

# 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)

June 26th & 27th 2021  
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## FOCUS by Fr Matthias Ogwo

Today, we celebrate the Lord who gives life and continue to care for us. Jesus is Life. In the two miracles, according to the gospel of St. Mark, Jesus demonstrated he is a lifesaver and life preserver. He raised the dead and cured the sick. These miracles are evidence of the wish and plan of God for us his people. They also demonstrate that while Christ desires that we be freed from all forms of captivities, he equally wishes that we demonstrate a strong faith.



### The Cathedral Centre Parish Office

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*Monday–Friday*  
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### Parish Clergy

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Margaret Hallinan

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Call between 9.00am -  
9.30am to avoid  
disappointment.

**If anointing is needed  
urgently after hours, to contact  
a priest, phone  
07 3830 5216 where an operator  
will take your message and  
deliver it to a priest as soon as  
possible. Please provide your  
name, address and phone  
number to avoid delay.**

### **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.

## Mass Times for this coming week

### Monday 28th June

*St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr*

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am

### Tuesday 29th June

*Sts PETER and PAUL, apostles*

St Joseph's Cathedral 5:30pm

### Wednesday 30th June

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

### Thursday 1st July

St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am

### Friday 2nd July

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

St Joseph's Cathedral 5:30pm

*Holy Hour*

### Saturday 3rd July

*St Thomas, apostle*

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 4th July

#### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am

St Paul's, Gracemere 8:00am

St Joseph's Cathedral 9:30am

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

### Ordinariate Masses

St Peter's Church, Allentown

Sunday 9:30am

## Cathedral Bookshop

### Open Thursday and Friday

**Thursday** 9:00am - 2:00pm

**Friday** 9:00am - 4:00pm

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## Parish Calendar for the Month of June & July

### Fri 25 June

*Commencement of 'Hearts on Fire' conference with youth rally*

### Sat 10 July

*Mercy Associates Loving Kindness retreat*

### Sun 27 June

*Celebration of the Baptisms of Ella, Ashton, Rubee, Maria, Alexzavier, Breanna & Patrick*

*Conclusion of 'Hearts on Fire' conference*

*Peter's Pence Collection*

### Sunday 18 July

*Xavier School of Mission holds Theological formation in Rocky*

### Friday 30 July

*Applications close for St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship*

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

We pray for those who have recently passed into eternal life: Joan Stevenson, Br Kevin Callaghan, Philomene McDonald, Julie Beak, Owen Wildie, Marie Frawley, Maria McLaughlin, Cornelio Casi, Gleceria Sotaridona, Gerardo Sotaridone, Colin Cunningham & Francis Ufindiess

## Anniversaries

Bill McIver & Ken Cantwell

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## Peter's Pence Collection This Weekend

Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered the faithful to the Holy Father a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

## The Use of the Proceeds:

The offerings of the faithful are intended to support the activities of the Holy Father for the whole Universal Church. These activities are carried out by the Holy See. The Pope, as Pastor of the Universal Church, is concerned both the with needs of evangelization (spiritual, educational, justice, communication, political charity, diplomatic activity, etc.) and with the material needs of poor diocese, religious institutes and faithful in serious difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, the marginalized, victims of wars and natural disasters; special aid to Bishops or Dioceses in need, Catholic Education, aid to refugees and migrants, etc.).

## **This Financial Year's Planned Giving Envelopes Now Available**

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph relies on the generosity of our community to help us deliver pastoral services to the Rockhampton Region.

This weekend, planned giving envelopes will be distributed across the Parish and can be collected at the front of the church. Planned giving donations, as well as all donations received go towards sustaining our work in the community which includes offering mass at churches as well as nursing homes, providing anointing to the sick and dying, visiting and spending time with the struggling and lonely and much more.

If planned giving envelopes are not the giving method for you, we also provide opportunities to give through periodical or one-time electronic methods.

With collections once again occurring in our churches we are even grateful to receive small change, as small change can make a huge impact.

No matter the size, your generous donations will help us to continue to deliver pastoral care to our community. If you would like to discuss giving options please contact the Cathedral Office.

## **Continuing the Journey in the Catholic Faith 2021-2022 Cathedral Parish of St Joseph**

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.

Please call the Cathedral centre on 4927 6744 to register your child/children.

## **Letter from Bishop Michael regarding Catholic Men's Gathering 2021**

The Catholic Men's Gathering is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops with the aim of inspiring and encouraging men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. This event was held in an online format last year and the organising team has decided to run another online event for 2021, which will go live on the 31st of July.

I attended the local gathering here in Rockhampton last year and was impressed with the presentations from the speakers and encouraged to see men gathered to listen to the call to be active members of the Church. As well as having the full support of my brother Bishops, this event has my full support within our Diocese, and I encourage you to promote it within your communities.

