

Rockhampton Catholic Community

As we move forward & including the praying communities of: St Joseph's Cathedral, St Paul's (Gracemere), Sacred Heart (Mt Morgan), St Mary's, Holy Family and Our Lady Help of Christians
 The Parishes of Rockhampton acknowledge the Darumbal & Gungalu people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work, travel and live. We pay our respects to their Elders, their Ancestors and Emerging Leaders.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd & 3rd November 2024

First Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6
 Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Responsorial Psalm 17:2-4,47,51
 R: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28
 This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-34
 This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

Next Week's readings: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th & 10th November

First Reading 1 Kings 17:10-16
 Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28
 Gospel Reading Mark 12:38-44

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 4:00pm Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan
 5:00pm Holy Family, Norman Gardens
 6:00pm St Joseph's Cathedral
 6:00pm Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Avenue

Sunday 6:30am St Joseph's Cathedral
 7:00am St Mary's, North Rockhampton
 8:00am St Paul's, Gracemere
 9:00am Holy Family, Norman Gardens
 9:30am St Joseph's Cathedral
 This Mass is livestreamed and available publicly at www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton
 6:00pm St Joseph's Cathedral

ON THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

November presents the People of God with a particular focus: we pray for the faithful departed, our deceased loved ones and all souls in purgatory. We also celebrate and call on the saints in heaven to pray with and for us. But this isn't just a *pious November thing*. Every Sunday we recollect Easter, Christ's definitive victory over sin and death. We profess the Creed, too, which boldly proclaims our belief "in the resurrection of the body" / "the dead", "and life everlasting" / "in the world to come."

Indeed, the faith in which we were baptised and renew as we share Eucharist culminates in proclaiming **the resurrection of the dead on the last day**. This concerns not only the *immortal soul* but the raising of the mortal body - **yes, even if cremated, even if lost to the forces of nature, etc.** It does not matter what happens to our bodies, God wills to gather them up again on the last day (cf. CCC 988-991). Did you know this? Do you believe it? If in doubt, consider not only Christ's Ascension but Mary's Assumption. God means to raise you - **all of you** - to himself.

Over the course of this month, pray with the Church for your deceased loved ones: pray for all who have died, especially those who may have no one to pray for them; ask for the prayers of the saints who go before us and are yet with us on our journeys; ask our angels to pray for us; hallow the bodies of the deceased by visiting their graves or praying at the cemetery; and consider your own journey which will cross the threshold of death.

"How can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain.... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." (cf. 1 Cor 15).

Fr Ashwin Acharya, Associate Priest

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Rockhampton Catholic Parishes

- **Baptisms** For more details on the bookings and required preparation sessions, call the Parish office P 4927 6744.
- **Marriages** For more details on the bookings and required preparation sessions, call the Parish office P 4927 6744. Advanced notice and preparation is required (6 months minimum).
- **Funerals** For more details, call the Parish office P 4927 6744 or E funerals@rok.catholic.net.au
- **Hospital Visitation** Rockhampton Base Hospital. To arrange a pastoral or sacramental visit E pastoralcare.rockhampton@rok.catholic.net.au
- **Becoming a Catholic** If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic, call the Parish office P 4927 6744 or E rcianorthrocky@gmail.com
- **Rockhampton Parishes Pastoral Council** The Rockhampton Parishes Pastoral Council (RPPC) consists of elected members from each Parish and meet regularly. For more details please speak to your parish representative or E RPPC@rok.catholic.net.au
- **Intercessory Prayer Group** . Do you have a special need that you would like to be prayed for? There is now a dedicated group of intercessors in our parish - the Rocky Prayer Warriors. Please email rockyprayerwarriors@gmail.com and you can be assured that you will have a team of parishioners praying for your needs.

