

CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH



Sacred Heart Church
YEPPOON

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Mary Immaculate Church
EMU PARK

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – 7 MARCH 2021

[Fr Matthew's Weekly Video Link](#)

Hello from my home to yours. Peace be with you.

Currently in Australia and in our state of Queensland in the news there have been many challenges and very sad stories of young people, vulnerable adults, elderly people, women, and families all being challenged in various ways. The dignity of each person young and old, male and female is being challenged.

Too, our Governments seem to have gone down a path where the dignity of life is not being kept, where abortion is accepted, and euthanasia is being implemented in many places too.

Political parties and government have put forward and say they support this.

Church teaching says that the dignity of all life from conception to death is sacred and we reject those fundamental issues where life is threatened.

Abortion is *not* right! Euthanasia is *not* right!

Care for the elderly is important! Care for families is important!

Care for and respect for all women is important!

In our Gospel this weekend, the 3rd Sunday of Lent, Jesus got angry and threw the tables in the Temple over. He got angry and said, 'Get out!' because they were abusing the right and the use of the Temple and said he would destroy it. The people of the Temple thought, it was about the building, but it was about the respect and dignity of his body, he said he would be raise it up in three days.

May our society, may we as a church, may we as people: respect the dignity of young and old, women and men, respect family and respect life, all life, in all its dignity.

They are challenging issues, but they are issues which are very sacred to the Church.

They're very sacred to each of us, they're very sacred to those family members and all people involved.

From my home to yours. Peace be with you.

Fr Matthew

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES MEETING

Saturday 20th March at St Ursula's College at 10:30am

Meetings include morning tea from 10am followed by prayer & formation in the charism of Presentation Sisters Foundress Nano Nagle. For more information brochures are in the church foyer or call Erin on 0437 822 231.

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2021 Parish Celebration for our School Communities

7 March 2021 5pm Mass Sacred Heart Church Yeppoon



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TIME	DAY	MASS
5:00pm	Tuesday	St Brendans College
11:00am	Wednesday	Rosary & Adoration
12:00pm		Sacred Heart Church
9:00am	Thursday	Sacred Heart School Mass at School
12:00pm	Friday	Sacred Heart Church
8:00am	Saturday 13/3/21	Mary Immaculate Church
8:00am	Sunday 14/3/21	Confessions (8:00am - 8:30am & 4:15 - 4:45pm)
9:00am		Sacred Heart Church
5:00pm		Sacred Heart Church

Lenten Prayer

God of all peoples and nations,
As you accompany us on our
Lenten journey,
May our fasting strengthen our
commitment to live in solidarity,
Our almsgiving be an act of justice, &
Our prayers anchor us in love and
compassion.

Through living simply and loving
generously,
May we care for our global family
and our common home, as we

**"Aspire not to have more,
but to be more." ***

We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

*Saint Oscar Romero

(Exert from Project Compassion Caritas Australia resources)



Live from Berlin Online Concert Oliver Boyd & friends 2pm 14 March 2021

Live streamed from the Sacred Heart Church
Meeting Room

Here is a link with a little more information about the project &
how we have created

www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNCGb7vNkjw&feature=youtu.be

And this link is a further promotion of the project

www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8UizWHiV34&feature=youtu.be

Leaflets in the Sacred Heart Church foyer

BISHOP'S MASS - YOUTUBE LINK [Bishop's Mass You Tube Link](#)

We Pray for those who are SICK & those who have DIED

We Pray for those who are SICK:

Pauline Effeneay, Taj Anthony Fitzsimon, Barbara Piguet, Meegan Sommerfeld, Margaret Lamberick, Nola Davies

We Pray for those who have DIED:

William Corfield, Helen George, Shirley Kruger, Marie Messer (Blackall), Rhys Yore, Peter Bartlett

Anniversary of the Deceased:

Margaret Hoffman, Constance Lawson (Scotland) & John Patrick Boland, Fintan Real, Iris Crickmore

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

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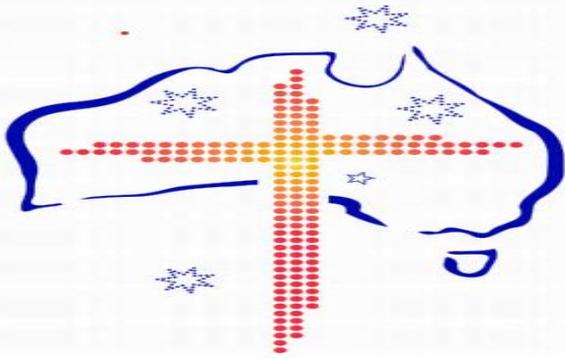
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Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.



