

# 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)

2nd & 3rd of October 2021  
Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Parish Update from Bishop Michael McCarthy

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ of the Parishes of Rockhampton

I write as your bishop and pastor of the Parishes of Rockhampton and to introduce the priests who will be assisting me for these next few months for your pastoral and spiritual care. This is a follow up to my previous letter in which I outlined the appointments of the priests. I have appointed Frs Matthias Ogwo, Andrew Hogan, Bill Senn and Jayanthi Maddala to form a team. Fr Andrew will assume pastoral responsibility for the parishes on the northside and Fr Matthias pastoral responsibility for Cathedral Parish with Frs Bill and Jayanthi. I ask that parishioners contact the parish offices as usual. The priests will be meeting regularly to form a team approach to ministry across the Parishes.

With best wishes

Bishop Michael

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### **Rockhampton Parishes Team**

Bishop Michael McCarthy

Fr Andrew Hogan – Associate  
Pastor with Pastoral  
responsibility for the Northside  
Cluster of Parishes

Fr Matthias Ogwo - Associate  
Pastor with Pastoral responsibility  
for the Cathedral Parish

Fr Bill Senn – Associate Pastor

Fr Jayanthi Maddala– Associate  
Pastor

Retired Priest Assisting - Fr Frank  
Gilbert

**Parish Manager:**  
Gerard Hogan

**Pastoral Volunteer:**  
Margaret Hallinan

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

**Grounds Staff:**  
Cliff & Debbie Broom

**Parish Safeguarding  
Representative:**  
Noela Walls

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emergency after-hours phone**  
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## Mass Times

### Monday 4th October

*St Francis of Assisi*

St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am

### Tuesday 5th October

St Joseph's Cathedral 5:30pm

*Also livestreamed on cposj.com*

### Wednesday 6th October

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

*Also livestreamed on cposj.com*

### Thursday 7th October

*Our Lady of the Rosary*

St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am

*Also livestreamed on cposj.com*

### Friday 8th October

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

*Also livestreamed on cposj.com*

### Saturday 9th October

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 10th October

#### 28th 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

### Ordinariate Masses

St Peter's Church, Allentown

Sunday 9:30am

## Cathedral Bookshop

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Thursday 9am - 2pm

Open on Friday 9am - 4pm

Contact 4921 2170

[www.cathedralbooks.com.au](http://www.cathedralbooks.com.au)

## Gospel Reflection by Fr Bill Senn

*"From the beginning of creation ... "*

This Sunday, friends, we are privileged to hear some of the Creation story .. particularly of the various animals; leading up to the creation of God's masterpiece .. ourselves .. humanity!

Continuing with the sacred story of Creation, we also hear the story of the creation of man and woman; and the sanctity of Christian Marriage as a permanent, life-giving and exclusive union in which man and woman become one body .. no longer two but **one**!

May we today reflect on the goodness of Marriage and family in our own lives; and how we might, with God's love, strive towards creating life-giving and wholesome relationships wherever we may be.

Indeed, may the Lord bless us all the days of our lives! Amen!

## We pray for our brothers & sisters that have recently died

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

Felipe Sanchez (Philippines), Michael Yarrow, Mark Pillage, Joan Molloy, Jim Woodall, John Boyle, Kathleen Whelan, Valerie Williamson, Val Miles

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## Get Creative and Colour for World Children's Day 2021

The Diocesan Safeguarding Office are thrilled to be announcing a colouring competition to mark World Children's Day on the 20th of November.

The amazing Safeguarding team would love to hear from the kids of all parents, carers and guardians around our Diocese about what keeps them safe.

Kids are encouraged to check out the colouring-in sheets at the front of the church where you can write or draw what keeps them safe. All ideas are welcome!

## 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.

## Youth Competition

The Safeguarding team at the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton want to hear your ideas about 'What Keeps You Safe'. With awesome prizes to be won, all you need to do to enter is:

- Grab some mates or work solo
- Pick a socials of choice (insta, snapchat, tik tok) and make a 10 second to 1 minute video
- Ask your parents to sign the permission form
- Message your entry & form to the CDR FB site admins <https://www.facebook.com/rokdiocese>

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton is looking forward to all the amazing entries from our creative youth.

