his Bride. As members of the Church, Jesus wants to give himself to us in the Eucharist.

That is why the practice of thanksgiving after communion is so important. We should want to spend time with Our Lord, to talk to him and thank him. We should not be looking around to see who showed up or what they are wearing. We should not be rushing out the door or wanting to catch up with our friends when Jesus is dwelling within us. We should make time to give Jesus our attention and to express our love for him.

Edward Sri. *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Understanding What We Say and Do in the Liturgy* Revised Edition (West Chester PA: Ascension, 2021) pp. 169-172.



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Rockhampton Catholic Parishes

- **Baptisms** For more details on the bookings and required preparation sessions, call the Parish office **P 4927 6744**.
- **Marriages** For more details on the bookings and required preparation sessions, call the Parish office **P 4927 6744**. Advanced notice and preparation is required (6 months minimum).
- **Funerals** For more details, call the Parish office **P 4927 6744** or **E funerals@rok.catholic.net.au**
- **Hospital Visitation** Rockhampton Base Hospital. To arrange a pastoral or sacramental visit **E pastoralcare.rockhampton@rok.catholic.net.au**
- **Becoming a Catholic** If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic, call the Parish office **P 4927 6744** or **E rcianorthrocky@gmail.com**
- **Rockhampton Parishes Pastoral Council** The Rockhampton Parishes Pastoral Council (RPPC) consists of elected members from each Parish and meet regularly. For more details please speak to your parish representative or **E 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, Lionel Reynolds, Allan Hore (Gympie), Kevin James Tobin,

Anniversaries Tim Sisley, Gerry Bailey,

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 on which list the person needs to be.*

✠ *When requesting family and friends be included in the recently bereaved or sick list, ensure you have their permission.*

✠ *When circumstances change and the person listed can be removed from any of the lists, call the Parish office **P 4927 6744**.*

Weekday Mass Times

Monday	7:00 am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday	9:00 am	Holy Family Church
	5:30 pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday	9:00 am	St Mary's Church
	12:00 noon	St Joseph's Cathedral
Thursday	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	4.30-6.30 pm	Adoration at St Mary's Church
Friday	9:00 am	Our Lady Help of Christians
	12:00 noon	St Joseph's Cathedral
Saturday	9:00 am	St Joseph's Cathedral

Penance

- ✠ Saturday 9:30-10:30 am St Joseph's Cathedral
- ✠ Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm Holy Family Church

Anointing of the Sick

- ✠ 1st Saturday of the month during the 9:00 am Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral.
- ✠ 1st Friday of the month during the 9:00 am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Avenue.

Baptisms at St Joseph's Cathedral

Today, we welcome with great joy as children of God:

- ✠ Payton Claire Seymour
- ✠ Vinny Charles Wills
- ✠ Saoirse Annie Jacqueline Durkin



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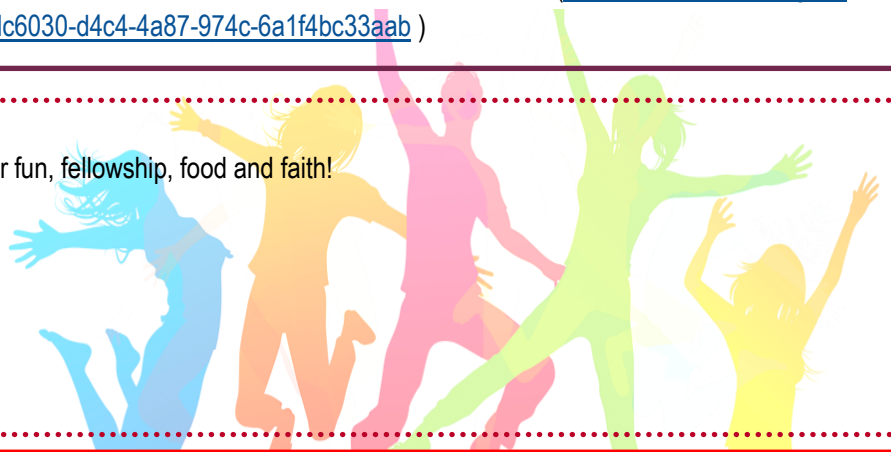
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Rocky Catholic Youth GROUP

All high schoolers are welcome to come to Youth Group for fun, fellowship, food and faith!

Term 2 dates

- April 20th - Cathedral Centre after 6pm Mass.
- May 4th - Holy Family after 5pm Mass
- May 11th - Cathedral Centre
- June 1st - Holy Family
- June 8th - Cathedral Centre



Are you able to help the RPPC?

The Rockhampton Parishes' Pastoral Council meets once per month on Mondays from 5:00 pm to approximately 6:30 pm in the Parish Centre. To assist with documenting our deliberations and communicating with the parishes, we are looking for a parishioner to join us during the gatherings to take minutes. If you are interested or would like to recommend someone, please contact Simon Warren on 0439 076 557 or talk to your RPPC member. Our next meeting will be held on **April 22nd** and any help offered will be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your consideration.

Simon Warren, Chair Rockhampton Parishes' Pastoral Council

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.



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? Please send your expression of interest E rcianorthrocky@gmail.com or P 4927 6744.

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 E kjpeagam@gmail.com or P 0407 589 674.

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

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 E pssomanager@rok.catholic.net.au

For more information see the Diocesan website <http://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

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