# Catholic Parishes North Mackay & Farleigh St Joseph's, St Brigid's, St Brendan's, St Helen's, Star of the Sea

# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 30 June 2024

### **Ordinary Time**

We are now a few weeks in but it is worth giving some consideration to this period of the Church's year that we call Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time, the longest season of the Church year, fills the weeks that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 43). It's the no-particular-reason season. Christmas Time honours the birth of Christ. Easter Time rejoices in the Resurrection. Ordinary Time is devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.

At first glance, the principles of Ordinary Time seem basic enough. Start counting the weeks after Christmas Time. Break for Lent and Easter. Resume after Pentecost and keep counting until Advent. Basically, that's how it works. But we have a few quirks.

For example, there is no "First Sunday in Ordinary Time"; however, there is a first week. Usually Christmas Time ends on a Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. The lectionary also calls it the First Sunday in Ordinary Time, but it is part of Christmas Time. (Some years, like this one, the Baptism of the Lord falls on a Monday, but that's another story.) Ordinary Time gets underway on a weekday. When the next Sunday rolls around, we start week two.

On the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, we see the last of Ordinary Time until after Pentecost. Even then, it emerges only on weekdays. Trinity Sunday always follows Pentecost Sunday, and the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord comes the next Sunday in Australia. (In countries where this solemnity is a holyday, it falls on a Thursday.) Therefore, when the numbered Sundays in Ordinary Time return we start out a little higher than where we left off. Sometimes we skip one or two entire weeks of Ordinary Time during the Easter break. We want to close the Sundays of the year with Christ the King, one week before Advent. Christ the King always falls on the Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

So, we determine the week number after Pentecost not based on where we left off before Lent, but by counting backwards from Christ the King. One or two weeks may disappear, but Ordinary Time still serves the complete mystery of Christ.

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#### **SECOND COLLECTION**

This weekend a Second Collection will be taken up across the Diocese for 2024 Clergy Support Foundation Appeal.

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**

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#### **Parish Donation Point**



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

# Please Pray For:

#### The sick:

Rosa Menzies, Nicole Spindler, Jenny Dickson, Joy Gray, Elizabeth Overden, Sr Lila Galvin.

#### The recently deceased:

Carrie Vella, Kevin Hennesy, Joe Vella, Kevin McCusker, Diane Stevens

#### Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Jack Pace, Mary Camilleri, Charles Greenhalgh, Chris Tonna, Rose Bezzina, George Bezzina, Charles Anthony Sherry (Tony), Suzie Sherry, Anthony Sherry, Delores (Del) Ryan, Annie Kok, Jessie Azzopardi, Francis Vella, Charlie Azzopardi, Jessie Azzopardi, Maree Blines.

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 commitment statement and Policy:

www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

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

## This Weeks Response & Acclamation

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. 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

#### **Position Vacant**

#### Administration Assistant - Catholic Parishes of North Mackay & Farleigh

The Catholic Parishes of North Mackay & Farleigh are seeking a casual Administration Assistant to provide support to the Parish Secretary, and to fill in for leave absences. The role supports the parish ministries and administration. The position will involve approximately 4 hours per week, plus additional hours for leave coverage when required. Applications close: COB Monday, 8th July 2024. Please submit a brief cover letter outlining your availability and suitability for the role, and a current resume with two references to ken.kelly@rok.catholic.net.au. For more information or a copy of the Position Description, contact Ken Kelly on the above email or phone 4957 4855.

#### **Our Lady of Victories Mass**

Mackay Franciscan Sisters of the Heart invite you to Our Lady of Victories Mass. Friday 6th September 7pm - Procession, followed by Mass. St Francis of Assisi Aged Care - 2 Dupuy Street, Mackay, Outdoors. Supper to follow. Please bring Plate of nibbles to share.

#### St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

Donate today to provide people who are at risk of, or experiencing homelessness and those struggling with cost-of-living pressures with immediate practical assistance and long-term support. Please visit vinnies.org.au or call 13 18 12. Donations can also be dropped off at the Regional Office, Cnr Hamlet & Juliet Streets, South Mackay. Donations can also be placed in collection at Masses in an envelope marked SVDP Winter Appeal.

#### **Harvest Mass 2024**

Experience Sunday Mass in a new way. 2:30pm Sunday 30th June 2024. Habana Community Grounds, 1091 Mackay-Habana Rd. This is a special outdoor Mass where we pray for a safe sugarcane harvest season in our fields and mills. The priest blesses the machinery brought down by farmers. It's a great Mass for families. Bring a plate and stay after Mass for shared afternoon tea. More info ph Laurence 0427638673

#### **Charismatic Renewal**

The Rockhampton Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites all to their annual gathering for 2024 - Encounter School of Ministry Winter Intensive. This will be a powerful experience that helps bridge the gap between the supernatural lifestyle of Jesus and the everyday experience of many believers, and a chance to hear from engaging and faith-filled speakers. Venue Emmaus College, Rockhampton.

Commencing Friday 23 August @ 6pm concluding Sunday 25 August @ 12.30pm. Registration includes meals Adults \$90-00, Students and Young adults 18 to 25yrs \$45-00. A bus will be travelling from Mackay. To register use the QR Code or https://app.tickets.org.au/ESMbrisbane/EncounterWI Any queries call Deirdre 0419 028 016.



#### **Reclaim Young Adults Retreat**

Brisbane Archdiocese is running a young adults retreat in the Sunshine Coast on the weekend of the  $5^{th}$ - $7^{th}$  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.



#### Liturgies

Monday

#### **Tuesday**

6.30am St Joseph's

#### Wednesday St Thomas, apostle

9.30am St Joseph's Anointing

#### Thursday

9.30am Mater

#### Friday

6.30am St Joseph's

#### Saturday

9.00am St Joseph's Holy Hour: Confession, Adoration, Benediction

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

#### Sunday

7.00am St Brendan's 9.00am St Joseph's

9.00am Star of the Sea

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**

#### Ezekiel 2:2-5

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 122. R. v.2

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

#### Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

#### Gospel Mark 6:1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country.



## Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel passage presents two miracle accounts, one, in effect, 'interrupting' or being framed by the other. Jesus is approached by the synagogue official, Jairus, to come and heal his dying daughter. In the milling and surging crowd, Jesus suddenly becomes aware of being touched by someone. The story of the woman with a haemorrhage is a story of social and religious isolation as much as it is a story of illness and pain. Because of the Jewish prohibitions against blood, the woman would have been regarded as permanently impure and unclean. She would have been unable to engage in any worship; she could not touch another person without also making them unclean; she was effectively outcast for the 12 years of her illness. She knew it would be forbidden for her to touch Jesus openly but took her chances of being unobserved in the crowd - she risked all on the belief that even touching Jesus' cloak might heal her. Jesus immediately stopped and drew attention to the woman. By doing so he made it clear to her that it was her faith that had healed her (a feature of healing stories in the Gospel of Mark). His actions also made it clear to the crowd that she was now healed and should not be shunned any longer; she was publicly declared fit to re-enter society and religious participation. After 12 years of virtual non-existence, the woman was now able to begin her life again. The delay, however, meant that Jairus' daughter was dead by the time Jesus arrived. Undeterred, Jesus performs another miracle and raises the girl from death. The girl was 12 years old – the same 12 years the woman suffered with a haemorrhage – and now she too was able to begin her life again. There is a neatness and a completeness about the two stories. © Greg Sunter

Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people.

# 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.

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