

Catholic of Parishes North Mackay & Farleigh

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



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:16a

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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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Emergency Pager

**Anointing In Danger of
Death**

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Please Pray For:

The Newly Baptised:

Hayley Vella, Beau Vella, Evelyn Jackson, Ronan Swindells.

The sick:

Aubrey Bautista, Nicole Spindler, Jenny Dickson,
Sr Lila Galvin, Joy Gray.

The recently deceased:

Rosa Menzies, Leslie Campbell.

Anniversaries that occur at this time: .

Jack MacGregor Dickson, Cyril Patton, Trevor Lamb, Ellesandra Pridmore,
Ersilia Seminara, Francesco Seminara, Gordon Peacock, Jarod Vella, Fran Shepherd.

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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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

✠ Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Alleluia, alleluia!* The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. *Alleluia!

Someone is coming,
someone who is more
powerful than I am,
and I am not fit to undo
the strap of his sandals.

Luke 3:16

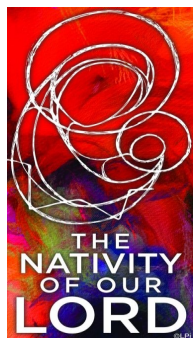


**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.**

**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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS



Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve

St Helen's Church Calen 4.00pm
St Brendan's Church Bucasia 4.00pm
St Brigid's Church Farleigh 6.00pm
St Joseph's Church Nth Mackay 6.00pm
St Joseph's Church Nth Mackay 9.00pm

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day

Star of Sea Church Seaforth 7.00am
St Joseph's Church Nth Mackay 7.00am

Note of Thanks

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the parish community for the celebrations of my priestly anniversary. I hope that the celebration of the Eucharist which is the core and centre of our faith was as uplifting for you as it was for me. Thank you to all those who have either spoken to me personally or in writing and have expressed their encouragement and support. I am thankful also to those who gave of the time and talents in the preparation and celebration of the liturgy as well as the parish gathering that followed. With sincere thanks and God's blessing, Fr Andrew.

Habana Carols Under the Stars

Saturday 21 December 7pm. Bring your chair, blanket, snacks, mozzie repellent, singing voices and friends to get into the festive mood. 1091 Mackay Habana Rd. This is a FREE FAMILY EVENT (wheelchair accessible) organised by the Habana & Districts Progress Association. Supported by Mackay Regional Council's Christmas Grants.

Theology of the Body Immersion Course in January

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton is offering sponsorship for an individual from our diocese to attend a Theology of the Body immersion course on the writings of John Paul II on gender, marriage & family. This course is being presented by the Theology of the Body Institute in partnership with the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, and will take place from the 19th-24th of January 2025 at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Gorse Vale (NSW). The cost of the course is \$1900 but the diocese will completely cover this cost for the successful applicant. The successful applicant will still need to arrange for their own transport to and from the event. Applications for sponsorship will close on the 16th of December and the successful applicant will be notified shortly after. To apply for sponsorship or for more information go to <https://forms.office.com/r/SEQ5Csz4m9>



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
Drawn: Friday 20 December 2024

<https://raffellink.com.au/2024-monster-raffle>
You do not have to be there to collect your prize
Proudly sponsored by Catholic Parishes of North Mackay & Farleigh

All Parish volunteers are invited to a pre-Christmas social gathering on **Friday 20 December, 6.00pm** onwards in the Parish Centre, to coincide with drawing the Monster Christmas Raffle. Come along and enjoy some fellowship, snacks and drinks. Please indicate your attendance to the Parish Office by Tuesday 17 December for catering purposes.

Liturgies

Monday

Tuesday

6.30am St Joseph's

Wednesday

9.30am St Joseph's

Thursday

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

Micah 5:1-4

*Out of you will be born the one
who is to rule over Israel.*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

*Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face
and we shall be saved.*

Second Reading

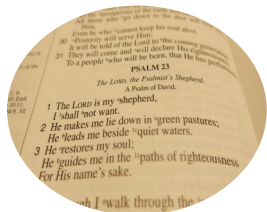
Hebrews 10:5-10

I am coming to do your will.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

*Why should it happen that I am
honoured with a visit from
the mother of my Lord?*



Gospel Reflection

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "**with the Holy Spirit and fire**" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes. — *Father John Muir*

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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

799 Mackay Bucasia Rd
Rural View

Star of the Sea

2241 Yakapari-Seaforth Rd
Seaforth

St Helen's

71 McIntyre St, Calen

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