

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)

11th & 12th of September 2021
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gospel Reflection by Fr Matthias Ogwo

“If anyone wants to be my follower, he must forget himself, take up his cross and follow me. Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel will save it” (Mark 8:34-35).

Today Jesus presents to us the demands of discipleship. He invites us to take up our own crosses, the weight of suffering which comes our way when we follow in his footsteps. True discipleship is seen when we are faithful to God in times of suffering. Jesus never called people to do anything which He was not prepared to do Himself. Jesus led by example and his total love for each of us was shown by his suffering and death on the cross.



The Cathedral Centre

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Monday–Friday
9.00am–2.45pm

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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. Please provide your
name, address and phone
number to avoid delay.

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.

Mass Times

Monday 13th September

St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am

Tuesday 14th September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
St Joseph's Cathedral 5:30pm
Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Wednesday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows
St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm
Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Thursday 16th September

*Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and
Cyprian, bishop, martyr*
St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am
Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Friday 17th September

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm
Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Saturday 18th September

St Joseph's Cathedral 9:00am
St Joseph's Cathedral
9:30am - 10:30am
Confessions

Vigil Masses

Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan
4:00pm
St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

Sunday 19th September

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am
St Paul's, Gracemere 8:00am
St Joseph's Cathedral 9:30am
Also livestreamed on cposj.com
St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

Ordinarate Masses

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

Cathedral Bookshop

Open on Wednesday &
Thursday 9am - 2pm

Open on Friday 9am - 4pm

New stock arriving regularly!

Contact 4921 2170

Parish Calendar for the Month of August

Sunday 12th September

Safeguarding Sunday
We celebrate the Baptisms of
Francesca, Aria, Malia & Jacob

Sunday 26th September

We celebrate the Baptisms of Douglas,
Hugh, Eli, Arlo, Fallon, Leoncio &
Henry

22nd - 25th September

Young people from across Diocese
attend IGNITE conference

107th World Day of Migrants &
Refugees

We pray for our brothers & sisters that have recently died

We pray for those who have recently passed into eternal life:

Pat Ellrott, Norm Pearce (Gold Coast), Ernie Trevaskis, Terry Molloy, Myrna Albania (Philippines), Jim Woodall, Sharon Wright, Brian Geaney, Stanley Darken, Adrian Sutton, Eva Barry, Liban Van Mello, Brother Peter Francis Coe (Taught at Christian Brother's College in 1978) & Felipe Sanchez (Philippines)

This Weekend's Newsletter:

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Stewardship - Love in Action!

The Parish Pastoral Council has a current focus of stewardship, inviting people to recognise their gifts and talents and to use these in various ministries in our Parish. During Pentecost, we invited parishioners to complete an online form that identified the particular gifts and talents you may have. People who completed these forms were then invited to attend a meeting with Bishop Michael on the 24th of August, where the various ministries the parish offers were discussed. People in attendance indicated on a form, which ministries they would be interested in contributing to. The Parish Pastoral Council would now like to present all parishioners to complete this form. These forms will be distributed during Mass and we would like you to read and indicate which ways you might be able to offer your gifts and talents to the Parish. Completed forms can be given to the Councilor at the end of Mass. Thank you for your time, and for your willingness to contribute to the ministries of our Church.

Safeguarding Sunday This Weekend

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

Safeguarding Sunday Prayer

Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
We entrust to you the lives of children
and adults at risk who have been sexually
abused,
and whose trust and innocence have been
destroyed.
Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for those
whose lives have been broken.
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by
those wounded by abuse,
and the failure to be heard.
We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find
understanding and support, so that now and in
the future
their wounds may be healed and they may find
lasting peace.
Let your grace and love fall gently now
upon our children and adults at risk,
giving them the inner strength, peace
and resilience to seek out assistance when
required.
We ask this prayer through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God
forever and ever.

Mercy Work's Raffle

Our parish's most popular raffle is back again
with all new prizes!

1st Prize - Patchwork quilt worth \$200
2nd Prize - \$100 cash prize
3rd Prize - Basket of goodies valued at \$75
4th Prize - \$60 voucher to the iconic Riverston
Tea Room

Tickets are only \$1 each with all funds raised
going towards the amazing charitable works of
the Mercy Associates and Sisters of Mercy.
Tickets can be purchased from the Parish Office
or Cathedral Bookstore. Raffle will be drawn on
Saturday 13th November.

The Diocese is Hiring

Finance & Administrative Officer

Are you a professional with a finance and
banking support background looking for a new
challenge in a supportive environment?