Let us pray.
O God, who instruct the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise,
and ever to rejoice in your consolation.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

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Catholic Education
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DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON - CATHOLIC EDUCATION

History Snippet:

There were two catholic schools in Mackay by 1869 and apparently one in Gladstone by 1871. Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop brought the first group of Sisters of St Joseph to Queensland in 1869 and was received the then Vicar General of Brisbane John Cani, the future first Bishop of the Diocese of Rockhampton.

The Josephites arrived in Mackay in 1872 at the invitation of the legendary French Priest Father Pierre Marie Bucas and pioneer Irish sugar planter T.H. Fitzgerald. The Sisters were active in opening or taking charge of numerous schools; Copperfield 1873, Gladstone 1874 and St Joseph's Bundaberg in 1876.

The Diocesan Catholic Education Office commenced in 1964 and was the first Catholic Education Office in Queensland. Prior to this various priests had toured the Diocese as Inspectors of Religious Education in schools. The Rev Dr Cecil Ballard was appointed as the First Director 1963 – 1975. After Dr Ballard's death in 1975, Rev Dr Kevin Castles was appointed as the Second Director 1975 – 1988. When Dr Castles retired from the position Mr Joe McCorley was appointed as the Third Director of Catholic Education for the Rockhampton Diocese from 1988 – 2001. Mr McCorley accepted the position of Executive Director for Queensland Catholic Education Commission in early 2001 and in July of that same year Miss Leesa Jeffcoat was appointed the Fourth and Current Director for Catholic Education in the Rockhampton Diocese.

From those humble beginnings back in 1863, 31 primary schools, 8 colleges as well as Kindergartens and facilities in various centres across the Diocese now provide educational opportunities based on a strong Catholic ethos to families from Bundaberg to Mackay and west to Longreach. Gospel based education is provided to over 16 000 students from Kindergarten to Year 12, encouraging student development not only academically, but also spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically to become considerate and contributing members of society.



Third Sunday of Lent 7th March 2021



Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy & numeracy classes & set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours.

Now her classes, business & family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor & run for local leadership.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 & support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future & live-in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

You can donate through Parish boxes & envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER will be delivered to Sacred Heart Church on a monthly basis commencing March 2021, it will cost \$4.00 per Newspaper



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Sacred Heart Primary School is located on the Capricorn Coast. The Presentation Sisters established Sacred Heart School in 1958 with 41 students enrolled in Years 1 and 2. The school was on a limited site beside the Catholic Church in John Street, Yeppoon. Sr Pius Stubberfield P.B.V.M. was the first Principal and the Parish Priest at that time was Fr M O'Connell. The separate primary school grew out of St Ursula's College. The Presentation Sisters ceased to provide principals to Sacred Heart School in 1977 and since then, have had a limited presence. The last religious member of staff was in 1993. As enrolment continued to increase and, based on recommendations made by a committee formed to investigate the future needs of Catholic education on the Capricorn Coast, a decision to relocate the school to a new site at Lammermoor Beach was taken in 1987. The school opened at Lammermoor Beach in 1991. Enrolment numbers at Sacred Heart peaked in 2008 with an enrolment of 615 students. In 2009, a new Catholic Primary School, St Benedict's, was opened to the north of Yeppoon. The projected enrolment number for 2016 is 455 (431 Students Enrolled in 2021).



St Benedict's Catholic Primary School was opened by the Diocesan Catholic Education Office in 2009 in response to an increase in population and demand for Catholic Education on the Coast. Our school is a part of the Capricorn Coast Parish and through its naming is continuing to develop strong links with the Benedictine community. The Benedictine nuns play an active role in the spiritual and wider life of St Benedict's Catholic Primary School. St Benedict's began with an enrolment of 110 students from Prep to Year 6. The successful commencement of the school is attributed to the close, complimentary relationship enjoyed amongst the staff, students, the parents and parish community (332 Students Enrolled in 2021).



