

Catholic Parish of Walkerston (including Eton)

St John's + Holy Cross

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B: 16TH JUNE 2024



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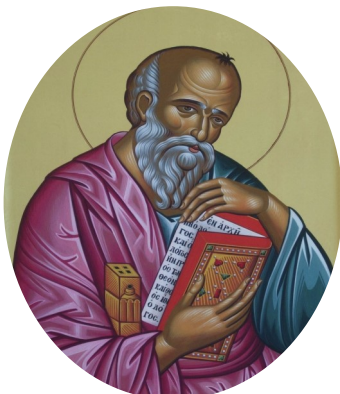
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Emergency Pager

Anointing in danger of death

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *The Sowing of the Seed*

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang of in the Magnificat)!

Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: 'Be patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush' (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the depths of stony ground of the tomb to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to a fair and just distribution of the world's resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germinating power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade'.

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to further the work of Our Lord Jesus Christ by fostering the Spiritual growth of Parishioners and leading them to respond actively to their Baptismal call to Mission.

Liturgies of the Week Week 17th —23rd June

MONDAY

6.30am Mass -St John's
5.45pm Finance Meeting

TUESDAY

6.30am Mass -St John's

WEDNESDAY

ST ROMUALD,

9.00am —St John's

St John's Feast Day Mass

THURSDAY

9.00am Holy Hour—St John's

10.00am Mass—St John's

FRIDAY

ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, religious

9.00am Mass—St John's

SATURDAY

**Sts John Fisher, bishop
& Thomas More, martyrs**

4.30pm Reconciliation-St John's

5.15pm Mass- St John's

SUNDAY

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Mass - Holy Cross

Parish News & Announcements

Welcome to Carter & Carli Derbin who will be received into the Church this weekend. Please keep them & their family in your prayers.

Finance Committee Meeting is on Monday 17th June starting at 5.45pm in the meeting room at St John's church.

***Please note: St John's Church needs Volunteers to clean the Church on a Roster Basis, Please contact the Office if you are able to help. Thank you.**

The Catholic Dinner Club will meet on Mon. 24th June at 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start at the Boomerang Hotel, Nebo Rd. Guest speaker is Michael Bichler, Officer in Charge Mackay Aviation Rescue and Firefighting. Visitors/New members are always welcome. **RSVP to Peter Sheedy by text or mobile at 0418 186 691.**

Position Vacant: Administration Assistant - 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.

Donate to Vinnies 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 Council Office on the corner of Hamlet & Juliet Streets, South Mackay.

Join us for Harvest Mass 2024 - 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

The Rockhampton Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal is hosting **Encounter School of Ministry Winter Intensive**
Drawing from the richness of our Catholic heritage, we seek to teach, equip and activate disciples to demonstrate the love of God through the power of the holy Spirit in their sphere of influence.
From 23rd to 25th August at Emmaus College, Rockhampton.
For more information and to register go to <https://app.tickets.org.au/ESMbrisbane/EncounterWI>

Society of St Joseph Bequest Program: After providing for your family, including a gift of any size in your Will to support the Church's mission is a reflection of your gratitude, faith, and values. For more information contact the Community Engagement Manager 07 4887 3090 or email communications@rok.catholic.net.au.

Refugee Week 16th - 22nd June

Refugee Week in Australia is always held from Sunday to Saturday of the week which includes 20th June (World Refugee Day). For 2024, it will be held from **Sunday 16 June to Saturday 22 June**. World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on 20th June and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.



As you may be aware, Judy Pidcock is finishing up in her role with the Diocese at the end of August. We are launching a recruitment drive for the role of Professional Standards and Safeguarding Manager today. You can find job advertisements on the below sites:

Diocesan website <https://rok.catholic.net.au/employment/administration-officer-safeguarding/>

Diocesan Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/rokdiocese/posts/pfbid0a8Ue1UvmgAikqckKcX6QUpoY3rShcUMrBHPurQ3VnaLwzonHwZFyc91ChhRrgp6UI>

LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/hiring/jobs/3928469082/detail/>

Seek <https://www.seek.com.au/job/76101964?ref=cm-ui>

Cath News <https://cathnews.com/job/professional-standards-and-safeguarding-manager/>

CQU Career Hub <https://employers.careerhub.cqu.edu.au/jobs/5645499>

Applications close on Monday, 17th June.

Please Pray For:

The sick:

Lisa Hodges, David Cox,

The recently deceased:

Marsha Ritchie, Daintry Fuller (Yeppoon),

Anniversaries that occur at this time: (Dates are in front of names)

28/5 Florence Brown, 6/6 Rose Grima, 8/6 Stewart Brown, 17/6 Grace Zarb,

Remembrance Mass:

Michael & Stuart Sarich, Sally Borg, Joe (Lizzy) Borg, Joe, Antonio & Guiseppa Axiak, George & Rose Bezzina, Andrew Zammit, Carmel Azzopardi, Catrina Cortis, Therese Suokallio, Trevor Lamb, John Caruana, Angie & Charlie Caruana, Veronica Vezzoli, Glen Ellwood, Doris Tweddle, Charlie Borg, Mary Vella, Anne (Vella) Fowke, Emmanuel & Tessie Falzon, Peter Camilleri, Anthony Scriha, Ben Agius, Pat & Doreen Young, David Deguara, Vincent & Carmela Colby, John Paul Borg (Snr), John Paul Borg (Jnr), Charles, Mary, Victor, Sam & Adrian Camilleri, Grace Zarb, Mary Deguara, Jean Sammut, Albert Sammut, Richard, Clare & Carolyn Batros, Percy Vella, Patrick Camilleri, Members of the Sammut Family,

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, Anniversaries or Recently deceased being added to the bulletin. Envelopes & Forms in each Church or ask at the Office.



Next Week's Scripture

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

[from the book of Job 38:1, 8-11;](#)

Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.

Responsorial Psalm
[Ps 106:23-26,28-31: R.](#)

Give thanks to the Lord,
his love is everlasting.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of
St Paul to the Corinthians 5:14-17:

All things are made new.

Gospel

A reading from the Holy
Gospel according to

[Mark 4:35-41:](#)

Who can this be? Even the wind
and the sea obey him.

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 (Free call) **Email:** pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au

Diocesan Website www.rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/Queensland

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/

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. Registration for the event is at <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/reclaimretreat24>



This Week's Scripture

First Reading: [Ezekiel 17:22-24](#) A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R.](#)

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)



Second Reading: [2 Corinthians 5:6-10](#) A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mark 4:26-34](#) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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Holy Cross

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