

The Catholic Parishes of Rockhampton

Including the praying communities of : St Joseph's Cathedral, St Paul's (Gracemere), Sacred Heart (Mt Morgan), St Mary's, Our Lady Help of Christians and Holy Family

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5th & 6th MARCH, 2022

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
We are to walk in the ways of God and listen to God's voice.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90:1-2, 10-15
Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13
Paul says that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13
Jesus, like Moses before him, retreats into the wilderness, where he fasts for forty days and rejects the temptations put before him.

Next Sunday's Readings: Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 4:00pm Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan
5:00pm Holy Family, Norman Gardens
6:00pm St Joseph's Cathedral
6:30pm 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
(livestream available on cposj.com)
6:00pm St Joseph's Cathedral

Ordinariate Sunday Mass:
9:00am St Peter's, Allenstown

THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Welcome to the first Sunday of Lent. We have begun our season of prayer, fasting and good works. We are also starting to plan for our Easter ceremonies and I have included our proposed Easter ceremonies, Masses and sacrament times for the Parishes of Rockhampton in the bulletin this week. Please take some time to read it and to become familiar with our proposed Holy Week program.

I also encourage you to complete the National Church Life Survey which we have been requesting over the past month of February. I have asked that the whole Diocese be included in this Church Life Survey as it gives a great opportunity for us to look at the changing demographics of our Diocese and for future planning of parish personnel. Its available online and the link is in this bulletin.

The Sacramental programs began this week under the leadership of coordinators, Beryl Mills and Anthony Greene and their teams. It is a wonderful opportunity once again to connect with our parish families as they present their young ones for the Sacraments. May God's blessings be upon our Sacramental Teams as they introduce our young people to the wonderful workings of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ

Bishop Michael McCarthy

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North Rockhampton
4994 8210
Principal: Simon Warren

**St Joseph's School**
Park Avenue
4994 8205
Principal: Bernard Fitzgerald

**Emmanuel College**
North Rockhampton
4923 5700
Principal: Eamon Hannan

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Wandal
4994 8230
Principal: Bernadette Brennan

**St Peter's School**
Allenstown
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Principal: Peter Smith

**St Paul's School**
Gracemere
4994 8235
Principal: Anthony Greene

**The Cathedral College**
Rockhampton
4999 1300
Principal: Rob Alexander

Rockhampton Catholic Parishes:

Baptisms: Contact the respective parish office for more details on bookings and required preparation sessions.

Marriages: Advanced notice and preparation is required (six months minimum). Contact the respective parish office for more details.

Funerals: Contact the respective parish office or email - funerals@rok.catholic.net.au

Hospital Visitation: Rockhampton Base Hospital - To arrange a pastoral or sacramental visit while in Rockhampton Hospital email pastoralcare.rockhampton@rok.catholic.net.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently deceased: John Wood (Mackay), Patricia Humphreys, Edward Lawlor, Alma Campbell, Elizabeth (Betty) Dobson

Anniversaries: Margaret Hoffmann, Dianne Nolan, Benito Reyes, Juanita Briones, Anacleto Briones, Bernardo Julian

Those who are sick: Catherine Everingham, Carmel Schick, Christopher Steer, Barry Carter, Bev Bartlem, Nena Suclan, Pat James, Daisy Maturin, John Dobson, Tony Wilkinson, Simon Schell, John Manwaring, Mirita Abenzi, Gino Abenzi, Pat Healey, Meegan Sommerfeld, Gwenda Casey, Michael Harris, Noella & Gerry Davies

When providing names, please indicate which list the person needs to be on. When requesting family and friends be included in the sick list, ensure you have their permission. If circumstances change, and the person listed can be removed from the sick list advise the Parish Office.

PRIEST'S REFLECTION Lent, a chance

The Church offers us 40 days of Lent to turn ourselves to God, to turn away from evil habits, and for a conversion of heart. This is the time to indulge in works of Charity and build up an edifice for God's Kingdom. It is time to rethink our commitment and be thoroughly of the fact that 'Man does not live on bread alone'. In our time, when people adore money, declare nonsense as sense and go after the golden calf of wealth and power, we should remember God and to Him alone, prayer and adoration is due. Dear Brothers and Sisters, the Church offers us this holy season to renew ourselves, it is never too late to make a new beginning, for " This is the time of grace, this is the time to get up from sleep, for our redemption is at hand."

Fr. Jayanthi Maddala H.G.N

TRAINING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Last year I held training for Eucharistic Ministers to take Holy Communion to our sick and housebound in the various healthcare facilities. Many of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion attended, but some were unable to attend. I will be running similar training on Saturday, 19th March, from 10 to 11.30am in the Duhig Centre, West Street - after the Feast Day celebrations at St Joseph's Cathedral. This is a follow up for those who missed last year's training and for all taking communion to those at home or care facilities. I have included those who take Holy Communion to our nursing homes including Leinster Place, Bethany and the Range Village, and the Mater Hospital.

