

The Catholic Parishes of Rockhampton

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7th & 8th May, 2022

First Reading: Acts 13:14. 43-52

Despite opposition, many of the people of Antioch respond to the preaching of Paul and Barnabas and become Christians.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 99:1-3,5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 7:9.14-17

St John has a vision of the hosts of believers in heaven, too many to count, from every nation on earth .

Gospel: John 10:27-30

Jesus the good shepherd speaks to his sheep and leads us into eternal life.

Next Sunday's Readings: 5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts: 14:21-27

Second Reading: Apocalypse: 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

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

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

THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

This week I attended part of the Administration Inservice for our parish personnel. It was a wonderful opportunity for our staff to take some time away from their parishes to network and have some formation in parish activities. We thank all of our amazing parish administration staff for the work they do in supporting our communities and very often being the first point of contact for those engaging with the Church.

I am in Sydney now attending the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Plenary and Commission Meetings for the next week. It is good to gather in-person with the Bishops for these meetings again. We will discuss many matters around the Church in Australia and how they influence our Diocese and parishes. Shortly after returning from Sydney I will begin parish visitations and Confirmations.

On Sunday 22nd May at the 9.30am Mass we will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Dedication of St Joseph's Cathedral - when our Cathedral was finally completed. I welcome all to join me for this wonderful celebration of our Cathedral and Diocese.

You will note over the page the change of liturgical activities for the Cathedral during the week due to the work being undertaken on the roof replacement. I appreciate your patience during this time while the work is underway.

Finally, a very happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers. We very much appreciate your love and the sacrifices you make for your families. May the Lord bless you in this extraordinary vocation.



Yours in Christ,
Bishop Michael McCarthy

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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: Linda Marrinan,

Anniversaries: Jack Wilson

Those who are sick: Kevin Hynes (Marybrough), Merv Deakin, Bernie Brady, Nguyen Thi Nhuan (Vietnam), Peter Casey, 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 - Christ Our Salvation and Shepherd

Christ is our salvation and to proclaim Christ in our daily life is an honorable duty. Let us stand by Him and do our best to establish the kingdom of God in our midst. Salvation is a gift from God. We cannot demand it. It is God's offer to each one of us. However, are we ready to accept this offer with the same unwavering commitment as that of Christ?

Dear brothers and sisters, as we celebrate today 'Good Shepherd Sunday', let us be faithful to Christ, our Shepherd by being true messengers of the Good News. Let us manifest through our words and deeds that God loves one and all unconditionally.

Fr Jayanthi Maddala HGN

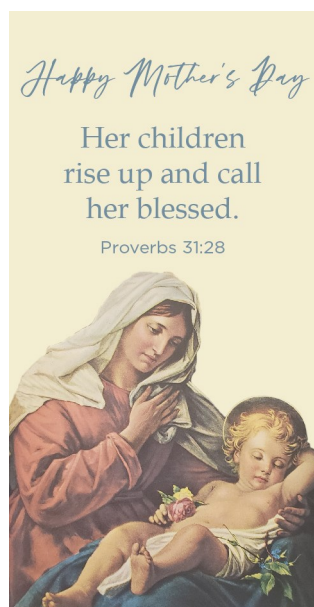
THE CATHEDRAL UNDER REPAIR - Changes to weekday activities

As a result of the hailstorm in Rockhampton two years ago, extensive damage was experienced throughout Rockhampton, including extensive damage to the Cathedral Roof. From Monday 9th May, after considering the serious health and safety concerns, the Cathedral will shut for all liturgical activities Monday to Friday during the working day as work is undertaken to replace the roof.

We apologise in advance that we are not able to offer the Cathedral for funerals while the roof repairs are taking place. The Parish Churches of Holy Family, St Mary's and Our Lady Help of Christians will be available. We are hopeful repairs will be completed within six months.

From Monday 9th May, the weekday schedule of Masses will be at 5.30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and Thursday will remain at 8am. Normal Saturday and Sunday masses will not be affected.

