

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

14th April, 2024

**2nd Collection for the Holy Spirit Seminary Appeal
20th & 21st April (next weekend)**



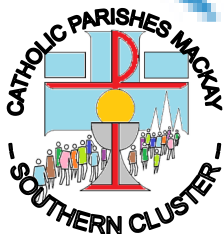
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With your kind support, you ensure the future of our faith through ordained leadership. You remind our seminarians in formation that they have a congregation of the faithful carrying them in prayer as they discern God's calling in their lives.

Please know that you are always included in the daily prayers of seminarians and staff at Holy Spirit Seminary. We are so grateful for your continued support, and we pray that God will bless you abundantly for your generosity.



Make your gift to support seminarians using the envelopes provided, call us on (07) 3324 3200, scan the QR code or go to catholicfoundation.org.au/seminary



Parish Office Contact Information

Office Hours

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Parish Team

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Parish Churches

St Patrick's
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Mackay

St Francis Xavier
403 Bridge Road
West Mackay

St Mary's
46 Juliet street
South Mackay

St Michael's
1 Range Road
Sarina

St Therese's
18 Grasstree Road
Alligator Creek

We Remember in Prayer

Those who are sick: Debbie Kirkman, Ester Cabalfinllarenas (P'pines), Dan Vickers (Bris), Fr Peter Tonti, 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: Sally Borg, Denise McCowan (Bribie Is), Mary (Moy) Nahrung, Mary Vella (Syd), Jan Webb, Maglio Signorini, Michelina Herd, Margaret Vella, Steven Gargano (Sydney), John Quattromani (Syd)

Anniversaries of death: Henry Chyba 4/5, Rosaleen Noonan 24/3, John Styles 18/4, Albert Sleight 28/4, Mario Cruz 24/4, Carlito Cruz 24/4, Vera Galea 25/4, Bill Daley 2/4, Amarlie Carroll 4/4

We remember those for whom Mass has been requested: Peter Ribaldone, Joseph Sant, Alfred Galea, Patrick Scriha, Narcisa Sagrado, Carmel Azzopardi, John Ryan, Kevin Casey, David Crowley, Jean & Richard Sciberras, Joe Bartolo, Joe, Grace & Jim Attard, Sr Betty Attard, Mary Vella, Paul & Tona Bartolo, Beryl Neilsen, Eric Eastment, Carmel Daley, 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 Galea, Louis & Grace Bezzina. Deceased members of the Ribaldone, Brignone, Falar, Manapsal, Murillo, Jao, Muega, 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*****

Safeguarding: 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/

Parish Schools

St Patrick's College
Senior Campus & Mercy Campus



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St Mary's Catholic
Primary School



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Autaiiah Lee-Leo, Christina Watson, Connie McAuley, Ayla Dunn, Harlen Bryant, Marlie Bryant & Scarlett Howland will be Baptised at St Patrick's Church and *Zoe Mushinga* will be Baptised at St Francis Xavier Church this weekend. Please pray for *Autaiiah, Christina, Connie, Ayla, Harlen, Marlie, Scarlett and Zoe and their families* as we welcome them into our Faith Community.

St Mary's Church urgently requires volunteers to take on the following responsibilities:

- One volunteer to prepare for the 5.30pm Mass on Thursdays
- One volunteer to prepare for the 5.00pm Mass on Saturdays
- One volunteer to prepare for Baptisms at 10.30am on the 4th Saturday of each month.
- One volunteer to prepare for funerals when requested.
- Full training offered. Please contact the Parish Office on 49574807

Maltese Rosary Group: In April, the group will meet on the **18th (next Thursday)**, as the last Thursday of the month will be Anzac Day. Cluster Parish Office, Morley Street, South Mackay. All welcome.

Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Training will be delivered in our Parishes on the dates listed below. All Clergy, Religious, Parish Staff and Church Volunteers are **required to attend this training every year**. The Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office team look forward to seeing you at the training.

Southern Cluster: Thursday 2nd May, 10.30am & 5.30pm in the Parish Centre meeting room

To register please contact the Parish Office:

Phone 4957 4807 or email cluster@smky.catholics.org.au

Vinnies Volunteer Open Days - Mackay

You're invited to our Vinnies volunteer Open Days!

9.00am to 1.00pm April 16th at the Macalister Street store

9.00am to 1.00pm April 19th at the Canberra Street store

Join us in celebrating all that's great about volunteering - making friends, having fun and making a difference in your local community.

Come and meet our incredible team and experience firsthand what it's like to be a Vinnies volunteer and tour our stores.

Mark your calendars and spread the word!

Mackay Regional CWL invites you to our annual Afternoon Tea and Cent Sale on Saturday 20th April, at Mackay City Bowls Club! The function will begin at 1.30pm and will have a Rock n Roll theme. (Please feel free to dress to match the mood). Admission price is \$10 and tickets will be available at the door.

You may wish to gather some friends and book a table in advance, by contacting Di on 0400970872 or Margaret on 0437307314.

We look forward to your company and your support.

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.

Week Day Masses (week commencing 15th April)

Monday

12.10 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

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 20th April:

5.00pm St Mary's

6.00pm St Francis Xavier

Sunday 21st 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 (3:13-15. 17-19)

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, let your face shine on us.*

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St John (2:1-5)

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.



Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (24:35-48)

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'