

# 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.*

## The Ascension of the Lord

28th & 29th May, 2022

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11  
Following a formal dedication of the book to his patron, Theophilus, Luke tells the story of Jesus' ascension.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
**God mounts his through to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23  
This concentrates on what faced Jesus after his ascension—to sit at the right hand of God.

**Gospel:** Luke 24:46-53  
After Jesus' ascension, the disciples are overjoyed, even though the has departed. They spend their time praising God in the Temple.

### Next Sunday's Readings: Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts: 2:1-11  
Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17  
Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

### 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:**  
9:30am St Peter's, Allenstown

## THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

It was marvellous to be able to gather in Our Lady Help of Christians Church with parishioners and the St Joseph's Park Avenue School Community to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. This was the first time the school has been able to gather as a whole in the church since COVID began and it was delightful to see them all back.

This weekend I am in North Mackay for a pastoral visitation following Confirmations and the official opening of our new Catherine McAuley College. It is a wonderful occasion to open another College in our Diocese to service the growing needs of the Mackay community and educate and grow our young people under the Catholic ethos. I thank all in Catholic Education for the marvellous work they do in supporting me in my office as teacher to our people, and bringing alive the faith for our young people.

I will be travelling to Bundaberg early this coming week to continue Confirmations with our young people there and to visit the Bundaberg community.

You can see the scaffolding currently going up around the Cathedral. This will continue over the coming week in preparation to begin works on the roof replacement, which as mentioned will be ongoing over the coming months. I appreciate your patience as we manage around this work. St Mary's Church will also be having its roof replaced, with work to commence on Monday, 13th June. That first week the church will be completely closed as interior work is undertaken, however the weekend Mass will not be affected with access via the front door.

As we journey towards the great feast of Pentecost, I invite you all to prepare so we can welcome the Holy Spirit anew in our hearts and lives.

Yours in Christ,  
**Bishop Michael McCarthy**

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**Bishop Michael McCarthy**

**Fr Matthias Ogwo**  
Associate Pastor

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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](mailto: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](mailto:pastoralcare.rockhampton@rok.catholic.net.au)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Recently deceased:** John Boland, Brenie Morales, Terry Hanifin (brother of Fr Bryan), Denise Carroll,

**Anniversaries:** Keith & Peter Mansfield

**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

Today, the church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity means that the risen Jesus has entered the glory of His Heavenly Father, after accomplishing our salvation by His suffering, death, and resurrection.

The solemnity, strengthens and nourishes our hope of attaining heaven. We must remain united to our Risen and glorified Lord through faith and the sacraments. "Jesus Christ, the head of the church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever" (CCC. 666), that means where He, the head of the church has ascended to, we the body look forward to be one day.

**Fr Matthias Ogwo**

## CatholicCare IS THE NEW NAME FOR CentacareCQ

The time has finally come and we would like to formally reintroduce ourselves to you as CatholicCare Central Queensland.

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We are the same dedicated team of local people, with the same passion for delivering the essential services and supports that so many of you enjoy and rely on. We are CatholicCare Central Queensland, and we look forward to supporting you.



## WELCOME INTO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

Saturday evening, 4th June, our RCIC catechumens Abigail, Vada, Lulu, Melita, Ethan, Claudia-Joy and Mia, and our RCIA catechumens Nicole, Ayla, Lily, Jenna, Karsyn-Robert and Jackson, along with our Elect, Jessica, will be celebrating their full initiation into the Catholic Church. Please keep them all in your prayers.

## CELEBRATION TO MOTHER MARY

Join the celebration of Mother Mary on Pentecost Sunday, 5th June at the 9.30 Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral. We invite the children and their families to join us in offering flowers, prayers and petitions to our Blessed Mother. A short procession will follow after the Mass. Enquiries: Linda at 0407 831 975



## CLERGY SUPPORT FOUNDATION APPEAL

This weekend we have the opportunity to support our retired and sick clergy and thank them for their many years of service to our community. A second collection will be taken up at all parishes this weekend. Envelopes are available at the front of the church and can be returned this weekend, or in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support!

