

Catholic Parishes of North Mackay & Farleigh

St Joseph's, St Brigid's, St Brendan's, St Helen's, St Peter's, Star of the Sea

The Transfiguration of the Lord

6 August 2023

News from Bishop Michael's Diocesan Social Justice Group.

This year Social Justice Sunday, 27th August, will focus on *The Voice*. Over coming weeks, in preparation, the Social Justice group will share some ideas from *One Journey Together* (<https://indigenousvoice.church/>), a website whose aim is to “educate and inform our fellow Catholics on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching CST”. To assist reflection, we are focusing on ideas from “*CST's for the Journey*”, an article by Dr Rebekah Pryor, Caritas Australia, in partnership with NATSICC. This article connects CST with what is happening for our First Nations Peoples. The SJ group hopes that in sharing some of these thoughts you might reflect on them, and thus make a more informed decision on your vote in the upcoming referendum.

Question for reflection: How and where are you getting your information about “*The Voice*”? How are you preparing yourself to vote conscientiously?

Note of thanks

Dear Fr Stephen, Fr Andrew and Parishioners,

It is with a grateful heart I write to thank each of you for your support and love over the years.

I have been overwhelmed by it all.

Thank you for your prayers and good wishes.

Let us pray for each other as we continue to follow our God.

Sr Lila



Sr Lila being presented with a parting gift by Fr Andrew Hogan on Sunday 2nd July 9am Mass St Joseph's Church.

The worshipping communities of North Mackay and Farleigh acknowledge the Yuwibara people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather and pay respect their elders: past, present, and emerging. For we too are one in land, one in spirit, one in faith, united in God's love.



Parish Team

Parish Priest

Fr Andrew Hogan

Parochial Vicar

Fr Raju Mandothparambil

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Emergency Pager

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Parish Donation Point



1. Scan the QR Code with your phone camera
2. Tap on the link that appears
3. Make your donation

Please Pray For:

The sick: Jon Palmer, Rosa Menzies, Carman Prestipino, Karrin Hines, Susan Attard, Pauline Falzon, Beryl Clancy, Carlo Along, Joe Tonna, David John Elgey, Rose Bugeja, Sr Lila Galvin.

The recently deceased: John Hanly, Kathleen Dowden, Sarino Ferlazzo, Margaret Eckford, Robert Hayes, Grace Mifsud, Del Ryan, Mary Camilleri,

Anniversaries that occur at this time: John Breen, George Lando, Sam Sciberras, Martin & Andrew Baretta, Samy & Mary Bezzina, Tony Falzon, Gerard Falzon, Teodora (Dory) Faletti, David Ryan, Jean Cutujar, Mary Johnson, John Martin, Paul Flanagan, Doreen Kunkel, Charles Greenhalgh.



“Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here.” Matthew 17:4

Permission must be sought from the person for their name to be added to the sick list.

Names of recently deceased family members and names for anniversaries will only remain in the bulletin for 30 days.

There is no correlation between offering Mass Stipends and names of the sick or deceased being added to the bulletin.

Forms for adding names to the bulletin are available in at the back of the church.

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards 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

Email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au

Diocesan Website www.rock.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/

**Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults
commitment statement and Policy:**

www.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

Queensland Professional Standards Office: www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Parish Events & News

RCIA: An RCIA Enquiry night will be held on Thursday 24th August at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Grendon Street. If you know of any interested person wishing to pursue the RCIA process, please ask them if they could contact the Parish Office. Phone 47574855.

St Joseph's CWL monthly meeting to be held in the parish centre on Friday 18th August at 9.25am for any enquires please contact Di Ahmat via Parish Office 49574855.

Vacant Position for 2024: The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg is recruiting for a Liturgy/Music/Sacraments/R.C.I.A. Coordinator to commence in 2024.

The position provides support to the Parish Priests in the liturgical, music, sacramental, evangelising life of the Parish by ensuring that the needs of the community in these four areas are met through careful planning and administration. The position is full time and would be suitable for someone with experience in liturgical/music/sacramental/R.C.I.A. ministry and/or education, particularly in areas concerned with developing and strengthening the faith and spirituality of people in our Catholic community.

To obtain a copy of the position description, please email bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au. Applications close on Monday, 4th September 2023. For more information about the position, contact the parish office on 4151 6666 and speak to the Executive Officer.

