

# The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph

Incorporating the worshipping communities of:  
St Joseph's Cathedral, St Peter's, St Paul's (Gracemere) & Sacred Heart (Mount Morgan)

April 17th and 18th 2021  
Third Sunday of Easter



Bishop Michael McCarthy  
Fr Matthias Ogwo (Associate Pastor)  
Fr Bill Senn (Associate Pastor)

## Today's Liturgy - Year B

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Peter proclaims the good news that God raised Jesus from the dead for our forgiveness.

Responsorial Psalm 4:2, 4, 7, 9

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

1 John 2:1-5

Jesus is the sacrifice who takes our sins away.

Luke 24:35-48

The disciples are stupefied to encounter a very physical Jesus, risen from the dead.

## Next Weekend's Readings:

1st: Acts 4:8-12

2nd: 1 John 3:1-2

Responsorial Psalm: 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Parish  
Schools



4994 8230



4994 8225



4994 8235



4999 1300

## Mass Times for this coming week

**Monday 19th April**

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am

**Tuesday 20th April**

St Joseph's Cathedral 5:30pm

**Wednesday 21st April**

*St Anselm, bishop, doctor*

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

**Thursday 22nd April**

St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am

**Friday 23rd April**

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

**Saturday 24th April**

St Joseph's Cathedral 9:00am

St Joseph's Cathedral

9:30am - 10:30am

*Confessions*

**Vigil Masses**

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan

4:00pm

**Sunday 25th April**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am

St Paul's, Gracemere 8:00am

St Joseph's Cathedral 9:30am

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

**Ordinatee Masses**

St Peter's Church, Allenstown

Sunday 9:30am

Check out our website!

[www.cposj.com](http://www.cposj.com)

## **FOCUS by Fr Bill Senn**

"You are witnesses to this!" With these words friends, Jesus declares to the disciples that the time is NOW for them to step into the Risen life he offers them by inviting them to embrace their VOCATION; their vocation of being a witness to God's glory! God's glory .. as revealed in the very person of Jesus himself .. & this time to be joyful and credible witnesses to the death & Resurrection of the Lord to the ends of the earth!

This invitation (& mission!) also extends to ourselves: for WE ARE the disciples of Jesus in this day & age, in this time & place. Are we living LIFE TO THE FULL in our embracing of our God-given vocation? Am I inviting others to join me in knowing and serving the Lord?

May each of us respond to the generous grace of God at work within our hearts and our lives!

Amen!

## **Preserving our Cathedral is only a Tap Away**

Contributing towards the ongoing upkeep of our treasured St Joseph's Cathedral is now easier than ever with a 'Tap and Donate' option available at the front of the Cathedral at each mass over the weekend.

All donations go directly to continuing the legacy of St Joseph's Cathedral being the centre of Catholic worship in the Rockhampton Diocese.

## **Holy Hour for Vocations - Friday 23rd April 5:30pm - 6:30pm St Joseph's Cathedral**

The theme for this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations is "Do not be afraid." As a diocese we will pray a novena to St Joseph the Worker for vocations starting on Friday the 23rd of April and finishing on May 1st, the feast day of St Joseph the Worker. You can find the novena at [www.rok.catholic.net.au](http://www.rok.catholic.net.au) or on our diocesan Facebook page.

To begin this special period, The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton, in conjunction with the Cathedral Parish of St Joseph are proud to host this year's Holy Hour for Vocations on Friday 23rd of April from 5:30pm - 6:30pm at St Joseph's Cathedral.

Even if you are only able to stay for a short time, we welcome you to join in adoration of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, whilst asking him to grow our vocations. To register for this special event please visit our website ([www.cposj.com](http://www.cposj.com)) or enter the direct link: <https://www.cposj.com/holy-hour-for-vocations>. Everyone is welcome to continue to the Allenstown Hotel afterwards to share a meal or drink at your own expense.

## **Bishop's Newsletter Available Anytime Online**

The Bishop's Newsletter is a well regarded and informative monthly publication that provides information on the good works and struggles that are being experienced around our large, predominantly rural Diocese. To view the most recent Bishop's Newsletter as well as all previous Newsletters please use the following link: <https://rok.catholic.net.au/news-events/bishops-newsletter/>

## **Appeal for Timor Leste Flood Victims**

Salesian Missions Australia has launched an appeal for victims of this week's devastating floods in Timor Leste, Australia's closest neighbour and the poorest country in South East Asia.

The situation is desperate, with catering for victims of the floods complicated by the current COVID-19 crisis. The Don Bosco Centre in Dili is a major relief centre providing shelter and food for those who have lost their homes and livelihoods due to the floods. With food, water and medical supplies dwindling, donations are urgently needed to continue to support Dili's struggling community during this time.

Tax deductible donations can be sent directly to PO Box 264, Ascot Vale, Victoria 3032 or via website [www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au](http://www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au). You can also give by calling 03 9377 6060.

