

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 8th and 9th 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter



A Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Last weekend we introduced a new format to our Cathedral Parish newsletter and in that I wrote about the celebration of The Flowers of May at the end of the month. I welcome you all to join with us after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 30 May 2021 to celebrate the end of May, the month of the Rosary and celebrate The Flowers of May.

I also include this weekend a pastoral letter to the people of the City of Rockhampton. This is to follow on from my Easter letter to the Parish community that are part of the Cathedral Parish. In the pastoral letter I draw attention to the unified approach to the evangelising ministry for across the entire Rockhampton.

On Sunday the 20th June 2021, I am inviting married couples who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary to join with me at the 9.30am Mass in the Cathedral. Across our Diocese there are many couples who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries and I am inviting all from our Parish communities and beyond to help celebrate this day, at Mass.

As I highlighted last week in the newsletter from this week, there will be a change in the way the Cathedral Parish office will open. The office will be open Monday to Friday from 9.00am until 2.45pm. Matthew and Jody will be a constant presence in our office so to best serve you, as the community.

Helen Godwyn this week, has commenced as manager of the Cathedral Bookshop. We look forward to Helen introducing new lines to our bookshop and servicing the Parish community with religious items. I ask you to support our Cathedral Bookshop.

To all our Mothers, my prayers are with you as you celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday. With best wishes.

Bishop Michael

FOCUS by Fr Bill Senn

"The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power!"

These mighty & intense words, friends, from our response to the Responsorial Psalm today! These words are chosen as today's response because they PROCLAIM most powerfully the wondrous events occurring in the life of the early Church community, immediately after the Resurrection of Jesus.

Peter (who once was Simon Peter!) becomes convinced in his belief that the life of Christ & the Church, accessible through Baptism, can & indeed MUST be shared with the Gentiles. The saving message of the Gospel is now to be PROCLAIMED to ALL people; to go beyond the confines of the Jewish people & nation. This no doubt, was a journey of growth in faith, for Peter and his companions.

Each one of us are CALLED to have that same sense of openness to growth in God's will .. within our own minds & hearts .. so that we can abide in fidelity to God's will, as a disciple of the Lord Jesus.

May we, like Peter, become animated & empowered .. to PROCLAIM to the nations .. the Good News of God's Love!! AMEN!

The Cathedral Centre Parish Office

Find us on 

Office Hours:
Monday–Friday
9.00am–2.45pm

Cnr William & Murray Streets,
Rockhampton

PO Box 8446, Allenstown Q
4700

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Email: rockhampton-south@cdor.org.au

Website:
www.cposj.com

Parish Clergy

Bishop Michael McCarthy

Fr Matthias Ogwo
(Associate Pastor)

Fr Bill Senn (Associate Pastor)

Parish Manager:
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.

Parish Calendar for the Month of May

Sun 9 May

9:30 am Mass – Bishop presides at Mass
Celebration of the Baptisms of Thomas, Isabella,
Matilda, Lilly, Mitchell & Elsie

Fri 14 May

5,30 pm – Syro Malabar Community mass

Sat 15 May

50 year Celebration of the marriage of Sharyn and Bob Hogan
Celebration of the marriages of Thomas & Naomi and Naomi & Troy
Celebration of the Baptisms of William & Hayden

Sun 16 May

9.30 am Mass – Bishop presides at Mass

Sat 22 May

6 pm mass – Sacramental Initiation of TCC students
Celebration of the Marriage of Thomas & Stephanie

Sun 23 May – Pentecost Sunday

9:30 am Mass – Bishop presides at Mass
3 pm – Ecumenical Pentecost Prayers with all members of the Christian Churches of Rockhampton
Celebration of the Baptisms of Sienna, Zahli, Toiar, Harrison, Amelia, Luca, Rory, Archie, John & Emmanuel

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

10:00 am Preparation for families preparing for baptism of their children
Celebration of the marriage of Jock & Jordan

Sun 6 Jun

9:30 am Rite of Welcome for families preparing for baptism of their children

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

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.

Newsletter to the Diocese 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/>

A Prayer for Mothers

*Loving God,
bless and care for our mothers always.
May they always be beloved and cherished.
Help us to be grateful and helpful,
not just on Mother's Day but every day.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus
who loved his mother very much.*

Amen

Cathedral Parish NEW Office Hours!

As of Monday 10th May, the Cathedral Parish Office will move to new opening hours.

The new hours will be:

The Cathedral Centre Parish Office
Monday to Friday 9:00am to 2:45pm

We can still be contacted via phone outside of these hours if you have any inquiries and the wonderful staff are still here to assist you!

Bookshop Back In Business

Please keep an eye out in future bulletins for the upcoming opening hours of the Cathedral Bookshop which is rapidly restocking to ensure they can provide you with an excellent range of Holy Goods.

For the moment, we encourage shoppers to call the bookstore first on 4921 2170 before visiting the store physically to ensure a staff member is there to serve you.

St Joseph's Cathedral Gift and Bookstore

Open 9am–4pm Friday
Further hours to be advised

Phone and internet orders are still being taken

Phone: 4921 2170
cathedralbooks@bigpond.com
www.cathedralbooks.com.au

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.



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 by 11 June.

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.

Considering a Tree Change? Consider Kalumburu

Sick of the Rockhampton Region? Now you have the chance to move to the other side of the nation to the Kalumburu Mission, North Kimberley Region, Diocese of Broome, Western Australia.

