



St Patrick's Parish Emerald Welcomes You

*1st & 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C
9th & 16th March 2025*

We, St Patrick's Catholic Parish, welcome all into a personal relationship
with Jesus Christ through *Community, Service, Spirituality and Faith Formation.*



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Ash Wednesday begins with an unusual sign ... the imposition of Ashes which we allow to be placed on our foreheads. Normally, we place creams and oils to soften and protect our skins. Today, it is ashes, gritty and dirty, an ancient tradition of being in a mode of penance, a mode of saying sorry, a mode of willing to be a better person. The ashes are a gritty reminder.

You may have heard that this year is a Jubilee Year, with the theme being Pilgrims of hope. The theme evokes a journey, walking together, leaving no one behind and to trust in God. Our Lenten journey calls us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We don't do this just because the Church tells us to. We are presented with this opportunity to reflect, to pray and look beyond ourselves. We are called to journey to Easter having moved closer to God, to others and being a better version of ourselves.

There are many opportunities to help you in your Lenten journey. Project Compassion is a wonderful way to reach out to help others in great need. You can participate more in your local communities by attending Mass, confession, Stations of the Cross, join a Lenten small group or prayer group. Reflect on the weekday and Sunday readings, these can be found online for every day, and listen to the messages that come through. Engage more in prayer- you can use the formal prayers of the Church or just sit quietly and speak to, but more importantly listen to, God. Think about what can change and give time and space to allow that to happen.

Life can be so busy and routine, and we often just go through the motions because it's 'what we need to do'. Our faith challenges us though to move beyond this thinking, to be pilgrims of hope. Don't do Lent just to get to the end and say, well that's done. I challenge you to actively take part this Lent and to reach the great celebration of Easter renewed, re-energised and deeper in your faith to continue your journey as a disciple of the risen Christ.

May God bless you on this journey.

Yours sincerely

Most Rev Michael McCarthy
Bishop of Rockhampton



The desert plays a significant part in Scripture: it is a place of both discovery and of getting lost. You may recall that Moses encountered God in the wilderness when he hears a voice from the burning bush.

He discovered something vital to us all that day: God points us in a direction we may not choose for ourselves. Later, however, Moses and his people are lost in the desert for 40 years. We read the finale of that story in today's first reading.

First Australians have also had an intimate connection with the desert. Many Indigenous cultures danced in time with the desert for countless generations. When the so-called Pintupi Nine made 'first contact' after emerging from the Gibson Desert in 1984, they were in excellent health. The same desert could kill Europeans in thirty-six hours or less.

In today's Gospel, we learn that the Spirit led Jesus to a lonely place. Up to this point in Luke's Gospel, we have seen Jesus as a member of his family and community. We have met Mary and Joseph and Elizabeth and Simeon and Anna and John the Baptist. Now Jesus must stand on his own and decide what really matters in life. Is he going to rely on material things? Is he going to want power at any price? Is he going to put himself rather than God at the heart of his decision making? These are the temptations of the devil.

Lent presents us with the same choice. Are we going to find our direction or just be lost in the swirling confusion of choices with which life presents us? Project Compassion helps us to find direction by offering us the opportunity to *Unite Against Poverty*. Are we content for the world to become more and more fragmented. Or would we prefer to stand up against voices of opportunism and exploitation? Every year, Caritas Australia is overwhelmed and grateful that our Catholic communities are so clearly on the side of justice and life.



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Liturgies

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 12noon followed by Adoration /

Wednesday 7am / Thursday 8am

(Marist College during School Term) /

Friday 9am

Anointing Mass 3rd Wednesday &

4th Tuesday monthly

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm & Sunday 8am

Anakie Community Hall:

2nd & 4th Sunday monthly 10.30am



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We acknowledge the Kairi, the Wangan, and the Western Gangaloo Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands of which St Patrick's Parish is situated. We recognise their continuing connection to the land, waterways, and community. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



