

# 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)

May 1st and 2nd 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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



## A Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Welcome to the Cathedral Parish.

This weekend we are celebrating the Golden Jubilee of four of our Sisters of Mercy. We give thanks to God for the great gift of Sr Madonna Watts, Sr Lila Galvin, Sr Bernadette Reece and Sr Mary Della and we thank them for their many years of faithful service as a Religious.

On the newsletter this weekend you will note that there is the monthly calendar of which will become a regular feature of our newsletter which outlines the various pastoral activities of our Cathedral Parish. I welcome you to take the Parish Newsletter home with you.

This coming week, Helen Godwyn will take on the role of Manager of the Cathedral Parish Bookshop. The Cathedral Parish Bookshop was established when Fr John Daly was Administrator and has provided incredible service to our Diocese and beyond with religious items and books. I invite you to make use of the Cathedral Parish Bookshop for all of your religious items and books in the future. Welcome Helen and may the Cathedral Bookshop flourish under your managerial care.

During these few weeks I have been working with the Parish Administration staff namely Manager - Gerard Hogan, Parish Secretaries – Matthew Pettett and Jody Murphy. This team of three do an incredible job of looking after you. The time has come to rearrange their hours and their availability to assist our Parish community. From Monday week, Jody and Matthew will be present in the office for four days a week. This will ensure continuity for the Parish community. It will also mean a change in office opening times.

From Monday 10 May 2021 our office times will be from 9.00am until 2.45pm Monday to Friday.

With Helen becoming manager, the Cathedral Bookshop opening times will also be adjusted and we will let you know these times in the coming weeks.

## FOCUS by Fr Matthias Ogwo

Today's gospel is a call to strengthen our relationship with Christ in order to continue to live in Him. The type of relationship that should exist between us and Christ is illustrated using the relationship between a vine and its branches. No branch can have life or bear fruit on its own, unless it is firmly attached to a tree. Likewise, in our spiritual life and journey as Christians, we cannot do without being firmly attached to Christ the vine, in whose name we were baptized.

## Mass Times for this coming week

**Monday 3rd May**  
*Sts Philip & James, apostles*  
St Joseph's Cathedral 9:00am

**Tuesday 4th May**  
St Joseph's Cathedral 5:30pm

**Wednesday 5th May**  
St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

**Thursday 6th May**  
St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am

**Friday 7th May**  
St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

**Saturday 8th May**  
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 9th May**  
**SIXTH 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

**Ordinariate Masses**  
St Peter's Church, Allentown  
Sunday 9:30am

Check out our website!  
[www.cposj.com](http://www.cposj.com)

## Stewardship of Action – Time & Talents

When Jesus commissioned his disciples to go to the ends of the earth, he was inviting them and us into his world, the circle of God. We have an incredible faith, the Catholic faith, centred on the person of the Risen Christ who walks with us, who is there for us and who invites us to accompany Him as his disciples, and do His work, be His witnesses.

Jesus invites each of us to live out the mission of the Church.

During this Easter season our *Cathedral Parish* will be exploring ways we can use our time and talents for the good of others in our parish and the wider community. We are presently expanding the ministries in the parish and Bishop Michael welcomes, and indeed encourages, your engagement these various ministries.

As a result, the **Parish Pastoral Council** has developed a plan that gives us all an opportunity to reflect upon what we are grateful for and what our spiritual gifts are and what areas of ministry that your gifts would best match.

On the weekend of **Pentecost**, you will be invited to participate in a spiritual gifts survey that will help us to become more aware of the specific spiritual gifts given to us by God. It is a way of matching your spiritual gifts to the many and varied roles and services in our parish. You would be invited to reflect upon and consider joining a ministry team that would be a good fit for you and the needs of the community. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.



## Diamond Jubilee of Profession for Four Sisters of Mercy

This Saturday, 1 May 2021, at the 6:00pm Vigil Mass in St Joseph's Cathedral, we will honour the Diamond Jubilee of Profession of four Sisters of Mercy, namely Sisters Madonna Watts, Lila Galvin, Bernadette Mary Reece and Mary Della. You are very welcome to join us for this special occasion.

## 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.

## Program for The Flowers of May

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Day one of the Novena of Rosaries – St Joseph's Cathedral at 6.30 pm.**

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Days 2 to 9 – Rosaries in your homes, via ZOOM, in parishes, at times convenient for your group.**

Please organise with your friends how best to connect during these days, and inform the Parish Office so we can acknowledge your group.