Hear from the Diocese of Broome about this exciting volunteer opportunity: "We need volunteers for a life experience at the remote community of Kalumburu located in the northern region of the Kimberley in Western Australia. This region is home to some of Australia's oldest indigenous communities and picturesque landscapes. Volunteers play an important role in helping our Parishes continue an active presence amongst the local people, both in Broome and remote indigenous communities like Kalumburu. Your role as a volunteer will include running the General Store with some assistance from local community members, handy-man maintenance and gardening as required and associated light machinery use and truck and for-life driving if you have the required license.

This is an opportunity to contribute and apply your range of acquired skills to the Kaulburu Mission and we would love to hear from you whether as couples or singles."

For further information please contact:
Diocese of Broome Chancery **T: 08 9192 1060** or by email
secretary@broomedioocese.org

Mass Times for this coming week

Monday 10th May
St Joseph's Cathedral
6:30am

Tuesday 11th May
St Joseph's Cathedral
5:30pm

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

Thursday 13th May
St Joseph's Cathedral
8:00am

Friday 14th May
St Matthias, apostle
St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

Saturday 15th May
St Joseph's Cathedral
9:00am

St Joseph's Cathedral
9:30am - 10:30am
Confessions

Vigil Masses
Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan
4:00pm

Mass time for Saturday 15th May at Sacred Heart will be 4:30pm

St Joseph's Cathedral
6:00pm

Sunday 16th May
ASCENSION SUNDAY
St Joseph's Cathedral
6:30am
St Paul's, Gracemere 8:00am
St Joseph's Cathedral
9:30am
St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

Ordinate Masses
St Peter's Church,
Allenstown
Sunday 9:30am



Significant Wedding Anniversaries

will be celebrated by
Bishop Michael McCarthy at the
9.30am Mass in
St Joseph's Cathedral on
Sunday the 20th of June 2021.



Please **RSVP** before Sunday 13 June 2021 to Bishop's Office on
07 4887 3070 or bishopsoffice@rok.catholic.net.au

Also, Please **Register** for Mass on the Cathedral Parish of St Joseph
website via the following link:

<https://www.cposj.com/bookings-checkout/st-joseph-s-cathedral/book>



Sunday – 30th 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,

Letter from Bishop Michael regarding the Retirement of Fr Bryan Hanifin

“Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Recently, Fr Bryan Hanifin retired as the Administrator of the Cathedral and the Cathedral Parish and has completed six years of service as Vicar General.

His years of loyal and devoted service to the Diocese in this role are greatly appreciated. In August, we will have the opportunity to acknowledge his 50 years of priestly service to the Diocese at the Jubilees.”

We invite you to join us in congratulating Fr Bryan at the Jubilee mass being held in August. Dates and times will be posted closer to the date.

Safeguarding

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.

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.

Young Adults Ten Pin Bowling

Rocky Catholic Young Adults are going ten pin bowling! Anyone aged 18-40 is welcome to come along and meet other young Catholics.

Where: Rocky Bowl and Leisure 100 Musgrave St

When: Saturday 15th of May at 10:00am

Cost: \$24 gets you 2 games and shoe rental

Finger food will be provided. For more information contact Mick at 0433 897 973 or michael.otto@rok.catholic.net.au

Liturgical Minsters urgently needed!

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph is in desperate need of more Liturgical Minsters to become readers and singers.

Please consider a donation of your time to assist your Parish with these wonderful ministries. For further information or to offer your services, please contact the Cathedral Office on 4927 6744

Happy Mother's Day

On behalf of the clergy, staff and volunteers of the Cathedral Parish of St Joseph, we wish all mothers a very happy mothers day.

May your well-deserved special day be blessed and happy!

Pope Francis

“To be a mother is a great treasure. Mothers, in their unconditional and sacrificial love for their children, are the antidote to individualism; they are the greatest enemies against war”.

This Weekend's Liturgy Readings

First Reading

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

Christ has revealed that God's love extends to everybody

Psalm

Responsorial Psalm 97:1-4



The Lord has re-veaed to the na - tions his sav - ing power.

Second Reading

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.

Next Weekend's Readings:

1st: Acts 1:1-11

Conversion is the work of a lifetime. Even after Jesus has taught his disciples in his risen body for forty days, they still miss the point, modelling their expectations of the kingdom on the values and patterns of worldly power and prestige.

Responsorial Psalm: 46:2-3, 6-9

2nd: Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13

Growing to spiritual maturity and into the body of Christ is not about spectacular signs and wonders. Day by day, by responding to God's grace in the quiet and steady practice of virtues, we develop the gifts needed for the building of God's kingdom.

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Mark's Gospel ends with listing miraculous signs and wonders that will identify the followers of Christ. But the true wonder is that as sinful human beings we can nevertheless be heralds of God's kingdom, producing in our lives and witness the fruits of God's Holy Spirit.

Parish Schools

St Joseph's, Wandal



4994 8230

Principal:

Kellie Jenkinson

St Peter's



4994 8225

Anthony Greene

St Paul's



4994 8235

Patricia Adair

The Cathedral College



4999 1300

Rob Alexander

Please join us in song

Gathering

Lift Up Your Hearts Roc O'Connor

Procession of Gifts

Ubi Caritas Jaques Berthier

Communion

Will You Love Me? Brian Boniwell

Recessional

Lord, You Give the Great Commission Jeffrey Rowthorn