

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.

The Presentation of the Lord 1st & 2nd February 2025

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4
 The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

Response Psalm 23:7-10
R: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18
 He had to be made like us in all things.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40
 My eyes have seen your saving power.

Next Week's readings: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th & 9th February 2025

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel Reading Luke 5:1-11

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

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the presentation of the Lord in the Temple. The parents of the Lord consecrated and dedicated Jesus to God at the Temple. We are presented to God on the day of our baptism. Every Holy Mass in which we participate is our presentation. We present ourselves and our dear ones on the altar before God through Jesus Christ in the Holy Mass. Hence, we need to live our daily lives with the awareness, both that we are dedicated people consecrated to God, and that we are obliged to lead holy lives.

In the Scripture, the prophet Isaiah says Israel's role was to be a light to the Gentiles, to reveal the light of God to the world. According to our Gospel reading, the elderly Simeon, a devout Jew, recognizes Mary and Joseph's child as the one who is to embody this calling of Israel. He is to be a light to enlighten the pagans, and in being faithful to this role he will bring glory to Israel. Simeon had spent his life looking forward to 'Israel's comforting'.

Like Simeon, we have come to recognize Jesus as the light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of Israel. Today we commence the jubilee of the Diocese. We have candles blessed on this day; we light them and carry them as a sign of our joy of discovering Jesus as the light of the world. Indeed, every time we light a candle in church or at home, we are acknowledging Jesus as the light of the world, and we are also recognizing our own need for his gracious light as we struggle with the various forms of darkness in our lives.

Fr Alex Varghese,

Parish Priest



AFTER HOURS CLERGY CONTACT Should you require a Priest in an emergency after hours please call (07) 3830 5216

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Manager Pam Mazzer **Open Wed—Friday 10am-3pm,**
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Catholic Parishes Centre

- **Baptisms** For more details on the bookings and required preparation sessions, call the Catholic Parishes Centre P 4927 6744.
- **Marriages** For more details on the bookings and required preparation sessions, call the Catholic Parishes Centre P 4927 6744. Advanced notice and preparation is required (6 months minimum).
- **Funerals** For more details, call the Catholic Parishes Centre P 4927 6744 or E funerals@rok.catholic.net.au
- **Hospital Visitation** Rockhampton Base Hospital. To arrange a pastoral or sacramental visits E pastoralcare.rockhampton@rok.catholic.net.au
- **Becoming a Catholic** If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic, call the Catholic Parishes Centre 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 Ken Jenkins, Eunice Ferricks,


Anniversaries Kathleen McDevitt, John Hogan & Francis Bernard McDevitt, Veronique Mpyanga

Those who are sick Meladdy Bacani, Stephen Smith & Family, Alistair Krutz, Gavin Leyden, Tim Anderson, Gaby Nagel, Sue Hawkins, John Cavanagh, Cathryn Croton, Michael Harris, Anne Johnston, Evie Curran, Jocelyne Benoit, Patricia Borthwick, Graham Guth, Terry Johnson, Bonifacio Apura, June Poole, Benedict Apura, Mary Busby, Jeanette Allen, Gino Abenzi, Margaret Hardy, Thomas Horn, Gwenda Casey, Jean Battour, David Logan, Eleanor Carreon, Stephen Jones, Paul Barry, Barry Clanfield, Bev Bartlem, Michael Webb, Marion Brigg, Joy Liddell, Carmel Kendall, John Manwaring, Donna Wedel, Raymond Trevaskis, Barbara Trevaskis, Tony Wilkinson, Cherry Butac, Connie Waldron, John Dobson, Elaine Winter, Don, Judy & Linda Samms, Narelle Beavan, Angela White, Allana Brooks, Patricia Fern-Smith, Penny Desouza, Annielyn Punzalan, Tim Anderson

✚ 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 Rockhampton Catholic Centre P 4927 6744.



Rockhampton Catholic Community
St Joseph's Cathedral - St Paul's - Sacred Heart - St Mary's
Our Lady Help of Christians - Holy Family
Our Mission is to be a people of faith who nurture disciples and share God's love with all.

Sacramental Program 2025

Parent Information Nights

➔ *Tuesday 4th Feb at St Joseph's Wandal Hall, 5:30pm*

➔ *Thursday 6th Feb at Holy Family Church, 5:30pm*

Select one to attend.
Children do not need to attend this information session.

For further information contact Anthony Greene (anthony_greene@rok.catholic.net.au) or Beryl Mills (berylmills18@gmail.com) or Visit the [Sacramental Program 2025 Site](#)

ROCKHAMPTON PARISHES ALPHA

Exploring the big questions in life is important. Have you explored life, faith, and meaning? Alpha is a space where you can bring all your questions.

No question is too big or too small to explore. Want to know more about Alpha?