The position of Finance & Administrative
Support Officer reports to the Client Services
Officer and is responsible for the provision of
finance, reception, and administrative support to
Diocesan Services.

If interested in learning more about the role, Go
to the link below and apply—applications close
at 10 am on Monday 13th of September!
[https://rok.catholic.net.au/employment/finance-
administrative-support-officer/](https://rok.catholic.net.au/employment/finance-administrative-support-officer/)

Mercy Associates Gathering

Date: Saturday, 25th September
Time: 9:00am at St Joseph's Cathedral for
Mercy Day mass with morning tea at
Cathedral Centre to follow.
Speaker: Sr Beryl Amedee
Topic: "Catherine McAuley's vision in
action today"

All are welcome!

Accommodation Request

21 year old Catholic male looking for temporary
accommodation while on work placement at
Rockhampton Hospital. 5 weeks from 27
September to 29 October. Would prefer to stay
with a Catholic family. Will not have transport
so somewhere close to hospital preferable but not
essential. Please contact the Parish Office who
can provide contact details for further
information.

Unleash.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 21 BNE

Australia's most dynamic annual Catholic youth conference is back in 2021 in Brisbane! Get ready for incredible live music, engaging speakers and powerful moments of prayer.

Our diocesan group is organising accommodation and transport from Mackay, Rockhampton, Gladstone and Gin Gin, and is open to all young adults and high school students.

When: 22nd to 25th of September

Where: Mueller College, Redcliffe

Cost: \$300 (including accommodation, transport and meals)

For more info or to register with our diocesan group please contact Michael at 0433 897 973 or youth@rok.catholic.net.au.



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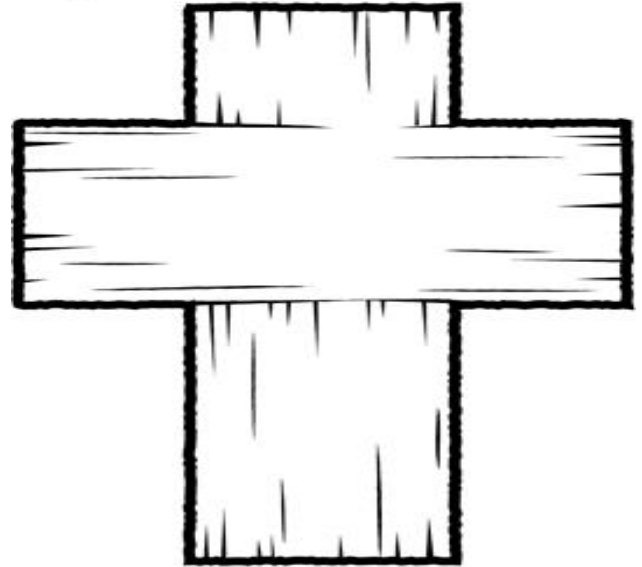
KIDS CORNER

Reflect

‘Those who want to be my disciples will not be able to have everything the way they want it. They will have to give up some things. My disciples must accept the cross and follow me. Those who live this way because of me and because of the Good news will live with me forever.’

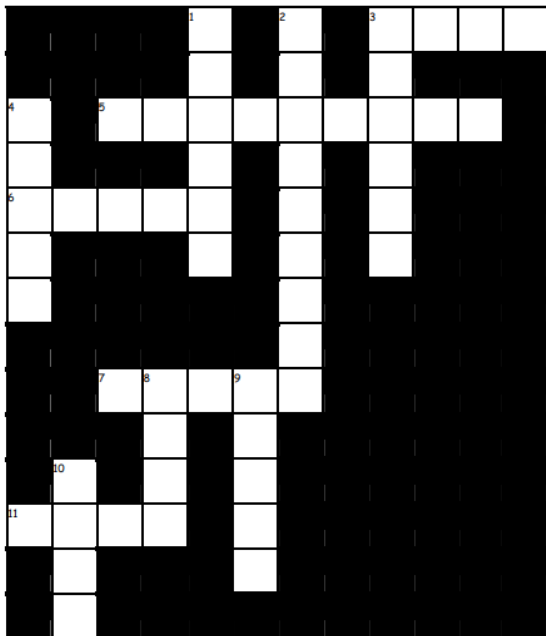
Our focus is on true expression of our faith in Jesus. Believers in Jesus put the gospel into their everyday life. It is not something that is only brought out on Sunday.’

