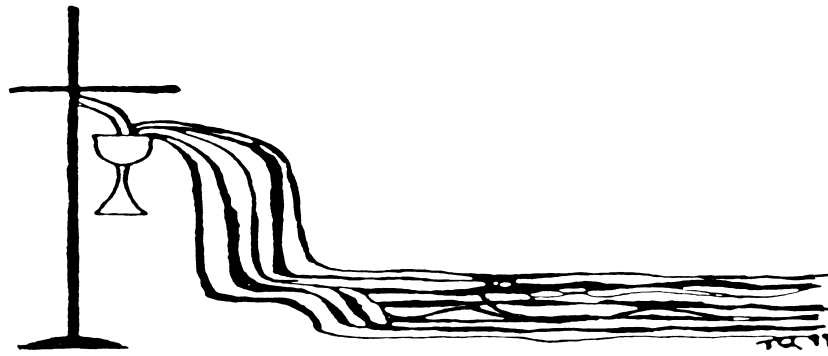


# Catholic of Parishes North Mackay & Farleigh

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

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Sunday 20 October 2024*



## Reflection

The sons of Zebedee expected Jesus to lead a Messianic revolt to throw off the yoke of imperial Rome. But they wanted to be part of a similar sort of power structure. They had not grasped that Jesus had come to turn that sort of society upside down.

However, over the centuries, the Church took on much of the trappings of power of imperial Rome. The popes governed much of Italy. Giuseppe Garibaldi was one of those generals who defeated the forces defending the Papal States, and in doing so actually liberated the papacy from its role as feudal overlord of much of Italy.

In the course of the campaign, when despondent, Garibaldi often reflected on the delightful time he spent on Three Hummock Island just off the coast of Tasmania. So we may say that the liberation of the papacy, enabling it to respond more clearly to today's Gospel, began in Tasmania!

Pope Francis embodies the spirit of today's Gospel. He rails against a Church exhibiting 'the leprosy of a feudal court'. Rather, he has said: 'I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.' And in his actions he has shown himself as a true 'Servant of the servants of God' as Jesus commands in today's Gospel.

We may pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis that he may have the strength and time to persevere in his responding to today's Gospel so that the papacy may be truly liberated so as to practice a radically different way of exercising leadership in the Church and for the world.

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**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

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### Parish Secretary

Mrs Chris Haines

### Finance Secretary

Mrs Kerry Dempsey

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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:

Anastasia Bhalla, Emelia Brodello, Hudson Brondello, Peyton Copping, Theo Turner.

### The sick:

Tracey Shanks, Janette Hancock, Nicole Spindler, Jenny Dickson, Sr Lila Galvin, Joy Gray, Rosa Menzies, Hec Neil.

### The recently deceased: .

Teresa Borg.

### Anniversaries that occur at this time: .

Lawrie & June Lawler, Lawler & Harrison Families, Ada Redhead, George Camilleri, Joe Camilleri, Bob Schofield, Clem Bugeja, Rose Vassallo, Jo Fergus, Mary Muller, Jim McGill, Sean McGill, Vincent Larsen, Ronald Elgey Jnr. William & Carmel Borg.

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 each church.

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We pray for the success of the  
second session of the Synod and the  
prayerful discernment  
of its members.



## *This Weeks Response & Acclamation*

**R** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The Son of Man came to serve and to give his  
life as a ransom for all. **Alleluia!**

*Can you drink the cup  
that I must drink?*

*Mark 10:38*



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**

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## RCIA

The RCIA is a process for welcoming new adults into the Church. It involves catechetical sessions, discussion and rituals guiding participants through the core beliefs of our faith. This is an important ministry of our parish and it needs your support. If you would like more information or you think you can assist the parish in this ministry please contact the office.

## Mackay Maltese Club

Melbourne Cup Luncheon Tuesday 5th November, 11am. Boomerang Hotel. Order off the Menu. Sweeps on the day. Prize for Best Dressed. RSVP to Doris Gauci 0419 027 554, by Monday 28th October.

## St Joseph's Cathedral Conservation Appeal

Help us care for St Joseph's Cathedral. St Joseph's Cathedral requires regular and ongoing maintenance, as any building would, but also requires special attention to maintain its unique architectural character, heritage elements and spiritual identity. Some of the areas in which your support would assist include: Tiles; Pipe Organ; Electronic sign; Livestreaming Equipment; Sanctuary; Pews; Toilets; CCTV and Fire Protection systems. An appeal will be held across the Diocese on the weekend 10th / 11th November. Your donation will help St Joseph's Cathedral remain a beautiful place of prayer and worship.

## Do you want to make a difference in our community?

You're invited to join the St Joseph's Online Conference. We are taking expressions of interest. Meetings are monthly, online via Microsoft Teams. Training will be provided. Express your interest by scanning the QR code or emailing: [membership.rocky@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:membership.rocky@svdpqld.org.au). National Police Check will be required.



**Mother Effect**  
**Mackay**  
**Term 4**

Meeting fortnightly Wednesdays  
St Joseph's Parish Hall  
from 10:30 am

October 9th & 23rd  
November 13th & 27th  
December 11th



## Liturgies

Monday

Tuesday

6.30am St Joseph's

Wednesday

9.30am St Brigid's

Thursday

8.00am Holy Spirit / Emmanuel

9.30am Mater Hospital

Friday

6.30am St Joseph's

Saturday

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

#### Jeremiah 31:7-9

*I shall lead them back in mercy –  
both the blind and the lame.*

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Ps 125. R. v.3

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

### Second Reading

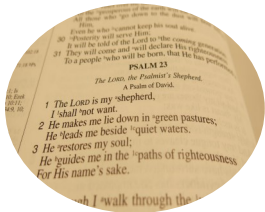
#### Hebrews 5:1-6

*You are a priest forever in the line  
of Melchizedek.*

### Gospel

#### Mark 10:46-52

*Master, grant that I may see.*



## Gospel Reflection

James and John are effectively calling 'shotgun' on the best seats at the table! When they ask to sit at the left and right hand of Jesus, they are asking Jesus to name them as his deputies. They're looking to secure for themselves positions of power and authority. The only problem is that they have a completely messed up idea of what it means for Jesus to enter into his glory. For several weeks now, we have been exploring a theme from the Gospel of Mark that follows a physical journey towards Jerusalem as well as a symbolic and theological journey towards what is going to occur in Jerusalem – Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and resurrection.

Throughout this journey, Jesus has been trying to prepare the disciples for what is to come and educate them about what it really means to be a disciple of his. Three times Jesus tells the disciples explicitly what lies ahead. Each time the disciples fail to grasp what Jesus tells them. Despite occasional glimpses of insight, the disciples still believe that Jesus is going to rise up as a political or military figure. In a complete dismissal of this sort of thinking, Jesus declares quite forcefully that leadership of this sort is not what he intends for himself, nor for those who follow him.

Leadership in the Jesus model is about being of service to others; it is not about prestige and acclamation. Many of the best leaders are those who do not have any title of leadership or authority. Their leadership and authority come from what they do and how they do it. They inspire others to follow their example. They don't demand it; they don't bully; they don't play power games. People simply want to follow their example.

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## 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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Seaforth

### St Helen's

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### Mackillop Catholic Primary School



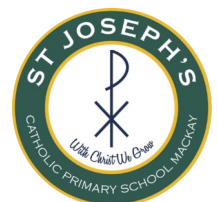
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