Inner Healing Retreat by Fr Roni George VC, is being held at Yaamba Road Hall, Emmaus College, Rockhampton from Friday 11 August to Sunday 13 August. Registration \$85.00 per person includes most meals. Bus will be travelling from Mackay. Accommodation available near venue. For more details please contact the Parish Office 49574855.

Hope's Dream Qld Inc: Fundraising Event, Movie Night "Show Me The Father" Saturday 19th August, 7-9pm BCC Mount Pleasant Cinema. Free Entry - Please come prepared to donate as a once off or sign up for regular monthly giving. Hope's Dream Qld offer help to anyone going through difficulties during the perinatal period, this includes crisis pregnancy care, support through the first year of infancy and support through a period of loss. More information <https://www.mycause.com.au/charity/55804/HopesDreamQldInc>

Congratulations to the Sister of Mercy who are celebrating many years of outstanding work in our Diocese. On the 4th August 1873, the Sisters of Mercy arrived by boat on the Fitzroy River in Rockhampton from Brisbane and went to the first Convent of Mercy in Kent St, Rockhampton. The Sisters have been involved in education, health care, social work, Pastoral work, Parish work and visitation to only name a few. The Sisters are grateful for the support and welcome received as foundations were established across the Diocese.

Craft Exhibition at Northside Uniting Church Saturday 12 August 10am – 2pm
Gold Coin Admission includes a Cuppa & Cookie served in the Church Hall.

The Mackay Maltese Club invites you to Our Lady of Victories Festa Mass: Francis of Assisi Aged Care Home, 2 Dupuy St, Mackay. Procession at 7.00pm on Fri 8th September followed by the Mass. Supper will follow. Please bring a plate of food to share. **Festa Dinner** - 7.00pm Sat 9th September, The Metropolitan, 17 Gordon St, Mackay. \$45 per person.

Raffle prizes, lucky door & membership draw to be won. RSVP and money to be paid by Mon 4th Sept. Phone Cluster Parish Office 4957 4807.

Liturgies

Monday

Tuesday

St Mary of the Cross, virgin
6:30am St Joseph's

Wednesday

9:30am St Brigid's Anointing

Thursday

St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
8:00am HSC / Emmanuel Chapel

Friday

St Clare, virgin
6:30am St Joseph's

Saturday

4.00pm St Brigid's
6.00pm St Joseph's

Sunday

7.00am St Brendan's
7.00am Star of the Sea—LWC
9.00am St Joseph's
11.00am St Helen's

**Brigid, you were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.**

**Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.**



Next Week's Scripture

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading

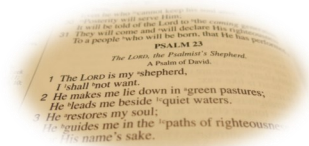
Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.



Gospel Reflection

In the midst of Ordinary Time we are invited to behold the transfiguration of Christ. By some horrible coincidence, we recall Christ's brilliance on the day that the world marks another cosmic event, its birth into the atomic age at Hiroshima. The paradox of these events should not be lost on us. The white light that shone from Christ was a mere suggestion of the divine splendour that is beyond human comprehension; the flashing light from the atomic explosion was an omen of the destructive force that is within human grasp. It is imperative that the horror of the latter be brought under the control of the glory of the former.

The transfiguration was a moment in time when Jesus' divine glory broke through his humanity and shone with a brilliance that was blinding. We sing of this glory time and again in the psalms. Yet when it really appears we can hardly believe it ourselves. The readings outline three different moments when this glory was revealed. The first was reported by the visionary in the book of Daniel. The second moment was the scene of the transfiguration. The third is hidden in the resurrection testimony of the author of the Letter of Peter.

We are the ones who today possess the prophetic message; we are the present day eyewitnesses of Christ's majesty. We too have moments when we might behold his glory and hear the voice proclaiming his identity, but we need eyes of faith and ears that are open.

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Parish Churches

Called by baptism, strengthened by the sacraments and nourished by the Word of God, we are committed to witness Christ's mission in the world.

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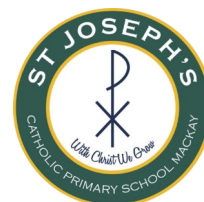
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