## **Ladies Retreat Returns!**

After 2020's ladies retreat was cancelled due to the COVID-19 lockdown, facilitators Margaret Hallinan and Delfina Trail are thrilled to announce a ladies retreat at The Haven from Friday 25th - Sunday 27th of June 2021.

This year's theme is 'Chasing Joy' and for only \$150 attendees receive 2 nights of private accommodation at the beautiful Haven, meals and an unforgettable faith experience. Book early to not miss out! RSVP by calling Nicole Butler by calling 4994 8103 or emailing [nicole\\_butler@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:nicole_butler@rok.catholic.net.au) by 11 June.

## **Planning Meeting For Mary, the Mother of the Rosary Celebration**

The Filipino Community have requested that the 9:30am mass on Sunday 30th May celebrate the end of the May devotions to Mary, the Mother of the Rosary. In many different religious cultures, the month of May is a big feast and I would like to invite all of our parish family to celebrate on that day. I am calling a meeting of representatives from each of the different cultural communities to plan for this day. The meeting date is Sunday 18 April following the 9:30am mass at 10:30am in the Parish meeting rooms. Please let know of your intended attendance.

## Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have recently passed into eternal life:  
Kevin Messer (Blackall), Audrey Chadwick, Myles Cranston, Juanita Briones, Sarah Day, Mary Ellrott, Michele Egan & Elijah Roberts

## Bishop Michael's Easter Message

To read Bishop Michael's Easter Message for our parish please visit the following link to our website (<https://www.cposj.com/bishop-michael-message>) or grab a paper copy at masses over the next couple of weeks.

## What Do WE Give For?

When a donation is made to The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph, either through the collection plate, planned online giving or a one off direct debit it is more than fair to question where that money goes next. Collections allow us to continue our works both large and small in the Parish and are essential to our longevity as a parish community.

The collections support the apostolic works of our Parish community, our two priests in ministry (Frs Matthias and Bill), the parish staff, the ongoing maintenance of our churches and in the payment of the utilities, such as lights, rates, sewerage & water.

Collections have once again commenced during Mass throughout the Cathedral Parish. Giving directly by way of Mass collections is many parishioners preferred method of giving. The Cathedral Parish is also able to provide a number of COVID safe methods of giving, including Direct Debit, Direct Deposit, Credit Card and The Parish Giving App. You may also anticipate a few more contactless options in time.

**If you are interested in these options please call the Parish Office 07 4927 6744 for assistance.**

## Parish Liturgy Group Meeting 23 April 3:30pm

Dear members of the Cathedral Parish Liturgy Group. I wish to invite you to a meeting on Friday 23 April at 3:30pm at the Parish Centre. I look forward to meeting with you and planning the liturgy for the parish. Please let me know if you are coming.  
Bishop Michael

## Parish Bereavement Team Meeting 23 April 2:00pm

Dear members of the Cathedral Parish Bereavement Group. I wish to invite you to a meeting on Friday 23 April at 2:00pm at the Parish Centre. I look forward to meeting with you. Please let me know if you are coming.  
Bishop Michael

## Mercy Associates Gathering Saturday 24 April

Following mass at 9:00am, the Mercy Associates will gather at the Cathedral Centre for a presentation by the fantastic Sister Joanne Molloy titled 'A Quantity of Extra Luggage.' This fascinating talk covers the continuing story of the early life of the Sisters of Mercy in Rockhampton. ALL ARE WELCOME!

## The Cathedral Centre Parish Office

Find us on 

**Office Hours:**

**Monday–Friday 9.00am–4.00pm**

Cnr William & Murray Streets,  
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**Grounds Staff:**  
Cliff & Debbie Broom

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:**  
Noela Walls

St Vincent de Paul  
Assistance & Welfare  
4927 6026

Call between 9.00am - 9.30am to avoid disappointment.

**If anointing is needed urgently after hours**, to contact a priest, phone 07 3830 5216 where an operator will take your message and deliver it to a priest as soon as possible.

### ***Baptisms & Marriages***

Bookings are made through the Parish Office.

Advance notice and preparation are required.

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month after 9.30am Mass.

### **St Joseph's Cathedral Gift and Bookstore**

Open 9am–4pm Friday

Phone: 4921 2170  
[cathedralbooks@bigpond.com](mailto:cathedralbooks@bigpond.com)  
[www.cathedralbooks.com.au](http://www.cathedralbooks.com.au)

### ***Pope John Paul II***

*"Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."*

*Please join us in song*

*Gathering*

**All The Ends Of The Earth** *Bob Dufford, SJ*

*Procession of Gifts*

**Alleluia No. 1** *Donald Fishel*

*Communion*

**Bread Of Life** *Bernadette Farrell*

*Recessional*

**Let Heaven Rejoice** *Bob Dufford, SJ*