

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)

July 25th and 26th Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

1 Kings 3:5. 7-12

Solomon did not pray for riches or for a long and trouble-free life. Closest to his heart was this: to be a good king to his people.

Responsorial Psalm 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130



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Romans 8:28-30

God our Father cherishes as his children all those who love him.

Matthew 13:44-52

The greatest treasure in life is God's friendship. Those who realise this will go to any lengths to possess what they know to be most precious of all.

Next Weekend's Readings:

1st: Isaiah 55:1-3

2nd: Romans 8:35. 37-39

Responsorial Psalm: 144:8-9, 15-18

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Parish Mass Times for this coming week

Monday 27th July

St Joseph's Cathedral 7:00am

Tuesday 28th July

St Joseph's Cathedral 5:30pm

Wednesday 29th July

St Martha

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

Thursday 30th July

St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am

Friday 31st July

St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

Saturday 1st August

St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop

St Joseph's Cathedral 9:00am

Vigil Masses

Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan

4:00pm

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

Sunday 2nd August

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am

St Paul's, Gracemere 8:00am

St Joseph's Cathedral 9:30am

Livestreamed Mass

<https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton/featured>

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

**To avoid disappointment, book
for weekend mass at the
following link:**

[https://
www.trybooking.com/
BKBZJ](https://www.trybooking.com/BKBZJ)

Ordinarie Masses

St Peter's Church, Allentown

Sunday 9.30am

**Parish
Schools**



4994 8230



4994 8225



4994 8235



4999 1300

**Remember, if you are
unwell, please stay safe
at home.**

DIOCESAN AND REGIONAL NOTICES

FOCUS by Fr Matthias Ogwo

The Church reminds us that the greatest of all treasures is the Kingdom of God. She encourages us to pray for wisdom as Solomon did, to enable us to discern the true value and mysteries of God's kingdom. Solomon asked for wisdom for the benefit of both his kingdom and God's kingdom. He begged God to give him understanding *to discern between good and evil*.

An understanding heart is God's gift (Prov 2:6). We need it every day, and in all aspects of our life to succeed. So, the Apostle James encourages us: *"If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and it will be given to you (Jas 1:5)*.

The parables in the gospel reading are intended to instruct us to prefer *the kingdom of heaven* to this world, and to ensure that nothing prevents us from entering it. Through these parables, Christ reminds us of the excellence and beauty of eternal life. The kingdom of God is indeed a treasure hidden from the wise of this world.

Therefore, let us ask God for understanding and wisdom as Solomon did, so that we may be wise enough to discern what is good for us, and to make God's kingdom our priority.

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is when the children leave the congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate way. The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding.

Attending Mass together is a part of being a Catholic Family, while Children's Liturgy of the Word allows children to enter the celebration more fully by catering to their needs.

Why it is celebrated? In 1973, the Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome issued the document Directory for Masses with Children. This document offers principles and guidelines for adapting the liturgy for children to enable them to take a more conscious and active part in liturgical celebrations. The Directory states: *Sometimes..., if the place itself and the nature of the community permit, it will be appropriate to celebrate the liturgy of the word, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant, room. Then, before the eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own liturgy of the word (DMC #17)*.

STRUCTURE FOR CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

GATHER · The children gather with the whole assembly. The celebrant invites the children to come forward and prays: " My dear children, you will go now to hear God's word, to praise God in song and to reflect on the wonderful things God has done for us. We will await your return so that together we may celebrate the Eucharist (LMC #8).

The children accompanied by the leaders process to the place set aside to celebrate the Liturgy of the word.

LISTEN: the children listen to the readings

DO: The leaders break open the word of God appropriate to the children's level of understanding. The children take part in an activity related to the readings

GO: The leaders and the children take part in a simple procession to rejoin the community for the Preparation of the Gifts.

Cathedral Parish of St Joseph Planned Giving Program

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph is extremely grateful for any financial contributions made to our parish and welcome parishioners who would be interested in joining our Planned Giving Program to take the blue sheet available at the front of the church.

Keeping our Parish COVID-Safe

The recent tragic events in Victoria highlight how quickly COVID-19 can spread through the community and the importance of correct COVID-Safe practices to ensure that we keep our parish community safe.

We kindly ask that when entering the Cathedral, all parishioners must report to the side table to undergo contact tracing requirements and sanitize their hands. We strongly encourage parishioners to pre-register on TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/BKBZJ>, or pre-register by contacting the Cathedral Office on 4927 6744. This greatly assists our volunteers at the door in quickly and safely ensuring your details are accounted for.

We also ask that if you are experiencing even mild symptoms of illness to keep yourself and others safe by staying at home.

Whilst normality is still some time away, we can inch closer to achieving it by following the above guidelines.

PARISH NOTICES

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have recently passed into eternal life:
Karen Gilliland, Loretto Marsh, Peter Ross, Juanita Tolentino Lalla,
Rev Fr Paul Jackson (SJ) (Patna, India), Peter Mills, Sr Julian McKie (rsm)
& Gwen Kennedy (Brisbane)

Anniversaries

Patricia Dowling, Fr Chris Schick

Rockhampton Churches Together

This week we pray for Wesleyan Methodist Church, Lakes Creek.

Weekly Prayer - Moving Forward

Patient and loving God be with us currently.

Help us to welcome new ideas and be open to new ways of seeing the world and its possibilities.

For the wisdom to seek and discern the way.

For the heart to welcome and forgive

For the compassion to see and respond to those in need

For the commitment to work tirelessly for the good of all

For openness to your presence in all our encounters

For courage, in this year of unprecedented events to open the doors of our hearts to change.

Amen

ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering 2020 - Kevin Castles Centre 22nd August

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering is a national event which aims to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission. We will be gathering here in Rockhampton at the Kevin Castles Centre (152 West Street) on the 22nd of August. Arrive at 8:30am for a 9:00am start and a 4:30pm finish. The event is free and will include lunch and refreshments however donations are welcome. Due to social distancing there will be a limited number of places so please RSVP to Michael at michael.otto@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.

Fr Chris Anniversary 30th July 2020

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted'

On the 30th of July 2017, Fr Chris Schick, a beloved servant of the Cathedral Parish of St Joseph and the Rockhampton Diocese passed away. His vibrant and enthusiastic approach to ministry also made him a much endeared member of The Cathedral College community. **The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph invites parishioners to attend the 8am Thursday mass on the 30th July, which will be offered for Fr Chris.**



The Cathedral Centre Parish Office

Find us on 

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Matthew Pettett & Jody Murphy

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Cliff & Debbie Broom

St Vincent de Paul
Assistance & Welfare
4927 6026

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

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.

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

A quote from Saint Agatha

“To be a servant of Christ is to be truly free.”