

Catholic *of* Parishes North Mackay & Farleigh

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 February 2024



Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday the Church begins the solemn season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. The law of abstinence from meat binds all those who have completed their 14th year. The law of fast binds those who have reached their 18th year until their sixtieth year. The sick as well as pregnant and breastfeeding mothers are exempt from the rules of fasting and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday Mass

On Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at:

St Joseph's 6.30am & 9.30am

Kerrisdale Nursing Home 1.00pm

St Brigid's 5.30pm

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

A Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Joseph's on Tuesday 26th March at 5.30pm. This time of prayer will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and conclude with Benediction.

The Sacred Triduum

Mass of the Lord's Supper 28 March - St Joseph's 7.00pm

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion 29 March - St Joseph's 3.00pm

The Easter Vigil In The Holy Night 30 March - St Joseph's 7.00pm

Easter Sunday 31 March

7.00am Star of the Sea, Seaforth

7.00am St Brendan's, Bucasia

9.00am St Brigid's, Farleigh

9.00am St Joseph's, North Mackay



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 to 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

Parish Manager

Mr Ken Kelly

Parish Secretary

Mrs Chris Haines

Finance Secretary

Mrs Kerry Dempsey

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Emergency Pager

Anointing In Danger of
Death

0400 874 807

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:

Jenny Dickson, Joy Gray, Violet Reid, Elizabeth Overden, Sr Lila Galvin.

The recently deceased:

Carmel Azzopardi, Joseph Abela, Margaret Landers, Francis Perez, Michael Doolan.

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Fred Powell, Paul Mifsud, Angelina Vella, Jim Lucas, Percy Attard, Charlie Del Simone, Tommy Prince, Shaun Kelly, Trevor Lamb, Charlie Caruana, Angie Caruana, John Caruana.

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 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 **Adults at Risk**.

For further information or support please contact the

Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office:

Response Line: 1800 830 113

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

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

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

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

This Weeks Response & Acclamation

✠ I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people. **Alleluia!**

"Be cured!" And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured! Mark 1:42



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

St Vincent de Paul Society

Do you want to make a difference in our community? You're invited to join the St Joseph's Online Conference. We are taking expressions of interest. Meetings will be monthly, online via Microsoft Teams. Training will be provided.

Email membership.rocky@svdpqld.org.au. National Police Check will be required.

Project Compassion

Lenten Donation Envelopes will be available from this weekend. In these difficult times, your Project Compassion donation matters more than ever. By working together we can help support some of the world's most vulnerable people, now and for all future generations. Donations to Project Compassion support Caritas Australia's community development and emergency relief programs in partnership with marginalized communities around the world.

St Josephs CWL

Monthly meeting to be held in the parish centre on Friday 16th February at 9.15 am everyone welcome for any enquires phone Di Ahmat 0400970872 .

Lenten Program

1pm Wednesdays during Lent, starting on 14th February 1pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre. Cost \$9.50 for copy of program book.

Farleigh CWL Meeting - 20th February, 2.00pm.

With praise and thanksgiving to God

Most Reverend Michael McCarthy Bishop of Rockhampton invites the people of the Diocese of Rockhampton to the Presbyteral Ordination of **Rev Peter Duncan Doherty, 10.00am, Thursday 22nd February 2024 St Joseph's Cathedral.**

For those unable to join in person, the event can be watched online at; <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

St Joseph's Craft Group

First term for St Joseph's Craft Group will commence on **Thursday 8th February 2024 from 9.00am to 11.15am.** Term is for 7 weeks, so final date for term one (1) is 21st March. Fees are \$15.00 per term of 7 weeks.

Morning Tea provided. All welcome to join this happy group of crafters to either learn a new craft from our talented teachers or finish items already started.

Contacts - Gwen Watt 49422054 or Therese Sturgeon 0499998842

St Joseph's Church Pious Good Store

Check out the Pious Good Store's range of assorted Cards; Candles; Holy Pictures; Bibles; Missals; God's Word 2024; Rosary Beads, come in and browse. The shop is open before and after Saturday 6pm Mass and Sunday 9am Mass.

Date Claimer - Safeguarding Level 1 Training

Will be delivered in our Parish. Below is the date and times available. Please note that all Clergy, Religious, Parish Staff and Church Volunteers are mandated to attend this training every 5year. The Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office team look forward to seeing you at the training.

Parishes of North Mackay and Farleigh

Wednesday 1st May, 10.30am & 5.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre.

To Register contact Parish Office 49574855 Tuesday to Friday or email stjomky@rok.catholic.net.au.

Liturgies

Monday

Tuesday

6.30am St Joseph's
9.00am St Joseph's School
Opening Mass

Ash Wednesday

6.30am St Joseph's
9.30am St Joseph's
5.30pm St Brigid's

Thursday

8.00am HSC / Emmanuel Chapel
9.30am Mater Hospital Chapel

Friday

6.30am St Joseph's

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

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

Genesis 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading

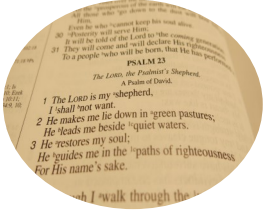
1 Peter 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.



Gospel Reflection

It is hard to imagine a person in 1st Century Palestine who would be more of an outcast from society than the leper. Unfortunately, any form of skin disease was categorised as leprosy (known as Hansen's disease today). It was regarded as one of the greatest forms of uncleanness and seen as a physical manifestation of God's punishment on the person.

For a person like this to even approach Jesus is a huge risk and an enormous act of faith. He trusts that Jesus will not reject him like everybody else in his life has done. His request to Jesus is almost a demand; it is certainly filled with an utter conviction of Jesus' ability and good will: 'if you want to, you can cure me'. Jesus' reaction is one of equally strong emotion – he is so moved by this man's plight that he reaches out his hand and touches the man. To touch a person with leprosy was to break every rule of the clean/unclean social structure that dominated Jewish society. In this one action, Jesus challenges the entire basis on which Jewish society is constructed – the purity code. For Jesus to touch this man, according to the purity code, is to become unclean himself. But Jesus ignores these social rules and responds out of love and heals the man with word and action. However, Jesus knows that if the man is to be accepted back into society he needs to conform to the rules that dominate his world. He must present himself to the local priest who is the only one with the authority to declare someone cured of their disease and thus able to become ritually clean and welcome back into worship and back into everyday life.

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Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people.

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.

St Joseph's

21 Grendon St
North Mackay

St Brigid's

961 Bruce Hwy Farleigh

St Brendan's

799 Mackay Bucasia Rd
Rural View

Star of the Sea

2241 Yakapari-Seaforth Rd
Seaforth

St Helen's

71 McIntyre St, Calen

Catholic Schools

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