

Catholic Parishes of North Mackay & Farleigh

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

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 1 September 2024*

A Father's Day Prayer



God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things.

*Bless these men, that they may be strengthened
as Christian fathers.*

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

*Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.*

Grant this through Christ our Lord. 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

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Emergency Pager

Anointing In Danger of
Death

0400 874 807

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 sick:

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

The recently deceased:

Matthew O'Neil, Iona Stevenson, Ann McDevitt, Angie Caruana, Charlie Caruana, John Caruana, Trevor Lamb, Laurel Rollinson.

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Charlie Spiteri, Sylvia Spiteri, Suzanne King, Chas Bugeja, Keith Lariviere, Jane Austin, Antonia Giordmaina, Levena Campion, Martin Bartolo, Joseph Tonna, John Borg, Andrew Zammit, Tony Falzon, Pauline Falzon, Adrian Michael Grech.

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

Rx The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. *Alleluia!*

*Why do your disciples not respect
the tradition of the elders but
eat their food with unclean
hands?
Mark 7:5*



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

MONSTER CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE

First Prize \$10,000

ENTER TO WIN!

Second Prize \$ 3,000 **Third Prize \$ 2,000**

Single Ticket - \$ 5 Book of 10 - \$50

Raffle will close Thursday 19 December 2024 and drawn Friday 20 December 2024 at St Joseph's Parish Hall. Prizes will be drawn in descending order starting with the first prize. Prize winners will be notified by phone if not present.

Invitation to Parishioners

Parishioners of the Catholic parishes of North Mackay and Farleigh are invited to attend a meeting of the Combined Finance Councils on Thursday, 12 September, commencing at 6pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall. This will be an opportunity for parishioners to be informed about the financial position of the parishes and discuss merging the two parishes.

Novena

Twelve day program Prayer For Family with Padre Pio group 16th—27th September at St Joseph's Church North Mackay. The program starts on Monday 16th September and finish on Friday 27th September. The time for the program start is 4.30pm, each day except for Saturday 21st September starting time will be 11am.

St Vincent de Paul

In these challenging financial times, members of the St Vincent de Paul Society become the hands behind the help for many in our local community. To find out more about the work of our members, please reach out to our local SVDP representatives (Paul—paulruhl@gmail.com or Larry—larry001@tpg.com.au), who are looking forward to meeting you.

Mothers Group

Join our vibrant, faith-based mothers group held in St Joseph's Parish Centre every Wednesday fortnightly at 10:30am during school term. Celebrate the amazing work of mums in a child-friendly environment filled with joy, music, and action songs. Our gatherings are designed to align with the liturgical year and scriptures, fostering spiritual growth for both mums and children. Engage in meaningful discussions, share experiences, and activate the domestic church within your home. Come and be part of a supportive community that honors and uplifts motherhood through faith and fellowship.

All are welcome! The last date for term September 11.

Ignite Conference: Rise Up!

Ignite is a National Catholic Conference for people of all ages to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way. Our diocese is taking a group which is open to all high school students and young adults. This year Ignite runs from September 19th to 22nd. For more details scan the QR code or contact Mick on 0433 897 973 or youth@rok.catholic.net.au.



Farleigh Counters

Counters required for the months of 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.

Liturgies

Monday

Tuesday

6.30am St Joseph's

Wednesday

St Gregory the Great,
pope, doctor

9.30am St Joseph's Anointing

Thursday

8.00am Emmanuel/HSC Chapel

9.30am Mater

Friday

6.30am St Joseph's

12.00pm 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

7.00am Star of the Sea LWC

9.00am St Joseph's

9.00am St Helen's

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

Isaiah 35:4-7

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened
and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading

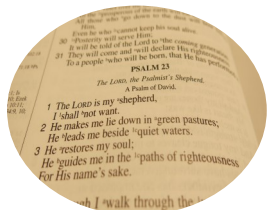
James 2:1-5

*Has not God chosen the poor
of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

*He makes the deaf hear
and the dumb speak.*



Gospel Reflection

No matter how good the intention, sometimes misguided principles can lead to false action. This is what Jesus chastised the Pharisees about. The traditions that had been established through the Pharisees and the Lawyers were certainly based on the Law as stated in the Torah. However, the practices that had been established to try to help people honour the Torah had effectively replaced the Law. In order to maintain spiritual cleanliness, a tradition of physical cleanliness had emerged – particularly around interaction with Gentiles and around eating. However, the purpose of the tradition had become lost. The need for physical cleanliness had replaced the maintenance of spiritual cleanliness.

The Pharisees observe some of the disciples eating without properly washing their hands and challenge Jesus about it. They are upholding the tradition that has effectively become the Law. Jesus reminds them – somewhat forcefully – that these external practices are not the Law; rather the Law is observed internally. Jesus goes so far as to call the Pharisees hypocrites. It is a criticism of them that the gospel writers attribute to Jesus quite frequently. For Jesus, hypocrisy was one of the greatest failings. Because Jesus placed such a high price on integrity of word and action he could not abide those who proclaimed to be just, pious or forgiving and yet acted in ways that were contrary to these claims. His chastisement of the Pharisees – calling them hypocrites – was a challenge to their observation of external practices and rituals instead of seeking to understand the Torah as a call to a change of heart. Jesus points out that no amount of ritual cleansing will make a person clean within. Similarly, evil and uncleanness come from within a person – one doesn't 'catch it' from contact with strangers. © 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.

St Joseph's

21 Grendon St
North Mackay

St Brigid's

961 Bruce Hwy Farleigh

St Brendan's

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Rural View

Star of the Sea

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St Helen's

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Catholic Schools

Holy Spirit College



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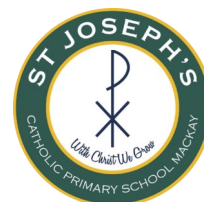
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