<https://www.alpha.org.au/basics>

Weekday Mass Times 10—15 Feb 2025

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
	12:00 noon	St Joseph's Cathedral
Thursday	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	4:30-6:30pm	Adoration—St Mary's Church
Friday	9:00am	Our Lady Help of Christians
	<u>Opening School Mass for St Joseph's, Park Ave (at the school)</u>	
OLHC ANOINTING MASS DEFERRED to 14th Feb		
	12:00 noon	St Joseph's Cathedral
	5:30pm	Holy Hour for Vocations—St Joseph's Cathedral
Saturday	9:00 am	St Joseph's Cathedral

Penance

- ✚ Saturday 9:30-10:30 am St Joseph's Cathedral
- ✚ Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm Holy Family Church

Anointing of the Sick

- ✚ 1st Saturday of the month during the 9 am Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral.
- ✚ 1st Friday of the month during the 9am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Park Avenue.

Holy Hour for Vocations

When: Friday February 7th 5:30pm **Where:** St Joseph's Cathedral

What: Vespers & Benediction

Please join us for an hour of prayer as we pray the Evening Prayer of the Church in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Food & fellowship afterwards at the parish centre. Contact Mick at 0433 897 973 or vocations@rok.catholic.net.au for more information.



MERCY ASSOCIATES MEETING



The first meeting of Mercy Associates for the year will be held on the 8th February 2025 9:30am—following the 9am Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral, at the Cathedral Parish Centre

All Welcome!

LADIES CLUB

Thursday Ladies Club will recommence on Thursday 6th February at 10am in the Holy Family Hall.

Ladies from all parishes across Rockhampton are welcome to join in the morning tea, competitions and lots of chatter.

Donations towards lucky door prizes would be appreciated.



KNITTING GROUP

Interested in learning a new hobby, come and join the knitting group at Vinnies store on Gladstone Road on the first Tuesday of the month from 10-12 midday! No wool or knitting needles, not a problem, all resources are provided. Men & woman of all skill levels are welcome.

JUBILEE OF FAMILIES DATE CLAIMER

Our diocese is hosting a Jubilee of Families this Labour day weekend, running from 3pm on Saturday the 3rd of May through to Monday morning. This event will be an opportunity to connect with other families from throughout the diocese and to grow in faith and in living out our vocation as families. The weekend will feature fun and games, talks, discussion, prayer and sacraments and will feature presentations from Brendan Malone and our diocesan NET team. The venue for the Jubilee is Discovery Parks – Coolwaters, Yeppoon, and accommodation can be booked now by saying that you are with the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton and quoting booking reference 11005357. The event will be focused on families but absolutely everyone is welcome to attend. Event registration and further details to be provided soon. For more information or any questions please contact

Michael.otto@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.

Ecumenical Corner—

A Series of Reflections on Lutheran Catholic International Dialogue. (No. 1)

Dialogue is about conversations; in this instance it involves conversations between two ecclesial bodies which for many years were not in a position to speak officially with one another. To report on the important factors and to attempt to summarise and evaluate the many discussions that began on an official level in 1975, is to undertake a difficult task. However, a brief survey of this fruitful and enriching dialogue may be able to convey to readers in both churches some of the enthusiasm for and benefits of this dialogue.

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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/> Queensland Professional Standards Office www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/

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

DATE CLAIMERS:

Catholic Community of Rockhampton

- 2 Feb - Opening of Jubilee Year 9.30am Mass, St Joseph's Cathedral
- 6 Feb—Meeting—Chairs, Combined Finance Committees, Parish Centre
- 8 Feb—Mercy Associates meeting following 9:30am Mass, meeting held in the Parish Centre
- 15 Feb—NET team arrives in Rockhampton
- 8 Mar—Women, Wit & Wisdom, St Ursula's College
- 16 Mar - Jubilee of marriages 9.30am Mass, St Joseph's Cathedral
- 5 March Ash Wednesday
- 18 April—Good Friday
- 19 April—Easter Vigil
- 20 April—Easter Sunday
- 3 May— Jubilee of Families—Discovery Parks Coolwaters
- 15 Oct - Jubilee of opening of St Joseph's Cathedral 1899

NET Team Needs Your Help!

On the 15th of February our new diocesan NET team will arrive in Rockhampton. The NET team is a group of five young adults who have chosen to volunteer a year of their lives to minister to young people in our diocese. They are moving into some units here in Rockhampton but will need help furnishing their new home.

Please consider if you have any spare, excess or unwanted items that you could donate for the NET team to use. Follow the QR code to register which items you can donate or contact Mick at youth@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433897973



WOMEN, WIT & WISDOM

The third annual Women, Wit & Wisdom panel event will be held in the Ballygriffin Cultural Centre, St Ursula's College, Yeppoon, on Saturday 8 March 2025 from 3.00pm-5.30pm. This is a community event celebrating International Women's Day with an afternoon of conversation.

Email alumni@stursulas.qld.edu.au to receive notification when tickets become available or follow [@stursulascollegetyepoonalumni](https://www.facebook.com/stursulascollegetyepoonalumni) on Facebook for updates.

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