Bishop Michael McCarthy



DIFFERENT WAYS YOU CAN ASSIST WITH LITURGY - Ministry Nominations

Bishop Michael is inviting everyone in our parishes to assist in our liturgies in a range of different ways. If you would like to continue in your roles as reader, sacristan, Children's Liturgy assistant or one of the other vast range of ministries; or would like to offer your assistance; you are invited to respond using this link to the electronic form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/C0cnMq7xiY>

If you are not sure how to complete the form, contact the parish office and they will help you. All responses need to be received by 15 May. We invite you to pray that there will be an amazing response to this invitation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Will recommence for the Cathedral Parish during the 9:30am Mass this Sunday 8th May 2022.

CATHOLIC MOTHER'S GROUP

All young families are welcome to attend Mother Effect, for connection, play & prayer. 9:30am fortnightly on Wednesdays. Contact Laura for more details: 0434 552 280

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

Last Weekend's Collections

Cathedral Parish

Our Lady Help of Christians

Holy Family

St Mary's

Planned Giving

(Envelopes, Direct Debit, Credit Card)

Unavailable this week due to Administration In-Service absences.

Loose

CONTACT FOR BAPTISMS FOR CATHEDRAL PARISH

Helen Godwyn will now be the first point of contact for all Baptismal enquiries for the Cathedral Parish. If you wish to make any enquiries please contact Helen via email - helen.godwyn@rok.catholic.net.au or phone 4921 2170 (Cathedral Bookstore).

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

I invite all those who are interested in assisting with RCIA for the next cycle. The RCIA is for those adults seeking Baptism in the Catholic faith, and my invitation is to those parishioners who can assist in teaching, evangelising, accompanying, hospitality, praying with and supporting adult people in their journey to Baptism in our Catholic faith.

Our initial meeting will be on Wednesday, 25th May from 6 to 7.30pm in the Duhig Conference Centre, West Street. Please advise me of your attendance - bishop@rok.catholic.net.au or phone 4887 3070.

Bishop Michael

MEETING OF BEREAVEMENT TEAMS

I invite all members of the Bereavement Teams from the North Rockhampton Parishes and the Cathedral Parish to a combined meeting on Wednesday, 18th May from 6 to 7pm in the Duhig Conference Centre, West Street.

Our Bereavement Teams assist our families during bereavement and with the prayers for the funeral rites of the Church. We welcome any new members to join us for this pastoral care role for our parishes.

If you could please advise me directly if you are coming - bishop@rok.catholic.net.au or 4887 3070.

Bishop Michael

ADVENT PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2022

Bishop Michael McCarthy along with Father Noel Milner will be leading the Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Friday 2nd to Monday 19th December 2022.

Places are available to join with this exciting trip and to experience many of the places where Jesus walked and we hear about in our scriptures.

For further information please see the Diocesan website or contact info@harvestjourneys.com or 1800 819 156 and quote "Rockhampton Advent Pilgrimage - Tour Code PV2226.

ROCKY NORTHSIDE YOUTH GROUP

All High School age youth are welcome to come together with the Rocky Northside Youth Group, in the Holy Family Church Hall during Term 2.

- Saturday 6-8pm (following the Holy Family Mass) on 4th June and 2nd July
- Friday 7-9pm on 13th May & 17th June

NORTH ROCKHAMPTON LADIES CLUB

All are welcome to join in the fun and laughter of the North Rockhampton Ladies Club. 10am on the first Thursday of the month, next being 2nd June, in the Holy Family Hall.

SIGNIFICANT STEPS TO CHRISTIAN UNITY

1989 Dialogue between the Catholic Church and the Syrian Orthodox Church of India begins.

1993 The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (PCPCU) publishes a revised Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism WCC Fifth Conference on Faith and Order, Santiago, Spain was held. A Catholic official voting delegation present.

Official visit of Abuna Paolos, Ethiopian Patriarch, to Pope John Paul II.

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/

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord, you are the good shepherd who calls us by name and asks us to follow you.

May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts of those who you are calling to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Give them courage to respond to their vocation to serve your Church.

May all of us seek to know you better, to faithfully follow your call to holiness, and proclaim the gospel to the world.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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.



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