

CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH



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Mary Immaculate Church
EMU PARK

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 02 MAY 2021

COVID-19

Last Sunday I was able to pass on our sincere best wishes and farewell from so many in our community who had gotten to know Fr Raj Kodavatikanti, who was in Emerald and most recently in Longreach and ministering to the people of the West. Fr Raj was called home by his provincial leadership for meetings and he left Australia on Wednesday to return to India. With the catastrophic situation that the people of India are facing due to the covid-19 pandemic he is unable to return to Australia and our Diocese.

There are many other priests in our Diocese who are from overseas as well. We keep them all in our prayers as they worry about their families. Fr Raj and others have said as far as they know, their families live in rural areas and they are at least safe when they last spoke. We continue to pray for those who are so far away from families at this time and especially for those facing the extremes of the covid-19 catastrophe. For all who suffer the tyranny of distance in separation of family, and many do, we keep you and your families in our prayers. The pandemic will not be over until all can receive a vaccine, not just those in our area, community, state or nation.

May together we listen to the words of our Gospel and hear Jesus say to us and our world: ***"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser...If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples."***

Fr Matthew



A reminder that all money from the sale of **The Catholic Leader** which is **\$4.00** each, is to be put in the tall wooden Poor Box in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church & in Emu Park Poor Box.

Presentation Associates Reflection Morning

Associates of the Presentation Sisters will be holding a reflection morning on **Saturday 8 May** at St Ursula's College commencing at 10am. The guest speaker is Mercy Sister Moira Truelson presenting 'What is Justice?' Morning tea will follow the presentation. All are welcome.

For more information please take a brochure located in the church foyer or call Erin on 0437 822 231.



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TIME	DAY	MASS
	Monday	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY Office Closed
5:00pm	Tuesday	Mass – St Brendan’s
11:00am	Wednesday	Rosary & Adoration
12:00pm	Wednesday	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
9:00am	Thursday	School Community
9:00am	Friday	Mass – St Brendan’s Edmund Rice Feast Day
8:00am	Saturday 08/5/21	Mass - Mary Immaculate Church
		MOTHERS DAY
8:00am	Sunday 09/5/21	Confession (8:00am-8:30am & 4:15-4:45pm)
9:00am		Mass - Sacred Heart Church
5:00pm		Mass - Sacred Heart Church



Prayer for Vocations

Lord,
 You are the good shepherd who calls us
 by name and asks us to follow You.
 May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts of
 those who You are calling to the priesthood
 & consecrated life.
 Give them courage to respond to their
 vocation to serve Your Church.
 May all of us who seek to know you better,
 to faithfully follow Your call to holiness,
 and proclaim the gospel to the world.
 Amen.

Volunteers needed for **MOTHERS DAY** Flower preparation
 Friday 7 May 2021 10am @ Sacred Heart Church
 Please call Tess Beard 4938 3557 if you can assist

The Leadership Group will report back, share the *feedback* &
 the names of who will replace those who have retired.
 They will meet on Wednesday the 12th of May.

2021 NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has requested a
 count for 1st four consecutive weekends in May, this information
 is to update figures for our church nationally & to assist with
 planning within our Diocese.

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:

Gautam Ramswarup, Barbara Piguett, Meegan Sommerfeld, Margaret Lamberick, Nola Davies

We Pray for those who have DIED:

Victor Masilamani, Jan Moloney, Mary Ellrott, Shirley Hull, Jeffrey Swayn, Ashley Mackay, Colleen Sharp

Anniversary of the Deceased:

Leonie Undy, Betty Pettit, Margaret Hoffman, Constance Lawson (Scotland) & John Patrick Boland, Fintan Real

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://](http://www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

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

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

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 DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON



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An Invitation

It is a custom in many Catholic church communities across the world to celebrate the **Flowers of May**.

This year, I invite all our catholic communities across the Central Region of the Diocese come to St Joseph's Cathedral for the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 30th May 2021 and celebrate the end of Mary Month of May, with **Flowers of May**.