It is not intended that this will continue to be an annual event in the future, so I urge you to make the most of this resource while we have the opportunity.

Michael Otto from our Diocese is the contact with the national organising committee and can provide you with more details. If you have any questions or thoughts about this initiative, please contact him at [Michael.Otto@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:Michael.Otto@rok.catholic.net.au).

### ***Pope Saint John Paul II***

*"There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us."*

# **Excerpt of Pastoral Letter to the Diocese of Rockhampton - Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislations**

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ

In today’s first reading from the Book of Wisdom, we hear, “Yet God did make human beings imperishable, God made humankind in the image of his own nature”. These words express a belief that is at the heart of our Catholic faith: that we are made in the image and likeness of God and so life, made of both body and soul is sacred and carries a God-given dignity. Life is the first Good that God has given us therefore we must do all we can to defend and protect life, especially when it is most vulnerable.

This concern plays a central role in the Christian vocation. Today, our defence and care for the vulnerable must be carried out in new and worrying circumstances, especially in the light of the issue of voluntary assisted dying also known as euthanasia. The Queensland Parliament is proposing to legalise euthanasia, with a bill introduced on May 25th. I write to you to voice my concerns and to highlight our Catholic arguments against this piece of legislation that will go to vote of the Parliament in September this year.

## **Reasons for the Church’s Opposition to This Legislation**

The Church believes that euthanasia or assisted suicide is a grave moral act because it is the intentional and direct taking of an innocent human life. It is a practice that is in contrast of the vision of health care from a Catholic perspective, the first principle of which is “do no harm”. This means that the aim of medical care should be to heal someone who is ill, and if healing is not possible, then to care for that person until his or her earthly life is finally over. Scripturally, we see this approach in the parable of the Good Samaritan told by Jesus. The Good Samaritan did not abandon the stranger he met on the road, but ensured he received medical attention and other forms of care that ensured his life and dignity were respected. The act of euthanasia as a direct form of taking life is contrary to the actions of the Good Samaritan. Euthanasia is also contrary to other parts of the Sacred Scriptures, notably the Decalogue in the commandment of “Thou Shalt Not Kill”. These parts of the Scriptures call us to influence our society to be committed to healing and never harming; relieving pain and symptoms of illness and frailty; and never abandoning those in our care, and certainly not intentionally ending life.

## **Countering the Arguments of Compassion and Dignity**

Often, the values of compassion and dignity are used to advocate for euthanasia. People refer to the need for a dignified death and that in some circumstances it is compassionate to allow a person to end his or her life. These arguments were made in the speech to introduce the legislation in the Queensland Parliament. However, as Catholics we have a different understanding of compassion and dignity founded on our first principle of health care: try to heal and if you cannot, then care. It is a principle that is at the heart of palliative care which needs to be more fully available throughout Queensland. Good palliative care is compassion in action for it alleviates pain and suffering and brings calm to a person in the last phase of earthly life. Palliative care, along with the vigil that families keep at the bedside of their dying loved ones, surrounding the person with love and affection and, with the prayers and the sacraments of the Church, form the basis of Christian compassion for a person in the last stage of life.

We also remember that human dignity is God-given. It is not like a commodity and therefore is not measured by the quality of life. From the moment of conception, made in the image and likeness of God, the human person carries that dignity into eternity....

**To read more of Bishop Michael’s letter please grab a copy from the front of the Church.**

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# KIDS CORNER

## Reflect

At each Eucharist we gather with one another to support the common life we cherish, to proclaim our faith in the resurrection, and to acknowledge that life is good. We know that we will grieve when death disturbs our relationships. We know we will still fear death. Yet we can look to the kingdom that God has promised for a time when we will be united forever and never fear separation.

Along the way to Jairus' house, people arrived to say that the girl had already died. Jesus said to Jairus...  
When Jesus arrived at the house he said...

Don't worry.  
Just have faith!



Why are you crying? She is not dead, she is only sleeping.

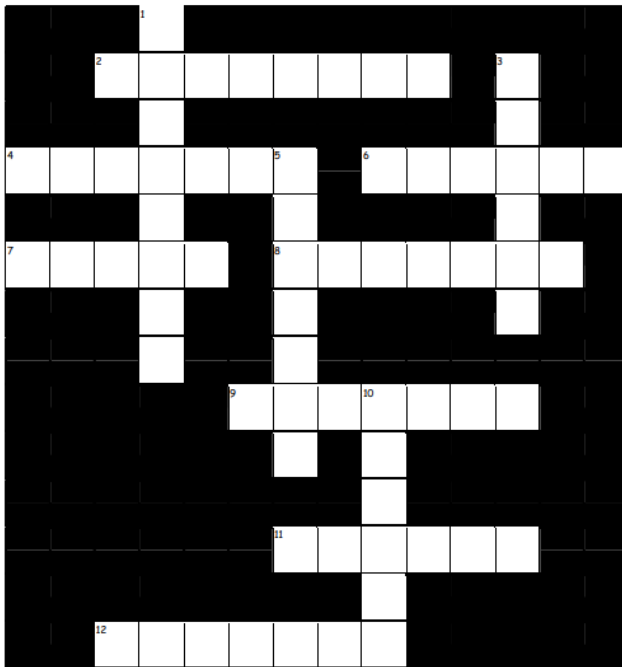
Draw Jesus holding the girl's hand

Little girl, get up!

