

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)

13th to 14th of November 2021
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Focus by Fr Andrew Hogan



**Look, now is the acceptable time,
look, now is the day of salvation!**

(2 Corinthians 6:2)

We are at the penultimate Sunday for the liturgical year and our readings draw us in to consider the final things, the end of times. This scriptural theme forms a bridge with the first Sunday of Advent, which begins with the end of times. Such thoughts can often strike fear into the hearts of many but we should take solace and comfort in two very important facts.

The first comfort is that Jesus tells us that, "about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father." It can be a pastime for some to interpret the events of the day as signs and portents for the end of times but this is knowledge known only by the Father. We should not be swayed one way or another by such predictions especially if we are faithful to our baptismal calling to love God and to love our neighbour.

The second comfort is that Jesus tells us that, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." All that is worldly: power, wealth, popularity, disease, poverty, and death - all these things will pass but God's wisdom and his plan for our salvation will remain forever. What Christ has accomplished through his life, passion, death, and resurrection will be forever.

As Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives, his prophetic language undoubtedly shocked his apostles, as it does us. However, it served to highlight the irreversible and permanent disruption that his impending death would bring to their lives. Jesus' death and resurrection should disrupt our lives also. As we are intimately united to his life, death, and resurrection through our baptism, may we live lives that embody his word: the word that will never pass away.

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Monday–Friday
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Mass Times

Monday 15th November

St Joseph's Cathedral 5:30pm

Tuesday 16th November

St Joseph's Cathedral 5:30pm

Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Wednesday 17th November

St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am

Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Thursday 18th November

St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am

Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Friday 19th November

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Saturday 20th November

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 21st November

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

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, Allenstown

Sunday 9:30am

Cathedral Bookshop

Open Monday to Thursday
9am - 2pm

Open on Friday 9am - 4pm

Contact 4921 2170

www.cathedralbooks.com.au

We pray for our brothers & sisters that have recently died

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

Bernice Barnes, John Ebb, Laurel Pinkerton, Andrew Kennedy, Amelia Beatson, Kevin Harris, Barry Walsh, Patricia Ashton, Gloria Hansen

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Change of Monday Mass time for St Joseph's Cathedral

As of Monday, 8th November, the Monday Mass time for the Cathedral will move from **6:30am to 5:30pm**. A reminder also that Wednesday's Mass at the Cathedral has changed from **12:10pm to 8am**.

A Message from Bishop Michael to Volunteers

On behalf of the Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council, I invite you to join with me at the Cathedral Parish Centre for light refreshments and conviviality to say thank for your contribution to the faith life of the Cathedral Parish during this past year. This includes all those who serve on committees and ministries of the Cathedral parish of the worshipping communities of St Joseph's Cathedral, St Paul's Gracemere and Sacred Heart Mount Morgan.

Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021

Time: 5pm to 6,30 pm

RSVP by contacting the Cathedral Office by 3 December

Bishop Michael McCarthy

Synod of Bishops

Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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My dear people of the Rockhampton Diocese

Re: COVID-19 Vaccination

Over these 18 months, we have been negotiating life around the pandemic of COVID-19. As a senior citizen, I was offered the vaccine in one of the earlier tranches.

I reflected on the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith guidelines and was guided by the Holy Father. The Congregation's document clarifying the moral questions involved can be found at the following link: www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

In summary, the Congregation's document makes the following observations:

- The destruction of unborn human life for medical research or treatment is, and has always been, a gravely immoral act.
- Despite this moral evil having taken place decades ago, and the fact that some current vaccines have been developed using cells obtained from these abortions, the reception of such vaccines today is not morally sinful, because of the seriousness of the pandemic and because the co-operation in the immoral act by the person receiving the vaccine is remote.
- If people have a choice, they should choose the vaccine that is not developed with the assistance of immoral actions; but if they do not have a choice, they are morally free to receive the vaccine that has been developed with such assistance.

These guidelines were published in my letter to the Diocese in February this year and come from the documents of the teaching office of the Catholic Church.

Many people have died here in Australia and overseas from the effects of COVID-19. The Holy Father's own personal doctor died from COVID-19.

From my own perspective, I have been receiving vaccines and inoculations for all my life. I remember receiving the painful tetanus injection when I ran a nail into my foot while on the farm, then there was the close call of polio and tuberculosis in the 1950's and recently I lined up, because of my age, for the shingles injection. I marvel at the miracles of medical science.

Yet, before I underwent the AstraZeneca (Vaxzervia) vaccine, I consulted the specialist physician at the Mater Hospital. It was on his advice, together with my orthopaedic surgeon and my GP, that I have now received the two doses of the vaccine. In receiving the vaccine, I wanted to protect my health and those whom I may meet through my pastoral ministry.

