

St Patrick's, Mackay † St Francis Xavier, West Mackay  
St Mary's, South Mackay † St Michael's, Sarina  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B  
27th October 2024



**Gospel Reflection**

Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made? © Dianne Bergant CSA

**DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN OUR COMMUNITY? YOU'RE INVITED TO**

*Join our Groups*

**Have a spare 1 to 2 hours a week?**

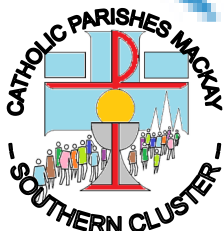
**We are passionate about assisting people in need.**

**HOW YOUR PASSION AND SKILLS CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

- **Interviewing** people in need, **listening** to their stories.
- **Packing** hampers, **re-stocking** shelves, **updating** our database
- **Visiting** people who are **isolated**, lonely or in hospitals, nursing homes
- **Visitations** to **tenants** at St. Vincent de Paul housing units
- **Visiting** people Sunday mornings at the Mackay Watchhouse, for inmates to pass on messengers to family.
- **Providing support** to volunteers in the Vinnies stores.
- **Enhance** and **share** your faith journey with other like-minded people and more...

Meetings are held at various times but not necessary to help.  
Training provided; no experience necessary.  
Family Support is Mondays, Wednesdays, and  
Fridays (9am to 11:30am).

Express your interest by scanning the QR code  
or emailing: [membership.rocky@sudpqld.org.au](mailto:membership.rocky@sudpqld.org.au)  
National Police Check will be required.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
QUEENSLAND  
*good works*

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### Office Hours

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## Parish Team

### Parish Priest

Fr Matthias Ogwo

### Associate Pastor

Fr Anthony Nguyen

### Parish Secretary

Lisa Vassallo

### Parish Finance Officer

Deborah Ludkin

## Southern Cluster Churches

St Patrick's  
12 River Street  
Mackay

St Francis Xavier  
403 Bridge Road  
West Mackay

St Mary's  
46 Juliet Street  
South Mackay

St Michael's  
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Sarina

St Therese's  
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## We Remember in Prayer

**Those who are sick:** Daniel Muscat, Joyce Raffaldi, Maria Zammit, Rick Crouse (USA), Debbie Kirkman, Ester Cabalfinllarenas (P'pines), Dan Vickers (Bris), Fr Peter Tonti, Julie Sammut, Rosa Menzies, Clyde Hoffman, Freddy Ahwang, Sue Christensen, Debbie Jones, John Bugeja jnr, Alison Bugeja, Jim Scriha, Debbie Hagger, Gavin Carter

**The faithful recently departed:** Jason Cooney, Robert Bryan, Judy Flynn, Sr Amabile Speranza RSM (R'ton), Aaron Azzopardi (Syd), Elrae Trueman, Angelina Grasso (Bris), Teresa Borg, Christopher Refalo, Peter Higgins (T'ville), Joan Luscombe, Julia Battaia, Frank McGuire, Rita Chetcuti, Silvio Giannangelo, Sr Mary Baptist RSM (R'ton)

**Anniversaries of death:** Glen Stevens 26/10, Danielle Derbin 27/10, Rene O'Riely 15/10, Pat Connor 9/10, Doris McSherry 21/10, Charles Fenech 16/10, Stanley Paul 17/10, Peter Ribaldone 10/10, James Ranile 27/9, Vincente Ranile 27/10, Eduardo Ranile 5/10, John Thurling 26/10, Margaret Boyd 1/10, Emma Cittadella 8/10, Luigi Surian 31/10.

**We remember those for whom Mass has been requested:** Brian Smith, Helen Foster, Patrick Faust, Richard & Jean Sciberras, Ray Patroni, Domingo, Ciriaca & Lonting Samson, Robert Crosby, Carmel Welsh, Stephanie Maer, Margaret Barfield, Pat Holsworth, Diane Shore, Veronica McFadzen, Patrick Scriha, Bernard McGuire, Joachim, Tuoc & Hach Nguyen, Joe, Paul & Tona Bartolo, Joe, Grace & Jim Attard, Sr Betty Attard, Lucy & Vern Payne, Joseph Mifsud, John Bugeja, Trevor Lamb, Charlie, Angie & John Caruana, John Styles, Jan Webb, Bill & Carmel Daley, Jim, Frank & George Vella, Rita Steindl, Margaret Hackett, Michael Hackett, Cesare Del Dot, Grace & Joe Mifsud, Raymond Gunning, Jim, Anna & Joseph Rostirolla, Antonio, Maria & Vincenza Rostirolla, Francesco, Phillip Sanfilippo, Pietro & Prassede Raiteri, Kathleen Carroll, Marlene Comin, Peter & Francis Corby, Brian Hill, Ben Faa, Tony & Vera Galea, Louis & Grace Bezzina, Shelly Rutland, Teresita Muego. Deceased members of the Jao, Nayler, Caresosa, Ribaldone, Brignone, Patroni, Ahern, Forzatti, Sorbello, Mirabella, Muscat, Galea, Hackett & De Brincat families