Please remember in your prayers

Recently deceased Damian Cervetto (Bris), Shirley Crawford (Bris), Greg Cummins, Jocelyn Lavarez, Sr Brenda Moss

Anniversaries Brian Daley, Liz Zammit, Carolann Carolan, Peter Reynolds, Peter Durkin, Darcey Rowan

Those who are sick Jocelyne Benoit, Sue Hawkins (Caloundra), Evie Curran, Graham Guth, Terry Johnson, Marietta Scott, Bonifacio Apura, Benedict Apura, Peter & Marie Mahony, Margaret Hardy, Thomas Horn (Theodore), Gwenda Casey, Jean Battour, David Logan, Eleanor Carreon, Mary Busby, Stephen Jones, Barry Clanfield, Graham Swadling, Bev Bartlem, Michael Harris, Marion Brigg, Joy Liddell, Carmel Kendall, Paul Barry, Raymond Trevaskis, Barbara Trevaskis, Cherry Butac, Connie Waldron, Lorraine Charles, John Manwaring, Gino Abenzi, Barry Carter, John Dobson, June Poole, Don, Judy & Donna Wedel, Linda Samms, Narelle Beavan, Elaine Winter, Allana Brooks, Patricia Fern-Smith, Michael Webb, Angela White, Penny Desouza, Jeanette Allen, Annielyn Punzalan, Patricia Borthwick, Tony Wilkinson.

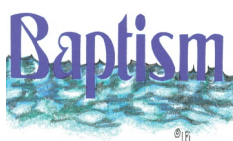
✚ When providing names, please indicate on which list the person needs to be.

✚ When requesting family and friends be included in the recently bereaved or sick list, ensure you have their/family's permission.

✚ When circumstances change and the person listed can be removed from any of the lists, call the Parish office P 4927 6744.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

Please pray for Charlie Mae Russell & Sophie Neaton and their families as they are baptised into the Parish Community of Holy Family church this weekend.



PARISH CENSUS 2024

The Parish Census is still available online at Census link - <https://forms.office.com/r/bSXFHHzpZb> or scan this QR code. If possible, we would ask that the form be completed online via the below details. As not everyone has online access, some hard copy versions of the census will be available in our Churches and can be returned to the Parish Office .



MEMORIAL LITURGY INVITATION

We invite all families to our Liturgy of Remembrance to be held on Wednesday 6th November 2024 Holy Family Church, 390 Feez St, Norman Gardens at 5.30 pm

Light refreshments to follow. To assist with catering please respond to the Parish Office by 4th November.

Please contact the Parish Office to RSVP Ph: 4927 6744 or e: cposj.admin@rok.catholic.net.au



NOVEMBER MASS REQUESTS AND BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE

During November we remember our friends and relatives who have died and now rest in eternal peace.

There are Mass envelopes and Books of Remembrance in all churches, these names will be remembered during Masses in November but forever in families hearts.

Weekday Mass Times 4—9 Nov—2024

Monday	7:00 am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday	9:00 am	Holy Family Church
	5:30 pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday	9:00 am	St Mary's Church
	12:00 noon	St Joseph's Cathedral
	5:30pm	Memorial Liturgy—Holy Family
Thursday	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	4:30 pm –6:30pm	Adoration, St Mary's Church
Friday	9:00 am	Our Lady Help of Christians + Anointing Mass
	12:00 noon	St Joseph's Cathedral
Saturday	9:00 am	St Joseph's Cathedral + Anointing Mass

Penance

✚ Saturday 9:30-10:30 am St Joseph's Cathedral

✚ Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm Holy Family Church

Anointing of the Sick

✚ 2nd Saturday of the month for November only during the 9 am Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral.

✚ 2nd Friday of the month for November only during the 9am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Park Avenue.

Celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024?

Bishop Michael would like to extend an invitation to all married couples across the Diocese celebrating a significant wedding this year to join him to celebrate your milestone.

St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton
Sunday, 1st December during the 9.30am Mass

Please RSVP to the Bishops Office by 25th November on 4887 3070 or email bishopsoffice@rok.catholic.net.au



On behalf of the Church in Mongolia, and people like Chuluunbaatar, we would like to again thank you for your generosity.

Your gift is already working towards programs like the House of Mercy, which will support people that have been affected by a range of issues, such as homelessness and domestic violence.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia. Your action will make a positive impact for many around the world.