Sick: Cheryl, James, Beatrice Fuamatu, Elizabeth Nelson, John Kenny, Kerry McAtee, Lotti Tauamoa, Kevin Bickhoff, Mick Burridge, Dawn Meek, Peter Mahony, Shelley Herwin, Nancy Mooney, Inita Allix, Margaret McCormack, Shirleen Piltz, Dane Tappenden.
Deceased: Gregory Corr, Purificacion Corpus, Noel Miller
Anniversaries: Neil McCosker, Stella Leishman, Maxwell Winter, John Redhead, John Maguire,
Please contact the parish office if you are aware of people or families within our community requiring our prayers and/or support. When requesting family and friends be included in the recently bereaved or sick list, ensure you have their permission. The Parish Priests are available for special blessings (home, vehicle, occasions). Contact the parish office to make an appointment.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Next weekend the 2025 Diocesan NET team is visiting our parish. The team is made up of 5 young adults who have come from Adelaide, Brisbane and the USA to volunteer for a year in our diocese. The team's ministry involves sharing the gospel and being authentic witnesses of faith throughout schools and parishes in our diocese. The team will be introduced at Masses next weekend but more importantly, running a youth event at St Patrick's Church at 10:30am to 12.30noon on Saturday. The team would love to meet you and extend an invitation to all our youth to come and say hi. Thank you to Simon and Esther McKinlay who are providing the BBQ lunch and Glen and Loyola McKinlay for accommodating the team.



The 2025 Rockhampton Diocese NET Team: Craig, Nathan, Hannah, Sarah & Kali



Easter - Are You Here!
 Holy Thursday, April 17th to Easter Sunday, April 20th. Ministers are needed in all aspects of services held over Easter. Please inform the office if you are available.

Lenten Groups

Monday 10th 7pm at 6 Statesman Drive
 Elma and Rod Devlin
 0420 422 103 for more info

Tuesday 11th 9.30am at 17 Baker Street
 Peggy Layton
 0458 650 943 for more info

Thursday 13th 4pm at 1190 Rubyvale Road Sapphire
 Mary Vella
 0499 899 881 Anne Hatte for more info

All welcome

Changes To The Parish Bulletin
 Commencing this week the bulletin will be provided every two weeks. This is due to staff changes. Publication of the bulletin will occur on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. Should you have messages you wish included in the bulletin, please be aware of these changes.

Church March Roster
WEEKEND 8/9 March
Sacristan: 6pm: Stephen 8am: Bill Mahony
Commentators:
 6pm: Morag | 8am: Loyola
Readers:
 6pm: Rachael | Anna
 8am: Susan | Lauren
Communion Ministers:
 6pm: Rod, Helen, Susan, Kevin
 8am: Loy, Grainne, Bill, Anna
Altar Servers: 6pm: Millie, Maggie
 8am: Luka, Mikaela
Children's Liturgy: 6pm: Mollie, Lizzie
 8am: Luka, Mikaela
Holy Goods: 6pm Elma **8am** Juliana
Powerpoint 6pm: Cathy **8am:** Marsha
Musicians:
 6pm: Richard, Cathy, Stephen
 8am Musician Required, Mila, Mark
Ground Maintenance:
 Michael H, Max, Michael C.
Church Cleaning for Next Weekend:
 Susan, Juliana

Church March Roster
WEEKEND 15/16 March
Sacristan: 6pm: Stephen 8am: Peter Agius
Commentators:
 6pm: Rod | 8am: Marissa
Readers:
 6pm: Margaret D | Rod
 8am: Bill | Loy
Communion Ministers:
 6pm: Margaret S, Helen, Margaret D, Rachael
 8am: Natalie, Peter, Bill, Marie
Altar Servers: 6pm: Aubrey, Emma
 8am: Ava, Louis
Children's Liturgy: 6pm: Helen, Michael
 8am: Hannah, Lizzie
Holy Goods: 6pm Margaret **8am** Sue
Powerpoint 6pm: Kellie **8am:** Eliza
Musicians:
 6pm: Jun, Alvin, Lorraine
 8am Jun, Monica, Mark
Ground Maintenance:
 Michael H, Max, Michael C.
Church Cleaning for Next Weekend:
 Jackie, Loy, Marie



Stations of the Cross
 Fridays, 5.30pm,
 Church

Tap & Go Donate
 Terminal located
 at the main door

March- Emergency Weekend Relief
 Emerald Anglican Church -
 4982 1802
 Weekday support The Neighbourhood Centre.
 P: 4982 1896

Containers for Change
 St Patrick's Account
 No: C11067581

The parish requires a volunteer administrative person to assist with basic office duties. The role, times and responsibilities are very negotiable. Please contact Francie Hartley on 4982 1066.