The history of **St Ursula's College** dates back to 1915, when Rockhampton Bishop, Joseph Shiel, suggested a Branch House for the Order of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (PBVM) (Presentation Sisters) be opened in Yeppoon. Presentation Sisters, Mother Ursula Kennedy and Mother Patrick Madden, visited Yeppoon and selected a one-acre block in central Yeppoon. At the suggestion of Bishop Shiel, the Branch House became known as St Ursula's. A two-storey convent in Queen Street with St Joseph's Primary School on the Ground floor, was officially opened to students on 29 January 1917, with 25 Boarders and 30 Primary students. The Sisters' mission was to continue the legacy of their Order's Founder, Nano Nagle, who championed education for all (497 Students Enrolled in 2021).



In February 1940 Bishop Hayes officially opened **St Brendan's College** in the presence of the then Archbishop of Brisbane the Most Reverend Sir James Duhig who had purchased the site some thirty years before. School commenced with 42 boarders and 15 local students. Rev. Br. J.B. Gettons was appointed the first Headmaster of the College and guided its growth in the early years. Bishop Tynan was a most active benefactor of the College in these early years (803 Students Enrolled in 2021).



*Message of His Holiness Pope Francis
for Lent 2021*

*“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem” (Mt 20:18)
Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father’s will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (*Phil* 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the “living water” of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. *Mt* 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (*fasting*), concern and loving care for the poor (*almsgiving*), and childlike dialogue with the Father (*prayer*) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

1. *Faith calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters.*

In this Lenten season, *accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ* means, first of all, opening our hearts to God’s word, which the Church passes on from generation to generation. This truth is not an abstract concept reserved for a chosen intelligent few. Instead, it is a message that all of us can receive and understand thanks to the wisdom of a heart open to the grandeur of God, who loves us even before we are aware of it. Christ himself is this truth. By taking on our humanity, even to its very limits, he has made himself the way – demanding, yet open to all – that leads to the fullness of life.

Fasting, experienced as a form of self-denial, helps those who undertake it in simplicity of heart to rediscover God’s gift and to recognize that, created in his

image and likeness, we find our fulfilment in him. In embracing the experience of poverty, those who fast make themselves poor with the poor and accumulate the treasure of a love both received and shared. In this way, fasting helps us to love God and our neighbour, inasmuch as love, as Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches, is a movement outwards that focuses our attention on others and considers them as one with ourselves (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 93).

Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to “make his dwelling” among us (cf. *Jn* 14:23). Fasting involves being freed from all that weighs us down – like consumerism or an excess of information, whether true or false – in order to open the doors of our hearts to the One who comes to us, poor in all things, yet “full of grace and truth” (*Jn* 1:14): the Son of God our Saviour.

2. *Hope as “living water” enabling us to continue our journey.*

The Samaritan woman at the well, whom Jesus asks for a drink, does not understand what he means when he says that he can offer her “living water” (*Jn* 4:10). Naturally, she thinks that he is referring to material water, but Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit whom he will give in abundance through the paschal mystery, bestowing a hope that does not disappoint. Jesus had already spoken of this hope when, in telling of his passion and death, he said that he would “be raised on the third day” (*Mt* 20:19). Jesus was speaking of the future opened up by the Father’s mercy. Hoping with him and because of him means believing that history does not end with our mistakes, our violence and injustice, or the sin that crucifies Love. It means receiving from his open heart the Father’s forgiveness.

In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated (cf. *Laudato Si’*, 32-33; 43-44). Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: “Be reconciled to God” (*2 Cor* 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain. God’s forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity.

In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with “speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 223). In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be “willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference” (*ibid.*, 224).

Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. *Mt* 6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love.

To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is “making all things new” (cf. *Rev* 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross

and was raised by God on the third day, and always being “prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]” (1 Pet 3:15).

3. *Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.*

Love rejoices in seeing others grow. Hence it suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion.

“‘Social love’ makes it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us can feel called. With its impulse to universality, love is capable of building a new world. No mere sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 183).

Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness. Such was the case with the jar of meal and jug of oil of the widow of Zarephath, who offered a cake of bread to the prophet Elijah (cf. 1 Kings 17:7-16); it was also the case with the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd (cf. Mk 6:30-44). Such is the case too with our almsgiving, whether small or large, when offered with joy and simplicity.

To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord’s word to his Servant, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you” (Is 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.

“Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognized and, as a consequence, the poor to be acknowledged and valued in their dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 187).

Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 11 November 2020, the Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours

FRANCISCUS

Take 2 With Jesus

Week beginning Sunday 7th March

Jesus cleanses the Temple.

