

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter 27th & 28th April 2024

First Reading Acts: 9:26-31
 He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 21:26-28,30-32
R: 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.

4th & 5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter
First Reading Acts: 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
Second Reading 1 John: 4:7-10
Gospel John: 15:9-17

4th & 5th 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

Thank You and Farewell Until Our Paths Cross Again

As many of you already know, I have been appointed to the Gladstone Catholic Parish commencing from next weekend. This weekend therefore marks my final opportunity to regularly pray and worship with you in the Catholic Parish communities across the City of Rockhampton.

I want to offer you all a very profound and sincere 'thank-you' for being a part of my Christian journey since I arrived in the City in January of 2023. I have felt most welcome, encouraged and supported. You have been woven now into the fabric of my own Christian life. My living out of ordained ministry among, with and for the People of God in the Diocese of Rockhampton will always be shaped by its beginnings here in the communities of the Rockhampton Catholic Parishes.

We have together discerned the living out of our shared Christian vocation. Across our worshipping communities, our two Catholic colleges, our six Catholic primary schools, hospital ministry, youth ministry, ecumenical encounters, retirement homes, nursing homes, the outreaches of CatholicCare, the social justice gatherings, the prayer groups, MenAlive, the RCIA, and in the domestic Churches of Christian families, I have witnessed how the contemporary expression of Church here in Rockhampton is the presence of Christ here in Rockhampton.

Like every era that has preceded this one, our contemporary expression of Church is one in which there exists the fullness of possibility and promise. You have mirrored to me the light of Christ that shines into our community, our city. Your missionary activity and evangelising endeavours point towards the possibility and promise of which Christ is the fulfilment.

I look forward now to continuing my journey of learning more about my relationship with God accompanied by the wonderful people of Gladstone. I look forward to returning to the City of Rockhampton from time to time for Diocesan events and celebrations as we all gather together with our Bishop, Michael, along with our many friends from across the Diocese from Bargara to Midge Point, from Emu Park to Aramac, and all other places in between.

Let's continue to remember each other in prayer.

With every best wish and blessing,

Fr Peter Doherty

AFTER HOURS CLERGY CONTACT Should you require a Priest in an emergency after hours please call (07) 3830 5216

Fr Alex Varghese
Parish Priest

Fr Jomon Poothara
Associate Pastor

Fr Bill Senn
Associate Pastor

Fr Samuel Okoroafor
Associate Pastor

Fr Peter Doherty
Associate Pastor

Catholic Parishes of Rockhampton

Parish Secretary Trish Jones
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 P 4927 6744 or E cposj.admin@rok.catholic.net.au

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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 Julie Ryan,

Anniversaries Heather Logovik, Vince & Beverly Murphy, Gerry Bailey, Edward Curtain SNR.

Those who are sick Loyola Durkin, Steven Senini, Paul Barry, Loretta Bruckley, Marietta Scott, Mary Busby, Colleen Keeley, Gino Abenzi, Graham Swadling, Raymond Trevaskis, Barbara Trevaskis, Stephen Balkin, Fr Peter Tonti, Ronnie Camenzuli, Sarah Siganto, Barry Clanfield, Connie Waldron, Alan and Joy Liddell, Lorraine Charles, Don & Donna Wedel, Stephen Jones, Carmel Kendall, Narelle Beavan, Allana Brooks, Penny Desouza, Michael Webb, Elaine Winter, Annielyn Punzalan, June Poole & The Poole family, Marion Brigg, Cherry Butac, Bev Bartlem, Michael Harris, Beverley Johnson, Daisy Maturin, Linda Samms, Jeanette Allen, Barry Carter, Jean Battour, John Dobson, Angela White, Tony Wilkinson, Patricia Fern-Smith, 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 29th April—4th May

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	8:00 am	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
	5:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral—Holy Hour
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 am Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral.

✠ 1st Friday of the month during the 9 am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Avenue.

FR PETER DOHERTY'S FAREWELL

All parishioners are invited to come together to farewell Fr Peter Doherty from the Rockhampton Catholic Community. Come and join the sausage sizzle and refreshments at the St Joseph's Cathedral Parish Centre on Tuesday 30th April from 6pm.

To assist with catering or to advise of any special dietary requirements please contact the parish office on P. 4927 6744 or E cposj.admin@rok.catholic.net.au

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.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

WELCOME TO OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES



This week we welcome Pippa Reilly Graycen Bradshaw, and Sailor Hodkinson as they are baptised in the waters of Baptism at St Joseph's Cathedral. Please keep these children and families in your prayers.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

When: Friday May 3rd 5:30pm **Where:** St Joseph's Cathedral

What: Evening Prayer & Benediction

Spend an hour with the risen Lord with adoration and Vespers for the Feast Day of St Philip & St James, praying for vocations for our Church and for our own vocations. Food & Fellowship afterwards at the parish centre. Contact Mick at 0433 897 973 or vocations@rok.catholic.net.au to be included in catering or for more information.



Rocky Catholic Youth Group

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

Term 2 dates

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



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GOSPEL OF JOHN?

Dr Edward Sri has produced a video series on the Gospel of John entitled "Follow Me". You can get online access to this series from Ascension Press. You are welcome to join Di-Anne Rowan at Holy Family Church on Tuesday 7 May from 10:30 to 11:30am to see the first session. Please RSVP to Trish Jones at the Parish Centre.

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.

HOLY FAMILY WORKING BEE

Parishioners and friends of Holy Family Parish are invited to join in a working bee at the church and grounds on Saturday 18 May, between 7-11am. If you are able to bring basic garden tools, such as pruners, brooms, rakes, tree loppers etc that would be helpful. Contact Trish on 4927 6744.

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

ECUMENICAL SERVICE ON PENTECOST SUNDAY

You are invited to attend and bring a friend to the Ecumenical Service on Pentecost Sunday 19th May at 2pm in St Joseph's Cathedral, a cuppa will follow the Service.



ECUMENICAL CORNER

"This *change of heart and holiness of life, along with public and private prayer for the unity of Christians*, should be regarded as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement, and can rightly be called 'spiritual ecumenism' ". [Art 21 That They May all be One](#)

What changes do I need to make in my life to bring about 'spiritual ecumenism' ?

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/>

Queensland Professional Standards Office www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/

Your Local Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Kathy Bryan – St Joseph's Cathedral Helen Mollard – Holy Family Shaun Pettett – Our Lady Help of Christians Mike Kelso – St Mary's

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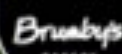
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