As your Bishop, I would encourage all who reside in the Diocese to join the vaccination program. The facts are very clear. The virus is present in our country and has found its way into our regions. We are indeed fortunate to have one of the best medical supports in the world, but an outbreak in our region will place enormous strain on our medical staff and hospitals.

Some people, however, may have a valid medical reason for not receiving the vaccination. If you believe this could be the case, you should, as I did, seek proper medical advice.

The Holy Father urged all people as 'an act of love' to get vaccinated. In communion with the Holy Father, I strongly urge all involved in church ministry of our Diocese to get vaccinated, as our ministry involves contact with other people, including those more vulnerable.

Yours sincerely

Most Rev Michael McCarthy
Bishop of Rockhampton

Parish Safeguarding (Volunteer)

We are seeking two volunteers to be Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSR's) for St Joseph's Cathedral Parish.

The position is responsible for ensuring that the parish is aware of the importance of Safeguarding and supporting the fundamental obligations of St Joseph's Cathedral Parish to ensure the proper safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

If you are interested in supporting Safeguarding in your Parish or would like further information Please contact Judy Pidcock 4887 3080
pssomanager@rok.catholic.net.au

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

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.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html>

Get Creative and Colour for World Children's Day 2021

The Diocesan Safeguarding Office have announced a colouring competition to mark World Children's Day on the 20th of November.

The 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!

Hurry, entries close this weekend!

Cathedral Bookstore New Opening Hours & Christmas Stock

Commencing the week of the 8 November, the Cathedral Gift and Bookstore will be open as follows:

Monday to Thursday—9am to 2pm

Friday—9am to 4pm

Christmas Stock is in store now! Come and check out the wonderful range!

During the week posties have been delivering multiple boxes to the Cathedral Bookstore all containing this year's line of Christmas items.

Here are just some of the great stuff you can find in the Bookstore next week:

- A huge selection of Christmas Cards
- Columban Calendars (stock running out fast)
- Advent Calendars
- Ornaments that will look great on your Christmas tree
- A wide array of freestanding ornaments including the brand new Nativity lamp
- Bookmarks
- A generous selection of nativity scenes
- Gift bags and
- A box load of great Christmas gifts just for kids

Make sure to stop by the Cathedral Bookstore soon!

An Invitation—Book Reading Group

If you would like to learn more about this book, "*Christians: The urgent case for Jesus in our world*" by Greg Sheridan, please come to the Cathedral Parish Centre on Friday 26 November and join Di-Anne Rowan from 10:30 – 11:30am.

Morning tea is available from 10:00am. Please advise of any dietary needs and RSVP by Wed 24 Nov to Di-Anne by emailing d.rowan@rok.catholic.edu.au or ringing 4994 8100. Copies of the book are available from the Cathedral Bookshop.

The Range Convent School Reunion

The RANGE CONVENT SCHOOL, ROCKHAMPTON, Junior Class of 1961 is issuing an open invitation to all Past Range Convent Ladies who at any time studied at the school, to the Annual Reunion Lunch to be held on Saturday, 13 November, commencing 11.30am, at the Frenchville Sports Club, North Rockhampton.

This event will be a self-costing lunch but we need to know numbers for seating arrangements which will apply to COVID standards. Also \$5 at door to cover rental costs. If you know of any Past Students who would like to come along please let them know. RSVP contacts are Rhonda Cahill (Gorman), 0438 827 288, rhonda.cahill@bigpond.com or Helen Pearson (Magee), 0409041139 / hpearson3@bigpond.com “

Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture



The Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture will take place on Monday 22 November at the Hanly Room, 196 Charlotte Street Brisbane and will mark the 30th Anniversary of Qld Churches Together. The keynote speaker is Dr Ben Myers, Associate Professor, Alpha Crucis College, Woolloongabba who will be speaking on *Ecumenism: A View from the Margins*. Bookings are essential and can be made through the following link: tinyurl.com/BMPL2021 by 19 November. If you are unable to attend in person, live-streaming will be available. Just make a booking using the link above and the live-stream link will be sent to you closer to the date of the lecture.

Meditation in the Christian Tradition



“Be still and know that I am God”

Meditation is an ancient form of prayer. Its aim is to bring the distracted mind to silence and stillness, and rest in the presence of God. Even in our modern busy lives this is possible.

We invite you to come along and try this form of prayer which is simple and peaceful.

You are most welcome to experience the practice of Christian Meditation in a small group, to learn about its origins, and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world.