This week's reflections are based on the Gospel readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent, Jn 2:13-25. Further reflections on this Gospel can be found at <http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au/sunday/show/571/gospel>.

Sunday

*In the Temple Jesus found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons,
and the money changers sitting at their counters there.
(Jn 2:14)*

Even the most religious of practices can become self-serving, if we do not ask God to test our motives and search our hearts. Originally, the people selling the animals and changing the money probably thought they were making sure God got the best of offerings. Soon they were cheating even the poor for their own benefit.

*Loving Jesus, let me courageously question myself about my religious practices and good deeds.
Let your Spirit purify my motives so that I may truly serve you with a generous heart.*

Pray the words that Jesus taught us...Our Father, who art in heaven...

Continue your prayer through this day by pondering on what good practices you do and why.

Monday

*Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple
... scattered the money-changers coin, knocked their tables over...
(Jn 2:15)*

Jesus was angry, very angry, but it was a powerful anger because it was also controlled. He wasn't blindly lashing out: he knew what he was doing. The mercenary practices of these people put a barrier between God and his people. In attacking so furiously and physically, he hoped to show clearly the horror of what they were doing.

Loving Jesus, let me vigorously object when I see myself or others putting barriers between God and us.

Pray the words that Jesus taught us...Our Father, who art in heaven...

Continue your prayer through this day by pondering how you can use anger positively in your life..

Tuesday

*Jesus said,
'Take all of this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.'
(Jn 2:16)*

The saying, 'These people know the price of everything and the value of nothing,' could well be applied to those running the Temple market. They knew the price of the animals but not the value the animals had when they were given as a sign of a worshipping heart.

Loving Jesus, let me appreciate the difference between price and value. Above all, let me treasure what is of value in my life.

Pray the words that Jesus taught us...Our Father, who art in heaven...

Continue your prayer through this day naming what is a true value to you.

Wednesday

*The Jews intervened and said,
'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?'*
(Jn 2:18)

It is amazing how obtuse people can be when they are protecting their own interests...and how devious. Even if Jesus had done the most extraordinary miracle, these people still would have found a way to discredit him. When people are objecting to something good, it is wise to ask, 'Why?'

Loving Jesus, show me how self-interest can warp my vision of reality. Give me the wisdom to see what truly motivates me and other people.

Pray the words that Jesus taught us...Our Father, who art in heaven...

Continue your prayer through this day by pondering on the motives behind some of your actions.

Thursday

*Jesus answered,
'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.'*
The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary...'
(Jn 2:19-20)

This illustrates one of the challenges that we face continually in the life of faith. Jesus offers one vision of reality; these people understand what he says in quite a different way. And we can often be like them. God is leading us, teaching us in one way...and we miss the point, interpreting God's way in a wooden, lifeless fashion.

Loving Jesus, give me the wisdom to understand what you are teaching me. Let me see beyond my narrow, literal ideas with the fresh, wild wisdom of your Spirit.

Pray the words that Jesus taught us...Our Father, who art in heaven...

Continue your prayer through this day by pondering how you could widen your understanding of Jesus' words.

Friday

During his stay in Jerusalem many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them.

(Jn 2:23-24)

Signs, miracles, we all want them and we somehow think that if we were given them our faith would be stronger. But this really isn't so. They can help but, at base, our faith is really a personal relationship with God and with Jesus. When we are truly grounded in those relationships, we can see all that happens to us as a sign of God being with us – even awful things happen and we are given no obvious 'miracle'.

Loving Jesus, open my eyes to your presence in all that happens to me, the bad as well as the good. Let me trust myself to you and know your trust of me.

Pray the words that Jesus taught us...Our Father, who art in heaven...

Continue your prayer through this day by thinking about how you look for signs of God's love.

Saturday

*Jesus never needed evidence about any one:
he could tell what was in a person.*

(Jn2:25)

We fear being fully known and yet we also crave it. Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves...and that is not a source of fear, but rather of trust. Because he loves us so much, he knows us so well. If we build our lives on that knowledge and love, we can live without fear.

Loving Jesus, let me remain in your love, knowing that you understand me to the depths of my being.

Pray the words that Jesus taught us...Our Father, who art in heaven...

Continue your prayer through this day by spending some time resting in Jesus' love.

'Take 2 with Jesus' is an initiative of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton for the 'Year of Grace'.

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