### Sunday – 30<sup>th</sup> May

### Celebrations of The Flowers of May

The Celebrations will begin at the end of the 9.30 am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral, with a procession, carrying the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary around the grounds of the Cathedral, ending at the Cathedral Corso, where young people will offer flowers to the statue of Our Lady, while members of the various community groups sing Marian Hymns in their own language; The celebrations will culminate with Folk songs and traditional dancing by members of the community.

Please contact Matthew and Jody at the Parish Office (Tel 4927 6744) to indicate how you might participate and be with us on this day.

With blessings from Our Mother Mary,

## Welcome Helen Godwyn!

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph Office Staff congratulate Helen on her appointment to the Cathedral Bookshop and look forward to working with you to deliver great service to the Cathedral Parish of St Joseph community.

## We pray for our brothers & sisters that have recently passed away

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, Mary Ellrott, Caroline Forrest, Margaret Bell, Loy Durkin & Jim Woodall

## What Do WE Give For?

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.

## 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.

## Safeguarding Training

**Safeguarding Level 1 Training** will be delivered in The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph at the Kevin Castles Centre on Monday the 10th of May from 9:30am -11:30am or 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Please note that all Clergy, Religious, Parish Staff and Church Volunteers are mandated to **attend this training every year**. The Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office team look forward to seeing you at the training. To register please contact your Parish Secretary on 4927 6744.

## The Cathedral Centre Parish Office

Find us on 

**Office Hours:**

**Monday–Friday 9.00am–4.00pm**

Cnr William & Murray Streets,  
Rockhampton

**PO Box 8446, Allenstown Q 4700**

**Phone: 4927 6744**

**Email: [rockhamptonsouth@cdor.org.au](mailto:rockhamptonsouth@cdor.org.au)**

**Website:**

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

**Parish Office Administrator:**  
Gerard Hogan

**Pastoral Associate:**  
Margaret Hallinan

**Parish Secretaries:**  
Matthew Pettett & Jody Murphy

**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 I***

*To his brother cardinals after they had elected him Pope: "May God forgive you for what you have done."*

# Parish Calendar for the Month of May

## **Sat 1 May**

6 pm Mass – Sisters of Mercy 50 year Jubilee

## **Sun 2 May**

9,30 am Mass – Bishop presides at mass

## **Wed 5 May**

Parish Finance Council

## **Thu 6 May**

8 am Mass – TCC Mother's Day mass

## **Fri 7 May**

5:30 pm – Holy Hour for Vocations

## **Sun 9 May**

9:30 am Mass – Bishop presides at Mass

## **Fri 14 May**

5,30 pm – Syro Malabar Community mass

## **Sat 15 May**

50 year Celebration of the marriage of Sharyn and Bob Hogan

## **Sun 16 May**

9,30 am Mass – Bishop presides at Mass

## **Sat 22 May**

6 pm mass – Sacramental Initiation of TCC students

## **Sun 23 May – Pentecost Sunday**

9:30 am Mass – Bishop presides at Mass

2 pm – Ecumenical Pentecost Prayers with all members of the Christian Churches of Rockhampton

## **Mon 24 May**

12 noon – 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia mass

6 pm – Confirmation and First Eucharist for our young people of the Parish

## **Tue 25 May**

Parish Pastoral Council

Gathering of all involved in Parish Ministries

## **Wed 26 May**

6 pm – Confirmation and First Eucharist for our young people of the Parish

## **Sunday 30 May**

9:30 am Mass – Bishop presides at Mass

10:20 am - The Flowers of May – a procession to honour Mary at the end of May and conclusion of a Novena of Rosaries. Flowers, Hymns to Mary, National costumes, and dances in The Corso.

## **Sat 5 Jun**

9:30 am Preparation for families preparing for baptism of their children

## Bishop's Newsletter Available Anytime Online

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/>

## Parish Bulletin Notices

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph is happy to assist you with any notices you would like to be included in the bulletin (once approved).

Please note that the Bulletin is printed on Thursday afternoon and therefore all notices are to be provided to the Parish Office in writing by close of business the Wednesday before the notice is to be added to the Bulletin.

We thank you for your understanding.

Parish  
Schools



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## Kids Corner!