Thursday afternoons

4:30pm to 5:00 pm

The Cathedral College Curriculum Centre

Admission is free, for more information:

- ♦ Contact Barbara Hoare
- ♦ Email 2beescq@gmail.com or phone 0435181 792

St Louise de Marillac Conference Celebrating 50 years



St Louise de Marillac Conference

- MARGARET DRISCOLL,
CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

In November 1971, Fr. Paul Dryden, then Diocesan President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for Rockhampton Diocese, called a meeting of ladies from the Wandal Parish who would be interested in forming a ladies conference. This meeting was held on the 23rd. Ten ladies attended and three apologies were tendered. After a lengthy discussion, about the aims and work of the Society, it was unanimously decided to form a Ladies Conference. Elections then followed and executive positions filled.

It was decided to hold meetings weekly on Tuesday mornings with Conference going into recess during school holidays as most of the members had children at school. The first meeting held on the 30th of November 1971. The St Louise de Marillac conference was aggregated (officially recognised) on 7th August 1972.

Members of the St Louise de Marillac Conference have volunteered at the St Vincent de Paul stores at the main centre and the Wandal clothing store. Members have also volunteered at the Support Centre where two of the current members continue weekly. Members have always visited the sick and lonely at their homes, hospitals or nursing homes and continue to do so. A corporal work of mercy.

Meetings of the St Louise de Marillac Conference have continued to meet weekly until March 2020 when they recessed due to Covid 19. Meetings recommenced again this year but now on a monthly basis. Current Conference membership is five ladies.

As we celebrate 50 years as a St Vincent de Paul Society Conference, and continue to pursue the Good Works we are called to do, we would like to invite you to pray for us and even consider joining us. Enquiries: membership.rocky@svdpqld.org.au

Celebrating 50 years



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



Weekly Prayer

Remembrance Day

Lord God, our Heavenly Father, at this special time of remembrance we think about those of the past who gave their lives serving our Country in two World Wars. We also remember those who have lost their lives in other war-torn areas of the World over the years.

We pray that people will show love and respect for one another and learn to live in peace.

We pray too that Your Kingdom may come here on earth, and through the Power of Your Holy Spirit our prayers will be granted in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

Ecumenical Corner

Churches Together

This weekend please keep in your prayers the praying community of the Uniting Church, Fitzroy Parish, North Rockhampton

Ecumenical Teaching

Nevertheless, besides the doctrinal differences needing to be resolved, Christians cannot underestimate the burden of longstanding misgivings inherited from the past, and of mutual misunderstandings and prejudices. Complacency, indifference and insufficient knowledge of one another often made the situation worse.

Consequently the commitment to Ecumenism must be based upon the conversion of hearts and upon prayer, which will also lead to the necessary purification of past memories.

That they may all be One, by John Paul II Article 2

Help the Cathedral While You Shop

Just a reminder 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.

1 cent in every dollar you spend goes to the Conservation Fund. Simply shop and scan!

Key tags are available at the front of the church or from your Parish Office.

Chaplaincy Community Connection TRIPLE-C BREAKFAST

Date: Saturday, 20th. November

Time: 7:30 am.

Location: 'Warambu' Waraburra State School Hall, Johnson Rd., Gracemere

You are invited to attend this event, in support of the Chaplains in schools covered by the Gracemere and District School Chaplaincy Service.

During the breakfast, there will be opportunity to meet, and learn about the work of, our local school Chaplains.

Guest Speaker is Rob Willson(CQ Chair, Children's Vision Screening Programme)

'Within a Lions Roar.'

Entry (in support of School Chaplaincy) is \$10 per person or \$20 per family

RSVP. 15th. November

Bookings for catering and seating purposes essential. There is a limit of 40 persons

P. 4933 3656 or M. 0427 534 491

Email: gracemerechaplaincyservice@gmail.com



Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.

How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost.

Pope Francis

Sacraments 2021-2022

Continuing the Journey in the Catholic Faith Sacraments 2021 - 2022

The journey has commenced. The second meeting will be held on 16 and 17 November
This meeting is for **parents only**. Parents need to attend one meeting on either night. 5.30pm to 6.30pm • Venue Kevin Castles Centre West Street
(Opposite Red Lion Hotel)

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!

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

There will come a time of great suffering and distress, but the Lord will protect his faithful people.

Psalm

Responsorial Psalm 15:5, 8-11



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Second Reading





Hebrews 10:11-14. 18
Christ has offered himself as the supreme sacrifice to forgive all sin, and awaits the fulfilment of God's kingdom and glory.

Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus speaks to his disciples about the coming of the Son and Man in glory and its consequences.

Parish Schools

	St Joseph's, Wandal	St Peter's	St Paul's	The Cathedral College
				
	4994 8230	4994 8225	4994 8235	4999 1300
Principal:	Kellie Jenkinson	Anthony Greene	Patricia Adair	Rob Alexander

Please join us in song

Gathering

Table of Plenty Dan Schutte

Communion

On Eagle's Wings Michael Joncas

Procession of Gifts

Blessed Be Our God Amanda McKenna

Recessional

Lord, The Light Of Your Love Graham Kendrick