## CROSSWORD

### Jesus heals the sick

Mk 5:21, 35-43



#### Across

- 2: collected
- 4: this man went to Jesus because his daughter was sick and dying
- 6: to have little or no money, food or possessions
- 7: to have more strength than another
- 8: Jesus crossed this lake in a boat
- 9: to make something
- 11: the opposite of awake
- 12: wealthy

#### Down

- 1: father is to son, as mother is to ...
- 3: shedding tears
- 5: for all time, eternity
- 10: all the lands that are ruled by a king

## JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

### Jesus heals the sick

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

Try to find these words:

asleep  
begging  
crying  
daughter  
faith  
Galilee  
gathered  
Jairus  
laughed  
teacher  
twelve  
walking



## Xavier School of Mission Comes to Rocky

In exciting news, the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton has Partnered with the Xavier Centre for Theological Formation to host a Xavier School of Mission right here in Rockhampton.

Held at the Duhig Centre from Sunday July 18th to Wednesday July 21st, the cost of this event including meals (excluding travel and accommodation) is completely covered by the Diocese!

During the event, participants will look at the building blocks of the mission, co-responsibility for the mission and a vision for the future. With all this good stuff being presented by an excellent line-up of speakers.

To register, check out the QR code below!



## More Live Streamers Needed!

We are in need of a few more people to assist with live streaming. Please contact the Parish office so you can be trained for the 9:30am mass on Sunday. Live streaming is a skill that can be picked up by anyone and is especially attractive on resumes of school leavers seeking work in media.

## Loving Kindness Retreat

All Mercy Associates are warmly invited to attend the **Loving Kindness** Retreat.

**Date:** Saturday, 10 July after 9:00am Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral until 12:30pm.

**Venue:** St Joseph's Cathedral Parish Function Room (behind the Bookstore)

**Retreat Guide:** Marg Trevethan

*"It is not enough to be a passer-by on the digital highway, simply connected; connections need to grow into true encounters. We cannot live apart, closed in on ourselves. We need to love and be loved. We need tenderness"* Pope Francis

*Be kind to yourself and join us!*

## Positions Vacant - Mater Private Hospital

3 x Positions for Mission Integration Manager in Bundaberg, Rockhampton and Mackay.

Role: Reporting to the Chief of Mission Integration Manager provides vision and strong inclusive leadership that seeks to strengthen and grow the mission of the Mater Private Hospital as a ministry of the Catholic Church and maintains the integrity of the Catholic identity of the hospital.

For more information, please visit the Mater website: <https://www.mater.org.au/group/careers/careers-in-central-queensland>

## St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry of a specialized activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

More information and application forms and available on their website:

<https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

**Closing Date 30 July 2021**

## Weekly Prayer

Lord God, heavenly Father, you generously give us your blessing and our daily bread. Preserve us from greed and awaken our hearts that we willingly share your blessed gifts with our neighbours in need. Make us faithful stewards of your gifts. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Mary's, Nobbs Street offers adoration every Thursday from 4:30 - 7:00pm commencing with the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

All are welcome!

# Holy Hour at The Cathedral Friday 2nd of July @ 5:30pm

All are invited to Holy Hour at St Joseph's Cathedral. Commencing at 5:30pm on Friday the 2nd of July, spend some time with fellow parishioners in prayerful quiet as we pray for vocations. Feeling peckish after adoration? Join us at the Allenstown Hotel for a meal (pay your own way). To reserve your spot at dinner please contact Michael Otto at [Michael.Otto@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:Michael.Otto@rok.catholic.net.au).

## Catholic Theological College

*Free* online Open Day Information Sessions "Getting Started in Theology"  
**Attend one of our 3 Online sessions in June**

Each session will outline how to get started and how to plan study that matches the ministry needs of potential students. Book via our Website:

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/open-days/>

## This Weekend's Liturgy Readings

### First Reading

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

God's love is overflowing and so God created an abundance of life. Death came into the world, not through God, but through the devil's hand.

### Psalm

Responsorial Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13



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### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

The community of Christians has enjoyed the generosity of Jesus and they should reflect this in the mercy they show others. But in helping others, they should not ignore their own needs.

### Gospel

Mark 5:21-43

During his ministry, Jesus is surrounded by people all the time. But he turns to those in greatest need. His miracles are signs of God's mercy available to us all.

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