



St Patrick's Parish Emerald Welcomes You

*11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
15th & 16th June 2024*

We, St Patrick's Catholic Parish, welcome all into a personal relationship
with Jesus Christ through *Community, Service, Spirituality and Faith Formation.*

SUNDAY CONNECTIONS

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

The reign of God is like a mustard seed.

Background on the Gospel Reading

After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one (see Mark 1:44, 3:12, 5:43, 7:36, and 8:26). Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/11thsundayinordinarytime/sundayconnection/>

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Liturgies - Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 12noon | Wednesday 7am

Thursday 8am (Church)

Friday 9am

Anointing Mass - 3rd Wednesday monthly &

4th Tuesday monthly

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8am

Anakie Community Hall:

2nd & 4th Sunday monthly

Multicultural Mass with Bishop Michael

July 14th at 9am

Representation from all cultures are invited to participate in the liturgy, setting up, catering to share and entertainment. Contact Fr Truc or 49821066 by Sunday, 30 June.

join-in, junte-se, tham gia vào, gaibhada, sumali, páirt a ghlacadhi, mein shaamil hon, auai I totonu, joyina, pridruži se, jiärù



We acknowledge the Kairi, the Wangan, and the Western Gangaloo Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands of which St Patrick's Parish is situated. We recognise their continuing connection to the land, waterways, and community. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



Sick: Kevin Bickhoff, Beatrice, Mick Burridge, Fr Peter Tonti, Dawn Meek, Marjorie Millard, Peter Mahony, Shelley Herwin, Nancy Mooney, Myra Stanton, Vinita Allix, Margaret McCormack, Shirleen Piltz, Rita Ross, Dane Tappenden, Mary Horner.

Deceased: Margaret McCosker, Christine Maynard.

Anniversaries: John Crossan, Valma Burridge, Jojo Elardo, Allan Esmond, Leeroy Aupouri, Graham Barraclough, Robin McCosker, Maria McLaughlin, Alan and Barbara Cozens, Stephen Chapman, Glen Ogden, Annette Rossendell, Bev Hales.

Please contact the parish office if you are aware of people or families within our community requiring our prayers and/or support. The Parish Priests are available for special blessings (home, vehicle, occasions). Contact the parish office to make an appointment.

Church June Roster

Ground Maintenance: Tony, John, Sean

Church Linen: Marie Mahony

Church Cleaning:

21st Volunteers please

28th: Marissa, Kellie, Tesa

THIS WEEKEND 15/16 June

Sacristan:

6pm: John Millard | **8am:** Peter Agius

Commentators:

6pm: Marissa Ryan

8am: Marie Mahony

Readers:

6pm: Donna Lennon, Morag Hyslop

8am: Monica Burns, Natalie McCosker

Communion Ministers:

6pm: Margaret Daniels, Helen Lunn, Volunteer please

8am: Grainne Cullivan, Natalie McCosker, Volunteer please

Children's Liturgy:

6pm: Mick & Helen Smale

8am: Luka Hill, Mikaela Mayfield

Altar Servers:

6pm: Layla Creedon, Wyatt Gilhooley

8am: Isabelle Case, Chloe Matthews

Powerpoint Operators:

6pm: Cathy Chapman

8am: Lauren Krause

Holy Goods:

6pm: Margaret Boland

8am: Sue Peters

Musicians:

6pm: Richard, Cathy, Troy

8am: T.B.A, Mila, Mark



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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8 June 2024

Dear Diocese

Re: Appointment of Fr Kingsley Ihuoma to the Blackwater Parish

On the evening of Saturday, the 22nd June 2024, I will be travelling to Blackwater and celebrating mass with the community in thanksgiving for the incredible service of Sisters Carmel and Colleen for nearly 20 years in the parish of Blackwater.

The sisters complete their appointment at the end of June 2024 and I have appointed Fr Kingsley Ihuoma as the Administrator of the Parish from the end of July 2024. I am grateful to Fr Kingsley for accepting this appointment.

With Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Most Rev Michael McCarthy
Bishop of Rockhampton



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30 May 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

After nearly two decades, Sisters Carmel Boyle *pvm* and Colleen Livermore *rsm* will retire from the pastoral ministry to the Blackwater Parish at the end of June this year. During these years, Sisters Carmel and Colleen have ministered in the Central Highlands through extraordinary outreach in caring for the parishioners of the Parish of Blackwater.

Their extraordinary service and commitment will be celebrated at Mass at Mary Immaculate Church, Blackwater on Saturday, 22 June at 6pm, followed by a shared supper with the community. If you are able, please bring a plate to share.

You are most welcome to join me as we honour and farewell the Sisters.

Yours sincerely

Most Rev Michael McCarthy
Bishop of Rockhampton



Morning Tea Sunday 16th June

Parish gathering for morning tea after Mass.

Please bring a plate to share.

All are very welcome.

Anointing Mass

Wednesday
19th June
7am

Baptisms

Baptism this Weekend

Agatha Loyola McKinlay
Parents: Simon and Esther

Reclaim Young Adults Retreat

Brisbane Archdiocese is running a young adults retreat in the Sunshine Coast on the weekend of the 5th-7th of July. A chance to get away, rest, make some new friends and make space for God.

Click on the QR code for more info or to register. If you're interested in carpooling with other young adults from our diocese than contact Mick at 0433 897 973 or youth@rok.catholic.net.au.



Thursday 20th June 2024
Mass 8am at Church
(not Marist College)



PLANNED GIVING

	March	April	May
Envelope	\$4353	\$4063	\$5914
Loose	\$5096	\$4747	\$4610
Average	\$1889	\$2202	\$2631
Donations:	\$3556		

Please contact the parish office to join planned giving.



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Caring for our Priests

Most of our Priests work long into their seventies, caring for the spiritual life and welfare of their people, sometimes to the detriment of their own health. Priests are not employees and so are not entitled to superannuation throughout their working life.

The Clergy Support Foundation Appeal provides the financial means to care for sick and retired Priests, providing accommodation, health support and any other services that allow dignity to our Priests in retirement and poor health.



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Second Collection
Sunday 29th of June