## Mass Time Change 4th October

Please note that due to the public holiday on Monday, mass will be held at **8:00am**.

### *Venerable Fulton Sheen*

*"You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new centre. Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you."*

## St Vincent De Paul Welfare

We thank all those who generously donated to the St Vincent De Paul leaving collection last weekend. The money raised will go a long way to ensuring Vinnies can continue providing food, shelter and financial assistance to our community.

Please remember that St Vincent De Paul Assistance & Welfare can be contacted between 9:00 - 9:30am Monday to Friday on 4927 6026.

## Plenary Council

This Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, will begin the Plenary Council for the Church in Australia. I would ask you to pray for the delegates from this Diocese – myself, Father Peter Tonti, Loretta McKeering, Catherine Simmonds and Peter Doherty as we undertake this journey with representatives from the Church across Australia. This first assembly will run from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> through to the closing Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

You might like to say the Plenary Council Prayer daily, which can be found here:

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Plenary-Council-Prayer-Card-Print-at-Home.pdf>

You are also invited to join online any of the public sessions, which includes regular Mass and the full morning Plenary sessions. You can access the program and links to the live sessions here:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

## Youth Gospel Reflection

In the Western world today, somewhere between one-third and one-half of marriages end in divorce. It's a statistic that we hear wheeled out as a sign of the collapse of family values in our society. However, the reverse statistic is also true: somewhere between one-half and two-thirds of marriages are lasting ones. In the last 30-40 years, divorce has transformed from being a shameful scandal to an accepted, even commonplace, fact of life. It would be uncommon not to know someone affected by divorce. Despite those who argue that divorce is too 'easy', it is an emotional and difficult decision for couples to reach and has rippling impacts on children, extended families and friends.

When the Pharisees in the gospel asked Jesus about the law regarding divorce, they really weren't interested in divorce; they wanted to check Jesus' orthodoxy – how he stood in relation to traditional teaching. Rather than respond to them directly, Jesus asks them first of all to name the teaching to which they refer. He then explains that Moses only ever wrote the instruction because the people were so unwilling to listen to God's way.

For the second time in the last few weeks, the gospel shows Jesus welcoming children and praising their attitude as the way to the kingdom of God. Children of the time had no status and were regarded as literally the property of their father. When Jesus laid his hands on the children and gave them his blessing, this was the action of a father 'claiming' the child as their own. To welcome the kingdom like a little child is to enter into living the kingdom of God without any claim to position or status; to recognise our complete dependence on others; to let go of our ideas of who is important and who is not; to allow ourselves to be 'claimed' by Jesus.

## Memorial Service

A Memorial Service, for those who have died during the past six months, will be held at St Joseph's Cathedral on Monday, November 4 commencing at 5:30pm.

## Season of Creation Prayer

Creator of All, we are grateful that from your communion of love you created our planet to be a home for all. By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of living beings that filled the soil, water, and air. Each part of creation praises you in their being, and cares for one another from our place in the web of life. With the Psalmist, we sing your praise that in your house "even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young."

We remember that you call human beings to keep your garden in ways that honour the dignity of each creature and conserve their place in the abundance of life on Earth.

## Musical Performances Return to The Cathedral!

After two epic performances in August, we are excited to announce that live music will return to the Cathedral on Saturday the 9th of October at 3:00pm!

The Cathedral College Music Ministry Group invite you to attend 'An Afternoon of Music', put on by the staff and students for the community.

Gold coin donation appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Mary's on Nobbs Street holds adoration each Thursday from 4:30pm - 7:00pm.

This evening commences with the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

All are welcome!

## Help the Cathedral While You Shop

Our fundraising legend Shirley wants to remind you to use your Drake's Key tag every time you shop at Drakes Supermarkets to ensure the Cathedral receives much needed contributions towards ongoing maintenance.

