

# Catholic Parishes of North Mackay & Farleigh

St Joseph's, St Brigid's, St Brendan's, St Helen's, Star of the Sea

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday 28 July 2024*



## *PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY*



*Lord, faithful God,  
you created us in Your image,  
You who never leaves us alone  
and who accompanies us through every season of life,  
do not abandon us, take care of us,  
and grant us, once again,  
the ability to discover ourselves  
and recognise that we are Your children.*

*Renew our hearts with your Word  
and do not allow anyone to be cast aside.  
May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness  
and teach us to say:  
"I will not abandon you!"  
To those we meet on our journey.*

*With the help of Your beloved Son,  
may we not lose the taste for fraternity  
and may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.  
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,  
and make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly  
a day without loneliness, and a day abundant  
with the first-fruits of Your peace.*

*Amen*



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

Fr Andrew Hogan

### Parochial Vicar

Fr Raju Mandothparambil

### Parish Manager

Mr Ken Kelly

### Parish Secretary

Mrs Chris Haines

### Finance Secretary

Mrs Kerry Dempsey

## Contact Details

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Anointing In Danger of  
Death

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### Parish Donation Point



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

## *Please Pray For:*

### The newly baptised:

Eliarna Bussey, Oakley Zonta, Aubree Zonta.

### The sick:

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

### The recently deceased:

Beverley Johnson, Johnny Faletti, Francis Mifsud, Carrie Vella, Kevin McCusker.

### Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Warren McNeish, Doreen Kunkel, Stephen Kunkel, Doris Peacock, David Ryan, Paul Flanagan, Teodora Faletti (Dora), John Martin, Josephine McMahan, Angie Caruana, Charlie Caruana, John Caruana, Trevor Lamb, Jack Pace, Mary Camilleri, Charles Greenhalgh.

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.

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commitment statement and Policy:**

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## *This Weeks Response & Acclamation*

**Rx** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

*Alleluia, alleluia!* A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people. *Alleluia!*



*When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' John 6:12.*



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

## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This Sunday is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly and the theme is “Do not cast me off in my old age” (Psalm 71:9). Pope Francis exhorts us to “show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families.” We can respond by organising to call or visit grandparents in our own families or elderly people that we know, and by praying for all grandparents and elderly.

To read Pope Francis’ message in it’s entirety scan the QR code.



## Needing Volunteers

Needing more volunteers to help with morning tea after the Sunday 9am Mass at St Joseph’s Church. If you would like to help please give Chris a call at the Parish Office 49574855 Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12noon or send an email [stjomky@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:stjomky@rok.catholic.net.au).

## Date Claimer

Mackay Choral Society Inc Presents— “*The Rhythms Of Life*”

Saturday 3rd August and Sunday 4th August, 2.00pm, at CQCM Theatre 151 Boundary Road, Ooralea. Adult \$35; Concession \$30; Child \$20. Many of our parishioners will be performing in this concert, check out the Parish Facebook Page for more details.

## The Catholic Dinner Club

The Catholic Dinner Club will meet on Monday 29th July at 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start at the Boomerang Hotel, Nebo Road. The guest speaker is Vanessa Ramswarup Diocesan Community Engagement Manager. New members and visitors are always welcome. RSVP to Peter Sheedy by text or mobile at 0418 186 691

## Position Vacant

Administrative Assistant based at SVDP Regional Office (Juliet St) 15hrs a week (Mon, Wed, Friday) Permanent Part Time Typically 8:30 to 1:30 \$26.19.

Hourly Rate + Super + Salary Packaging More details are on the specific link at <https://www.seek.com.au/job/76737100>

## Farleigh Counters

Counters required for the months of August, November & December 2024. Police checks will be required and organised by Parish Office. Approximate time per session will be one hour. Training will be provided. Phone Parish Office for more details 49574855.

## 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.

## 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.



## Liturgies

### Monday

*St Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

*St Ignatius of Loyola, priest*

### Thursday

*St Alphonsus Liguori,  
bishop, doctor*

### Friday

### Saturday

*St Dominic, priest*

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 Star of the Sea  
9.00am St Joseph’s  
9.00am St Helen’s LWC

**Priests away at Clergy Retreat**

**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

**Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15**

*I will rain bread from heaven upon you.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24**

*The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

### Second Reading

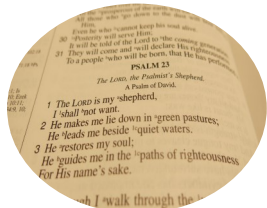
**Ephesians 4:17, 20-24**

*Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.*

### Gospel

**John 6:24-35**

*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.*



## Gospel Reflection

In the readings for Ordinary Time, we take a break from the sequence of readings from the Gospel of Mark for a few weeks and this week's reading begins a diversion into chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. The whole of John 6 is an extended discourse that explores the image of Jesus as the Bread of Life. The chapter and the discourse begin with this week's miraculous feeding of the multitude. As this event occurs in each of the four gospels there is a compelling argument that there is some basis in fact or, at the very least, that the metaphoric image of Jesus feeding a crowd was an enduring one in Christian communities.

Jesus is described as testing the disciples, asking them where they might be able to purchase bread for the crowd. Phillip is overwhelmed at the thought of spending a fortune on enough bread for more than 5,000 people. A small boy nearby had a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish. Jesus took the bread and fish, gave thanks and then had the disciples begin to distribute the food. When everyone had eaten their fill, the disciples collected twelve hampers of leftovers. Some commentators suggest that the twelve baskets represent the twelve tribes of Israel – indicating that the message of Jesus will be enough to feed and sustain the whole of Israel. Having witnessed this miracle the people have a sudden insight into who they think Jesus might be – the promised Messiah come to free them from their Roman oppressors. Wary of the crowd's mistaken understanding of what the Messiah is to be, Jesus literally heads for the hills to avoid being made a political figurehead for the people.

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**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.

### St Joseph's

21 Grendon St  
North Mackay

### St Brigid's

961 Bruce Hwy Farleigh

### St Brendan's

799 Mackay Bucasia Rd  
Rural View

### Star of the Sea

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Seaforth

### St Helen's

71 McIntyre St, Calen

## Catholic Schools

### Holy Spirit College



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