I look forward to spending this time with you. I would appreciate if you could let me know of your attendance via email:

bishop@rok.catholic.net.au or my office Ph: 07 4887 3070.

Bishop Michael

SYNOD OF BISHOPS

SYNOD OF BISHOPS: People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Jenny & Kevin Hogan as they celebrated 50 years of marriage on 4th March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held every Friday during Lent at St Mary's Church at 5.30pm. All welcome.

SYRO MALABAR MASS

Will be celebrated at St Joseph's Cathedral on Friday 11th March at 5pm.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

Will be celebrated at St Paul's Gracemere, Thurs 17th March at 10am, All welcome.

CATHEDRAL NATIVITY SET

The beautiful nativity set of our Cathedral is in need of a little TLC and revival. A professional statue restorer has given an estimate of the cost. If you would like to assist with financing of this project I would appreciate you contacting me at the Bishop's Office – 4887 3070. Bishop Michael

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday:	5:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday:	9:00am	Holy Family Church
	5:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	9:00am	St Mary's Church
Thursday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	4:30-7pm	Adoration at St Mary's
Friday:	9:00am	Our Lady Help of Christians
	12:10pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
	5:00pm	Syro Malabar Mass Cathedral
	5:30pm	Stations of the Cross St Mary's
Saturday:	9:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Penance:		
Saturday	9:30-10:30am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	4:00-4:30pm	Holy Family Church

<u>Last Weekend's Collections</u>	Cathedral Parish	Our Lady Help of Christians	Holy Family	St Mary's
Planned Giving <i>(Envelopes, Direct Debit, Credit Card)</i>	\$1468.70	\$615.00	\$807.00	\$430.00
Loose	\$1412.90	\$105.50	\$729.35	\$226.90

LENTEN PROGRAM - COME TO THE WATER

A Resource for Lent

You are welcome to join with a small group of parishioners either online, or face to face, whilst following COVID safe requirements. You will need:

- a bible so you can read the gospels for the five weeks,
- a journal or notebook, some time to read and pray and reflect on your own
- and an hour to meet with 4-8 other people each week.

For more information contact the Parish Office or The Cathedral Bookstore.



DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP has developed a course in spirituality of Social Justice entitled: *“Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly with God - enacting a process of doing Social Justice”*. This can be accessed via sessions on Zoom. For further information pick up a brochure at the back of the church, your local church office, or contact the Diocesan Office.

PROJECT COMPASSION - 5TH & 6TH MARCH



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion.

2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM STARTING SOON

Cathedral Parish

Tues 8 Mar	Family Workshop #1	Kevin Castles Centre	5:30-7:30pm
or	Sacrament of Penance	West Street	
Wed 9 March			

North Rockhampton Parishes

Tues 15 Mar	Parent Information night	Holy Family Church	5:30pm
or			
Wed 16 Mar	Parent Information night	Our Lady Help of Christians	5:30pm

ECUMENICAL MILESTONES - 6TH MARCH

1968 - **Joint Publication** by World Council of Churches and the (SPCU) Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity. This cooperation continues until today.

- Catholic Church announces of **12 Catholic full members of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches**. (WCC)

1969 - The First **Ecumenical Directory** is published by the SPCU-Secretariat Promoting Christian Unity.

- Pope Paul VI 's historic visit to the World Council of Churches. (WCC)

North Rocky Youth Group at Holy Family Hall

All highschoolers are most welcome!

Saturday 5th March (6-8pm including pizza)

Friday 18th March (7-9pm)

Saturday 2nd April (6-8pm including pizza)

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards** (2013), and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults. For further information or support please contact the Diocesan **Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office**:

Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call) and calls will be forwarded to Helen (PSR) or email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au

Diocesan Website for more information: <https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and Policy**: <http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html>

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

POSITION VACANT

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton invites applications from professionals with experience in community engagement and fundraising. The position is responsible for cultivating and nurturing an effective philanthropic base for the Diocese. Applications close at 10am on 7th March 2022. For more information go to <https://rok.catholic.net.au/employment/cem/>

CHURCH MINISTRY

All our churches are looking for various volunteers to help fill vacancies, from a welcoming hello and “Welcome to Our Church”, to readers, musicians and Extra—Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in joining one of our teams we would love to hear from you, contact your parish office for more information on the various roles.

Nominations are also open for positions on the North Rockhampton Parish Pastoral Councils. Please contact your Parish Office for a nomination form.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



INVITE US DEEPER – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty and ever living God,
you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.
May this time be one of outward focus;
seeking you in those we often ignore.
Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity,
and encounter.
Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need
what we have to give.

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