### 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
	4:30-7pm	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
<b>Penance:</b>		
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
<b>Planned Giving</b> <i>(Envelopes, Direct Debit, Credit Card)</i>	<b>\$1980.00</b>	<b>\$630.00</b>	<b>\$861.00</b>	<b>\$475.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$1666.30</b>	<b>\$69.00</b>	<b>\$866.40</b>	<b>\$156.10</b>

## MERCY ASSOCIATES GATHERING

All are welcome to the next gathering:

**Date:** Saturday 11 June, following 9am Cathedral Mass

**Guest Speaker:** Sister Pat Wood *rsm*

**Topic:** "Mercy-the business of our lives" (Catherine McAuley)

**Venue:** Cathedral Centre Meeting Room (behind The Cathedral Bookstore)



## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

**When:** Friday, June 3rd at 5.30pm

**Where:** St Joseph's Cathedral

**What:** Mass, Adoration & Taize prayer, followed by food & fellowship

Come and spend an hour with the Lord this Friday, and drop into the Cathedral Centre afterwards from 6.30pm for food and fellowship.

Contact Michael at 0433 897 973 or [vocations@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocations@rok.catholic.net.au) to be included in catering or for more information.



## ADVENT PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2022

Bishop Michael McCarthy with Fr Noel Milner will be leading a Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land - Friday 2nd to Monday 19th December 2022. For further information see the Diocesan website or contact [info@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com) or 1800 819 156 and quote "Rockhampton Advent Pilgrimage" - Tour Code PV2226.

## AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMAGE - Footsteps of Mary MacKillop

The Sisters of Saint Joseph are running the pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" from 18 to 29 October, journeying from Melbourne through Victoria, South Australia, finishing Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney. For more information contact [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or 02 8912 4818.

## EMMAUS YOUTH MASS & ROCKY NORTHSIDE YOUTH GROUP

The next Emmaus Youth Mass will be on Saturday 4th June, at 5pm, followed by the Rocky Northside Youth Group, from 6-8pm, in the Holy Family Hall, and is open to all high school aged youth. Come along and join in the activities and shared pizza.

## NORTH ROCKHAMPTON LADIES GROUP NEWS

**Thursday Ladies Club:** Join in the spirit of the Winter Race Season and wear your best race day millinery, be it a hat or fascinator, Thursday 2nd June from 10am, at Holy Family hall.



## ECUMENICAL SERVICE - PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Christian Churches of Rockhampton will gather on Sunday, 5th June, at 2pm in St Joseph's Cathedral to pray together in an Ecumenical Service for Pentecost.

## SIGNIFICANT STEPS TO UNITY

1997 Publication of the Ecumenical Dimension in the Formation of those Engaged in Pastoral Work of the PCPCU.

Pope John Paul II and Aram I, Catholicos of Cilicia of the Armenians, sign a Common Declaration.

1998 Dialogue between the Catholic Church and the Mennonite World Conference Begins.

### FAMILY LOVE: A VOCATION AND A PATH TO HOLINESS

Pope Francis has encouraged all dioceses to host a local celebration of the World Meeting of Families this year!

Our diocese is pleased to be hosting a weekend retreat on **June 24th - 26th at Coolwaters Discovery Park, Yeppoon**. This event is open to everyone, and we would love for you to join us.

This event will be a chance to connect with other Catholics from around the diocese, to have fun and socialise, to be formed in our faith, pray together, and grow in our vocation to holiness.

To register go to [app.tickets.org.au/CDOR/WMoF](http://app.tickets.org.au/CDOR/WMoF) or scan the QR code.



Register Here

For any questions or more information contact [michael.otto@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:michael.otto@rok.catholic.net.au)

## HYMNFEST, SUNDAY 29TH MAY

2.30pm at South Rockhampton Uniting Church  
312 Campbell Street Rockhampton

Everyone is welcome to join in an afternoon of praise & singing, Tea & Coffee to follow the event.

## 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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