*\*\*\*Please Note: 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\*\*\**

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## Parish Schools

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Senior Campus & Mercy Campus



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**NOVEMBER**  
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Remembering our deceased relatives and friends and all who have gone before us in faith. November Mass envelopes are available in our Churches from this weekend.  
**Dates to remember:** Friday November 1st All Saints Day  
Saturday November 2nd All Souls Day.  
\*\*\*Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am on Saturday 2nd November for All Souls at St Patrick's Church

**Anointing Mass - 6.30am Friday 1st November St Francis Xavier Church**

**Please Note:** Commencing 6th of November, Wednesday 6.30am Mass at St Francis Xavier Church will be celebrated at 8.30am. This time change applies to the Wednesday morning Mass only.

**Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)**

**St Michael's: Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation - 27<sup>th</sup> October after 9.00am Mass**

**St Francis Xavier: Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation - 28<sup>th</sup> October 6:00pm**

**St Mary's: Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation - 29<sup>th</sup> October 6:00pm**



**First Reconciliation St Patrick's:** To enrol your child or for further information please contact me, Mary Anne Baillie – [mabaillie.mab@gmail.com](mailto:mabaillie.mab@gmail.com)

	When	Where
Session 2	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> October 4pm – 5pm	St Mary's Parish Office 3 Morley St, South Mackay
Session 3	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> November 4pm – 5pm	
1st Reconciliation	Date to be announced	St Patrick's Church

**Becoming Catholic: We welcome anyone inquiring to become Catholic**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the journey through the richness and mysteries of our faith which the church has provided for anyone who wishes to be welcomed into the full life of the Church. This process is about to commence.

An adult is anyone over the age of 16.

If you know of someone who is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, please ask them to contact the Cluster Parish office  
p: 4957 4807 or e: [cluster@smky.catholics.org.au](mailto:cluster@smky.catholics.org.au)

**St Michael's Parish fair** will be held 5.00pm on Saturday 9th November at St Anne's School. Cent stall, jumping castles, ham wheel, raffles, hot food, plant stall, cake stall, trash & treasure. Come along for a wonderful family night out.

**The Catholic Dinner Club** will meet on Mon 28th October at 6.30pm for a 7pm start at the Boomerang Hotel Bistro, Nebo Rd. Our guest speaker is Ian Rowan the former CEO of RACQ CQ Rescue. He was a British RAF pilot and is currently a member of Mackay Hospital and Health Service Board of Directors.

**Please RSVP to Peter Sheedy by text or mobile at 0418 186 691.**

**MOTHER EFFECT:** Join our vibrant, faith-based mothers group every Wednesday fortnightly, 10:30am at St Joseph's Meeting Room on Grendon St, during the school term. Celebrate the amazing work of mums in a child-friendly environment filled with joy, music and action songs. Come and be part of a supportive community. All are welcome! The dates for Term 4 are November 13th & 27th and December 11th.

**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 Oct.

**The Maltese Rosary Group** will meet on Thursday 31st of October at the Cluster Parish Office, Morley Street, South Mackay. All welcome.

**The Maltese Rosary Group's** end of year celebrations will commence with reciting of the Rosary at 10.00am followed by Mass at 10.30am on Thursday 14th November at St Mary's Church. After Mass all are welcome to gather for lunch at Souths League Club.

Please RSVP to Frances Muscat by 10th November on 4956 1357.

**Week Day Masses  
(week commencing  
28th October)**

**Monday**  
*Sts Simon & Jude, apostles*  
12.10pm St Patrick's

**Tuesday**  
6.30am Francis of Assisi Chapel  
8.00am St Mary's

**Wednesday**  
6.30am St Francis Xavier  
4.00pm Francis of Assisi

**Thursday**  
9.00am St Michael's  
5.30pm St Mary's

**Friday - All Saints  
Anointing Mass**  
6.30am St Francis Xavier  
12.10pm St Patrick's

**Saturday - All Souls**  
7.00am Francis of Assisi Chapel  
9.00am St Patrick's

**Devotions - St Patrick's**

**Tuesday**



6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Novena & Benediction

**Friday**

11.00am Exposition of the Holy Eucharist  
12 noon Angelus

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**St Francis Xavier Church**  
Friday after 6.30am Mass

**St Patrick's Church**  
Friday & Saturday  
11.30am - 12.00 noon

**Sunday Mass**

**31st Sunday in Ord Time Year B**

**Saturday 2nd November**

5.00pm St Mary's  
6.00pm St Francis Xavier

**Sunday 3rd November**

7.00am St Patrick's  
7.30am St Therese's  
9.00am St Francis Xavier  
9.00am St Michael's  
10.45am Francis of Assisi Chapel  
6.00pm St Patrick's  
(only Sunday night Mass in Mackay)

## This Week's Scripture



### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

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

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!  
Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!  
See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North  
and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:  
a great company returning here.  
They had left in tears,  
I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.  
For I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

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

### Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Master, grant that I may see.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



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