

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 30th and 31st
Pentecost Sunday



Bishop

Most Rev. Michael McCarthy DD

Fr Bill Senn

Parish Priest and Dean of
St Joseph's Cathedral

Very Rev. Fr Bryan Hanifin V.G.

Associate Pastors

Fr Matthias Ogwo

Today's Liturgy - Year A

Acts 2:1-11

All people heard their own language being spoken by the disciples from Galilee.

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



Lord, send out your Spi - rit, and re - new the face of the earth.

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1 Corinthians 12:3-7 -12-13

There are many different spiritual gifts but always the same Spirit.

John 20:19-23

The Lord says to the disciples twice "Peace be with you", then he says, "Receive the Holy Spirit" and gives them authority.

Next Weekend's Readings:

1st Reading: Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Responsorial Psalm: 3:52-56

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Parish
Schools



4994 8230



4994 8225



4994 8235



4999 1300

**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**

**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.**

DIOCESAN AND REGIONAL NOTICES

FOCUS by Fr Bryan Hanifin

As we hear the Word of God proclaimed today, we might be tempted to reflect that our community does not exhibit the remarkable gifts of the Spirit described in the Acts of the Apostles. But we are unique, and the Spirit comes to each of us in different ways.

We may have already felt the breath of God; its just that we don't always call it Pentecost experience.

The evangelists use images like tongues of fire or mighty wind, to try to describe these transforming experiences. But, as we know, some things cannot be fully captured by words.

Perhaps you could recall the moments when you most felt supported or transformed, and give thanks for the indwelling of the Spirit.

Pentecost Sunday

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the season of Easter reaches its final climax. This Sunday we celebrate and experience the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church and on all those who call themselves disciples and followers of the risen Lord.

Today with the whole church we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This is not something that happened a long time ago to other people. It is happening today, here and now. Today each of us is filled with and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

The first followers of Jesus were not strong, courageous or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus. They denied and deserted him when he needed them the most. After his death they hid themselves away in fear. They had lost all heart and hope.

We are no different than these ordinary men and women. Through our baptism and confirmation, each of us has been filled and anointed with the exact same Holy Spirit. Just the first followers of his proclaimed the good news about Jesus; we too are called to do the exact same today. Just as these men and women were transformed into energetic and outspoken witnesses of Jesus, so too must each of us today.

There is nothing gentle or mild about Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is powerful, life-changing and energetic. The Holy Spirit challenges us and calls us to change. Oscar Romero, said, *'The Spirit makes all things new; we are the ones who grow old and want to keep everything to our aged way of doing things... the Spirit is never old, the Spirit is always young.'* As celebrate the birth of the missionary church, we pray that each of us will be refreshed and renewed by the Holy Spirit. May we do what Pope Francis asks of each of us, *'Go out again and again, without hesitation without fear and proclaim this joy which is for all people...'*

'From My Home to Yours'

Have you seen the new Facebook Diocesan Video series 'From My Home to Yours'? Check it out at the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton Facebook page. There are currently 7 to watch with more to come!

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

The Cathedral Parish Office

As we entered these time of uncertainty and change, we here at the Cathedral Office have endeavoured to continue to provide you all with as much "normality" as we possibly can. Whilst we have made a few adjustments to the way we do things, we continue to provide you with the best service and resources that are available, we are just doing it a little differently!

Our Priests, while sadly cannot be with you in the community, are still playing that crucial role in providing spiritual support and guidance to all our Parishioners. They still offer their prayers, support and guidance, only you might see an email with articles, a Livestreamed Mass or the Bulletin in online version instead of hardcopy.

Although the doors to the office are closed, we can still assist you with:

- ◇ Baptisms & Weddings
- ◇ Funerals
- ◇ Bulletin notices
- ◇ Planned Giving
- ◇ Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)
- ◇ Sacramental Program
- ◇ Visitations to the sick
- ◇ Blessings
- ◇ Home Communion

While some of these services are still limited by our current restrictions, we, like many organisations have adapted to the changing times of social distancing, limit restriction's and isolation.

When we finally do open the doors to the Cathedral and our Parish Office we look forward to seeing all of you again. In the mean time, we are still here and always willing to assist. Please email us at rockhamptonsouth@cdor.org.au or call the office on 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 & Neville Conway

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 All Saints Anglican Community, North Rockhampton

Weekly Prayer

Infinite power and love

Lord God, we entrust to you the families and communities
affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be.

We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect
them.

We pray that your Spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and
treatments.

And during this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Grant us the courage
and perseverance to be good neighbours.

May the words of your Son Jesus Christ in the Our Father,
be our prayer as we entrust ourselves and all of us who are affected
to your infinite power and love.

Amen.

Adapted from an Ebola prayer by Caritas

National Reconciliation Week 2020: 27 May - 3 June

Theme: **In This Together**, every one of us has a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures.



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 endeavour to provide regular updates.

The Cathedral Centre Parish Office

Find us on 

Office Hours:

Monday–Friday 9.00am–4.00pm

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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 Pope Benedict XVI

*The one who has hope lives
differently.*

Prayer During a Pandemic

By Cameron Bellm

**May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.**

**May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.**

**May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose
between preserving their health or making their rent.**

**May we who have the flexibility to care for our children
when their schools close
remember those who have no options.**

**May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those that have no safe place to go.**

**May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.**

**May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
remember those who have no home.**

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

**During this time when we cannot physically wrap our
arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the
loving embrace of God to our neighbours.**

Amen.

From *A Consoling Embrace*, Twenty Third Publications [e-book](#)
For more prayers go to Cameron Bellm's [blog](#)