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DATE CLAIMERS:

10th November St Joseph's Cathedral appeal .
2nd Collection all Parrish Masses
17th December Rockhampton Catholic Community
Volunteer Christmas Thank-you
celebration. From 6 –8pm, Parish Centre.

YOUTH GROUP DATES:

November 2nd: 5pm - 8pm at Holy Family
November 9th: 6pm - 8.30pm at Cathedral
December 7th - Christmas Breakup at Kershaw Gardens
Contact northrockyouth@gmail.com for more information

EMMAUS ART DISPLAY—HOLY FAMILY HALL 2nd NOVEMBER, FOLLOWING YOUTH MASS

The staff and students of Emmaus College invite you to view their sacred art which is inspired by the Emmaus Story, from the Gospel of Luke, with the theme: "Stay with us" and eat. Their artistic talents and artist statements are on display in the Church Hall and we hope you enjoy their efforts.

THURSDAY LADIES CLUB

The Parish Ladies Club will be meeting in Holy Family Hall, Thursday 7th November at 10am.

Lessons in making Christmas cards will be the activity of the day, so please bring along rulers, scissors, glue, coloured pens and your artistic flare. Morning tea will be served and there will be lucky door prizes for everyone.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE— Call for Volunteer Shop Assistants

The St Joseph's Cathedral Bookstore is calling for volunteers to work as sales assistants in the bookstore Saturday morning. For more information, please contact the Parish Gift and Bookstore on 4921 2170.

ROCKY PRAYER WARRIORS

Do you have a special need that you would like to be prayed for? There is now a dedicated group of intercessors in our parish - the Rocky Prayer Warriors.

Please email rockyprayerwarriors@gmail.com and you can be assured that you will have a team of parishioners praying for your needs.

If you would like to be a prayer warrior, please feel free to also let us know via the above email.

ECUMENICAL CORNER—

On 11 October 2024, Christian leaders of different denominations joined Pope Francis in the Vatican's Protomartyrs Square to celebrate an ecumenical vigil, together with thousands of believers from around the world thus marking the 62nd anniversary of Vatican II and the 60th anniversary of the Vatican II document: Unitatis redintegratio (Decree on Ecumenism) which was the catalyst for a new era of ecumenism in the Catholic Church. In his homily, Pope Francis, reflecting on the lessons learned from the synodal process, reminded the faithful that "Christian unity is not uniformity", but, rather, "harmony . . . which is brought to life by the Holy Spirit for the benefit of all Christians".

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2022) 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) or epssomanager@rok.catholic.net.au
For more information see the Diocesan website <http://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>
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Your Local Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Vacant – St Joseph's Cathedral Helen Mollard – Holy Family Shaun Pettett – Our Lady Help of Christians Mike Kelso – St Mary's

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, North Rockhampton-125 Year Commemorative Magazine

In 2025, a commemorative magazine will be published to celebrate the first 125 years (1900-2024) of St Mary's Catholic Primary School. This will combine a focus on current schooling and events, as well as reflecting on the past – highlighting how the school community and grounds have grown and changed throughout this time.

As part of this, we are looking for historical information to be included in sections such as 'Memories', 'Success Stories' and 'Family Stories' involving multi-generational families that have attended our school. We are hoping the community can rally together to bring some wonderful stories to light, both past and present including photos.

If you have memories, stories and/or photos to share, please complete this submission form 125 Year Memories and Contributions Submission Form. Paper copies of the Submission form are also available at St Mary's School office.

The due date for submissions is the end of Term 4, 6 December 2024. If you have any photos, we'd love to see them too. Photos can be scanned then emailed to SMNR@125Years@rok.catholic.edu.au or can be brought into the St Mary's School office to be scanned. These photos will form part of our displays during the celebrations next year.

All photos, memories and stories provided must be accompanied by a signed submission form to comply with privacy requirements when printing any materials provided. A permission form is required to be signed for any person/s included in the material submitted.

If you have any questions or ideas regarding our 125 Year Commemorative Magazine, we would love to hear from you. Please email SMNR@125Years@rok.catholic.edu.au and one of our committee members will respond or come along to one of our committee meetings!

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