

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph

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

May 23rd and 24th
The Ascension of the Lord



Bishop

Most Rev. Michael McCarthy DD

Associate Pastors

Rev. Bill Senn & Fr Matthias Ogwo

Parish Priest and Dean of St Joseph's Cathedral

Very Rev. Fr Bryan Hanifin V.G.

Assisting Priests

Rev. John Hayes (retired)

**Parish Mass Times
for this coming week**

**Weddings and Funerals
are still available by
appointment provided
they are in compliance
with Government policy
regarding COVID-19**

**Reconciliation is
available by
appointment only
phone 4927 6744**

Today's Liturgy - Year A

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus ascends into heaven from where he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Responsorial Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9



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Ephesians 1:17-23

The Holy Spirit is poured into the hearts of the baptised that they may respond with joy and hope.

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus sends the apostles to the ends of the earth to preach the Gospel and baptise.

Next Weekend's Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 1:12-14

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-2, 24, 27-30, 35

Gospel: John 17:1-11

**Please note:
A 12:00pm mass
(Mon-Sat) and a 9:30am
Sunday mass will be
livestreamed by Bishop
Michael McCarthy and
can be viewed at the
following link:**

[https://www.youtube.com
/user/StJosephsCathRton/
featured](https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton/featured)

**Keep safe, keep healthy
and keep each other in
your prayers.**

Parish
Schools



4994 8230



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DIOCESAN AND REGIONAL NOTICES

FOCUS by Fr Matthias Ogwo

Jesus' life on earth finished not with his death on the cross but with his ascension into heaven. It is the last of the mysteries of his life here on earth. It is a redemptive mystery which together with his passion, death and resurrection makes up the paschal mystery.

The solemnity of Ascension strengthens and nourishes our hope of attaining heaven. It invites us always to lift up our hearts and seek the things that are above. Our hope is very great because Christ himself has gone to prepare a dwelling place for us (Jn. 14:2). As long as Jesus has been rewarded by his Father for work well done, we are all sure to be rewarded by his Father for work well done, we are all sure to be rewarded with heaven after we have done our assigned tasks here on earth.

Prayer Resources

The Bishop understands that maintaining a healthy faith life is extremely difficult during this time of uncertainty and isolation. Therefore, the experienced Missions Team at the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton have prepared some resources for parishioners to use at this time. Resources include links to mass livestreams, daily readings and prayers. Please find the link below:

<http://rok.catholic.net.au/news-events/coronavirus-covid-19/#>

Position Vacant

Diocesan Financial Controller

A great opportunity exists to join a dynamic team in a values-based NFP as Financial Controller, managing the organisation's financial and accounting operations.

The Financial Controller is responsible for oversight and motivation of the Finance team in Rockhampton along with the production of timely and accurate financial information and reporting.

Reporting to the Director of Diocesan Services, the Financial Controller assists in formulating the organisation's future direction by providing short and medium term financial forecasting and strategic advice.

Further information can be obtained from the Catholic Diocese Website or by using the following link:

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/employment/>

Spotlight: Celebrating the communities within The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph

Communion to the Sick and Housebound "Serve and be Served" - Margaret Hallinan

Bringing Communion to the sick links the person with the community of the Church, "to reveal the healing love of Jesus to those in need."

Being someone who received Communion frequently, I understood the significance of what it meant, and yet, for some reason, I was unaware of the impact this responsibility would have on me personally and spiritually, when commissioned to carry out this ministry.

For the sick, the reception of Communion, means everything, and from a Eucharistic ministers' perspective, what a feeling to know, no matter what happens, through our ministry we are able to offer those who are sick the opportunity to receive and be prepared for the Lord.

Practical considerations:

Visiting a sick person is not just an occasion to offer support and encouragement, but also an opportunity to pray with the sick.

- There is no set rule, however, I always spend some time in conversation before sharing prayer and Holy Communion
- Place the pyx which has the Blessed Sacrament—in appropriate place.
- Listen attentively and conscious of feelings that the sick person may be showing and sharing.
- Choose the appropriate prayers to be prayers to be prayed
- If sick person does not wish to receive Communion—offer a prayer of blessing.
- Be conscious that the sick person may need time for silence once received Communion—respects the individual.

Ministers who take communion to the sick should consider the circumstances, needs and desires of the sick willingly use the various options that the rite provides.

If you or a family member would like to receive home communion (when restrictions are lifted) please contact 4927 6744.

PARISH NOTICES

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have recently passed into eternal life:
Margaret Cockburn, Daniel Deakin, Robert Casey, Donald MacKenzie
& Lennard Bond

Anniversaries

We pray for the soul of Mona Patricia Keane

Cathedral Office Remains Active

Whilst government regulations in light of COVID-19 prevent The Cathedral Office from opening the doors to the public, the friendly and professional staff are still happy to assist in any way possible via email (rockhamptonsouth@cdor.org.au) or phone (07 4927 6744) between the hours of 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Rockhampton Churches Together

This week we pray for the Rockhampton Church of Christ

Weekly Prayer

Loving God, -your desire is for our wholeness and well- being.
We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world currently.

We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.
We ache for ourselves and our neighbours, standing before an uncertain future.

We pray may love, not fear, go viral.
Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.

Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity.

Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence,
You, the God who does not abandon.

Cathedral Bookstore Continues to Trade

The Cathedral Bookstore continues to provide a non contact service to our Parish and beyond throughout these unprecedented times.

Please email cathedralbooks@bigpond.com, phone 4921 2170 or visit the website cathedralbooks.com.au for assistance and to make purchases. All purchases will be posted directly.

Cathedral Situation in Light of Lifted Restrictions

Unfortunately due to internal works in St Joseph's Cathedral, we are unable to open the Cathedral for private prayer at this time. We will be providing regular updates.

The Cathedral Centre Parish Office

Find us on 

Office Hours:

Monday–Friday 9.00am–4.00pm

Cnr William & Murray Streets,
Rockhampton

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Phone: 4927 6744

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Website:

<http://rok.catholic.net.au/parish/rockhampton-st-joseph-cathedral/>

Parish Office Administrator:
Gerard Hogan

Pastoral Associate:
Margaret Hallinan

Parish Secretaries:
Matthew Pettett & Jody Murphy

Grounds Staff:
Cliff & Debbie Broom

St Vincent de Paul
Assistance & Welfare
4927 6026

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.

Call between 9.00am - 9.30am to avoid disappointment.

In a medical emergency (after hours) to contact a priest, phone 1300 555 555, ask for pager no 26933 and leave a brief message

St Joseph's Cathedral Gift and Bookstore

Open 9am–4pm Monday to Friday

Phone: 4921 2170

cathedralbooks@bigpond.com

www.cathedralbooks.com.au

Manager: Jo-Anne Whitfield

Assistant: Helen Hoolihan

Quote from St Robert Bellarmine

Charity is that with which no man is lost, and without which no man is saved.



O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!