Key tags are available at the front of the church!

# KIDS CORNER

## Reflect

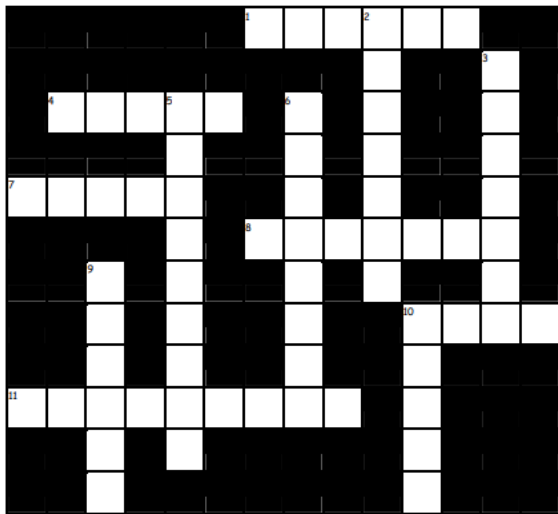
The readings today focus on the primacy of love in human life. As a result of this God-given gift, we form friendships and families, and nurture life in our children. God's own love for us is mirrors in the enduring love of husband and wife: God's providence toward every human being is reflected in parents' care for their children.

In the Gospel, Jesus used children - the most dependent of human beings - to model the trust and love that should mark our personal relationship with God.



Mk 10:13-16

## Blessed are the children



### Across

- 1: a crowd is made up of these
- 4: these have four fingers and a thumb
- 7: the Son of God
- 8: Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the children by placing his hands on them
- 10: Jesus took the children in his \_\_\_\_\_
- 11: annoying someone

### Down

- 2: to say faithfully that you will do something
- 3: children belong to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- 5: Jesus' closest friends and followers were called his \_\_\_\_\_
- 6: young people
- 9: the opposite of big (l\_\_\_\_\_)
- 10: very annoyed

Mk 10:13-16

## Blessed are the children

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

Try to find these words:

angry  
arms  
blessed  
bothering  
children  
disciples  
hands  
Jesus  
kingdom  
little  
people  
promise



## 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](http://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 Seventh Day Adventist Church & Community.

Ecumenical Teaching

As Pope John XXIII explained in his first encyclical, *Ad Petri Cathedram* (June 29 1959), the Catholic Church first had to renew herself. In the first part of that work of renewal on the Liturgy, the bishops, it soon became clear, had the ultimate hope of Christian unity very much in mind, again and again in the Council discussions they stressed what liturgical renewal could mean to those Pope John called "our separated brethren".

(The Documents of Vatican II Ecumenism Para 3)

## 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!

## 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.

## Safeguarding

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the *National Catholic Safeguarding Standards* (2013), and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults.

For further information or support please contact the Diocesan *Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office*:

**Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call)** or email: [pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au)

**Diocesan Website** for more information: <https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and Policy**: <http://www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html>

**Queensland Professional Standards Office**: [www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/](http://www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/)

## Planning a Wedding with CPOSJ

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph's experienced team are experts in preparing weddings and make the paperwork and ceremony aspects of planning a wedding completely stress-free.

We have a range of customisable options and will do our best to ensure the needs of the bride and groom are met.

To begin the wedding process, or just to learn more, please give the Parish Office a call!

# 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

Columban Art Calendars now available for purchase for \$10.00 each!!!

Other resources now available include:

Anqium Ministerium: Instituting the Ministry of Catechist	\$4.95
Come to the Light (Brendan Byrne)	\$22.95

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

Genesis 2:18-24

God's original desire for humans is to find in each of us a bond of love that runs so deeply that we never feel alone.

### Psalm

Responsorial Psalm 127



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### Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11





Jesus was fully human and lived a human life, understanding all human needs.

### Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

Jesus had deep concern for the welfare of wives and children, supporting the institution of marriage for the sake of the whole family's well-being.

## Parish Schools

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