Write on the cross some of the hard things you need to do if you want to follow Jesus.



Mk 8:31-35

Take up your cross and follow me



Across

- 3: if something is lost you must _____ it
- 5: Jesus decided he must go to this city
- 6: after how many days was Jesus raised to life?
- 7: the wooden structure used in a crucifixion
- 11: the opposite of take

Down

- 1: unable to remember
- 2: Jesus' followers
- 3: take the path of a leader
- 4: this man did not want to believe what was going to happen to Jesus
- 8: move upward
- 9: the devil
- 10: we shall have eternal _____ when we enter the kingdom of God

Take up your cross and follow me

Mk 8:31-35

O L Q I W U G T J G R I S E
 B B F O L L O W T M K T R O
 W E X S Q F L U C O D E Y J
 F Y Q X P I L I F E X V E Y
 I E R B K N S U J N Y F K E
 S A T A N D W C V F S P Q C
 M Z X Q R F O R G E T T C P
 I C R O S S J R D R C H L G
 C L P E T E R Y N L A R T Y
 Y I H J U A D R P B H E S U
 J L H V G H J M H I E E C B
 L D I S C I P L E S O R Y L
 G I V E R J E R U S A L E M

Try to find these words:

- cross
- disciples
- find
- follow
- forget
- give
- Jerusalem
- life
- Peter
- rise
- Satan
- three

Major Earthquake Hits Haiti

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a **7.2 magnitude earthquake**.

Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake, and reports indicate that **more than 30,000 families have been left homeless**.

The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence.

There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground.

To provide support, you can donate to **Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal**. **Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.**

Ecumenical Corner

Churches Together

This weekend please keep in your prayers the praying community of Oasis New Life Centre, Glenmore Road

Ecumenical Teaching

“The Council moves into action in this contrite spirit: all have the obligation to pray and work for the restoration of unity; all are called to dialogue according to their ability, all are called to further common efforts, again according to their ability, in prayer and social action.....and one is always to remember the essential thing: change of heart”.

(Document of Vatican Council: Preface, Decree on Ecumenism)

Rosary in the Cathedral - Saturday 16th October 11:00am

This year, due to COVID-19 concerns, our annual Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima, will be held in the Cathedral. Please join as a community in honouring Our Lady and asking her intercession for Australia and for the World. Registrations open at the front of the Cathedral from 10:30am.

Everyone Welcome!

Youth Gospel Reflection

‘But you, who do you say I am?’ This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith. Our answer no doubt changes over time as we grow in understanding and as we experience the ups and downs of life, but nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel passage, our answer remains a clear statement of our faith. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Just a good guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role model? A friend? God made flesh? The Word come down from heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man of God? The Messiah?

Perhaps you've never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, ‘Who do you say I am?’ It's confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It's confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. ‘Who do you say I am?’ You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn't ask ‘Who do you say I was?’; it asks, ‘Who do you say I AM?’ The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: ‘Who do YOU say I am?’

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's liturgy of the word has recommenced at St Joseph's Cathedral. Thanks to volunteers who have come forward to allow this ministry to recommence weekly. We still need more volunteers to ensure we can offer this ministry, every Sunday at the 9.30am Mass. Please contact Cathedral Centre 4927 6744 if you would like to volunteer - training is available.

St Augustine

“There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future.”

Sacraments 2021-2022

Continuing the Journey in the Catholic Faith Sacraments 2021-2022

Calling all families with children who have reached the age of reason (which is seven years of age) to join the preparation journey 2021-2022 towards the celebration of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2022. To register please call the Cathedral Centre on 4927 6744.

New Resources Available at the Cathedral Bookstore

Anqium Ministerium: Instituting the Ministry of Catechist	\$4.95
Come to the Light (Brendan Byrne)	\$22.95
Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love	\$19.95
Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home	\$12.95
Evangelii Gaudium (CTS Edition)	\$18.95
Aperuit Illis	\$4.95

See these new titles and much more at the Cathedral Bookstore! Looking for a particular title? Give the Bookstore a call at 4921 2170 and they might be able to help source it for you!

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

The anonymous servant of the Lord faces terrible persecution on account of his preaching. He does not resist.

Psalm

Responsorial Psalm 114:1-6, 8-9



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord, in the land of the liv - ing.

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Second Reading

James 2:14-18

James maintains that the real sign of faith is putting that faith into practice.

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

Peter says, "You are the Christ," but he fails to see that the Christ must suffer.

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