Show love for others by truly helping them

L O V E S A U L O F H B J  
H A W Q E M P X H B K K E  
H Z E K J I E T R U E X S  
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J C U T F A N A X A P T O  
I U C J U R M L H J R H W  
N Q L U D A M A S C U S E  
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Try to find these words:

children  
clean  
cut  
Damascus  
follower  
fruit

gardener  
love  
prayer  
Saul  
true  
vine  
Jesus

## A Prayer After Easter

*Holy Week has passed. But how we long to live by the marvellous story, we have heard. Let us remain ever beside you at the table of the Last Supper. Show us who is hungry. And give us the courage to offer them bread from your table.*

*Show us who is thirsty. And give us the strength to lift the cup of your love. Most of all, show us how to linger at the table, serving others— Doing ALL that we do In remembrance of You, and the way You were when You walked this earth.*

*Amen*

## BURAADJA—The Liberal Case for National Reconciliation

By Senator Andrew Bragg visiting Fellow of the PM Glynn Institute via Zoom on Monday 3 May 2021 at 2:00pm to be launched by Rachel Perkins Managing Director, Blackfella Films with remarks by Senator Andrew Bragg, Senator for New South Wales and Visiting Fellow, PM Glynn Institute and Professor Zlatko Skrbis, Vice-Chancellor and President, Australian Catholic University

In *Buraadja*, Andrew Bragg draws on liberal values to make a compelling case for national reconciliation in Australia. He offers some practical suggestions for remembering our history, listening to Indigenous people, and planning for the future.

“Bragg offers an insightful look at the past and invites us all to look at the future of Indigenous policy as well as the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead”

HON. KEN WYATT AM MP, MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

*Please contact the Cathedral Office or visit our website [www.cposj.com](http://www.cposj.com) to find the online link to register.*

## Presentation Associates Reflection Morning

Associates of the Presentation Sisters will be holding a reflection morning on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May** at St Ursula's College commencing at 10am. The guest speaker is Mercy Sister Moira Truelson presenting 'What is Justice?' Morning tea will follow the presentation. All are welcome. For more information about the Associates please take a brochure located in the cathedral foyer or call Erin on 0437 822 231.

## Parishioners Thanked for Their Generosity Toward Struggling Member of The Community

Religious readers of the bulletin would remember notices from a few months ago asking for any help possible in preparing gluten-free meals for a member of our community who was struggling.

Not long after, many kind parishioners put on their chef's hats and prepared a fantastic array of gluten-free meals.

With the community member now back on their feet, the Parish Office recently received a letter of thanks which we are glad to pass on:

“A big thank you to the ladies who supplied meals for me recently. It was very much appreciated and was a big help to me. May God bless each one of you.”

With such sadness occurring around the world it is always warming to be able to share stories of kindness such as this one.

## Ecumenical Service

You are invited to an Ecumenical Service at St Joseph's Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday at 3pm. ALL WELCOME. If you would like to be in the ecumenical choir or ecumenical band please contact Sr Beryl Amedee 0438 789 484. Thank You.

# This Weekend's Liturgy Readings

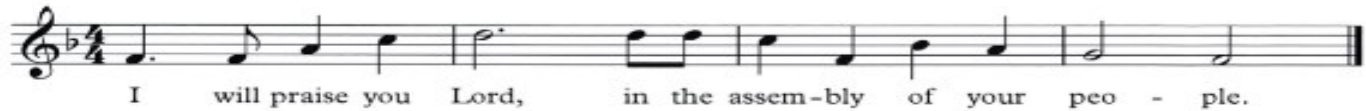
## First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas introduces Saul to the apostles, preparing the way for the mission of the future apostle, Paul.

## Psalm

Responsorial Psalm 21:26-28 30-32



## Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

We know that God lives in us when the Holy Spirit enables us to believe in Jesus and love one another as he told us to.

## Gospel

John 15:1-8

Just as the branch has to be attached to the vine if it is to bear fruit, so we have to be united to Christ if we are to bear the fruits of love.

## Next Weekend's Readings:

1st: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

Christ has revealed that God's love extends to everybody

Responsorial Psalm: 21:26-28, 30-32.

2nd: 1 John 4:7-10

Josh insists that the more fully and completely we know God, the more the reality of God's love dawns on us. We are called to love one another as God has loved us.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus spends his last hours with his closest companions, speaking of love-abiding in love, living each day with joy, and bearing the fruits of that love and joy.

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*Please join us in song*

*Gathering*

**All the End of the Earth** Bob Dufford, SJ

*Procession of Gifts*

**A New Commandment** Source unknown

*Communion*

**Unless A Grain of Wheat** Bernadette Farrell

*Recessional*

**Sing A New Song** Dan Schutte SJ