The feast has been inspired by our Filipino community, and I invite the Catholic community of the Central Region of the Diocese to celebrate this Marian day in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary, which echoes the traditions of overseas born Catholics in our Diocese, who bring the richness of their culture into our Catholic family.

Leading up to Sunday 30th May, there will be a 9-day Novena of the Holy Rosary across the Central Region of the Diocese, beginning on Friday 22nd May and concluding with the 9.30 am Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral.

At the end of the Mass, a procession honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary will start from St Joseph's Cathedral, wherein the statue of our Blessed Mother Mary will be carried around the grounds of the Cathedral, ending at the Corso. Our young people will offer flowers to the Blessed Mother, while the various community groups will sing a Song to Mary in their own language.

I invite the whole of the Central Region of the Diocese to join me in celebrating **The Flowers of May** in honour of Our Lady. I also invite you all to come in your national costume, as we celebrate the beauty of our own churches here in Australia, embracing the various faith traditions from different countries.

Program for The Flowers of May

Friday 22nd May – Day one of the Novena of Rosaries – St Joseph's Cathedral at 6.30 pm.

Saturday 23rd May to Friday 29th May- Days 2 to 9 – Rosaries in your homes, via ZOOM, in parishes, at times convenient for your group. Please organise with your friends how best to connect during these days and inform the Parish Office so we can acknowledge your group.

Sunday – 30th May – Celebrations of The Flowers of May

The Celebrations will begin at the end of the 9.30 am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral, with a procession, carrying the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary around the grounds of the Cathedral, ending at the Cathedral Corso, where young people will offer flowers to the statue of Our Lady, while members of the various community groups render Marian Hymns in their own language; The celebrations will culminate with Folk songs and traditional dancing by members of the community.

Please contact Matthew and Jody at the Parish Office (Tel 4927 6744) to indicate how you might participate and be with us on this day.

With blessings from Our Mother Mary,

Most Rev Michael McCarthy
Bishop of Rockhampton

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Christian Meditation

Speaking at his general audience April 28, Pope Francis reflected on what distinguishes Christian meditation from other meditative practices popular in the Western world.

He said: "For us Christians, meditating is a way of coming into contact with Jesus. And in this way, only in this way, we discover ourselves. And this is not a withdrawal into ourselves, no, no: it means going to Jesus, and from Jesus, discovering ourselves, healed, risen, strong by the grace of Jesus. And encountering Jesus, the Saviour of all, myself included. And this, thanks to the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

He said: "The practice of meditation has received a great deal of attention in recent years. It is not only Christians who talk about it: the practice of meditation exists in almost all the world's religions. But it is also a widespread activity among people who do not have a religious view of life."

"We all need to meditate, to reflect, to discover ourselves, it is a human dynamic. Especially in the voracious Western world, people seek meditation because it represents a high barrier against the daily stress and emptiness that is everywhere."

"Here, then, is the image of young people and adults sitting in meditation, in silence, with eyes half-closed... But what do these people do, we might ask? They meditate. It is a phenomenon to be looked on favourably: in fact, we are not made to run all the time, we have an inner life that cannot always be neglected. Meditating is therefore a need for everyone. Meditating, so to say, is like stopping and taking a breath in life. To stop and be still."

The pope then considered what made Christian meditation different from other practices.

He said: "Meditating is a necessary human dimension but meditating in the Christian context -- we Christians -- goes further: it is a dimension that must not be eradicated. The great door through which the prayer of a baptized person passes -- let us remind ourselves once again -- is Jesus Christ. For the Christian, meditation enters through the door of Jesus Christ. The practice of meditation also follows this path. The prayer of the Christian is first of all an encounter with the Other, with a capital 'O': the transcendent encounter with God."

The pope explained that within the Christian tradition the word "meditation" has been used to refer to many different practices over the past two millennia.

"Nevertheless," he said, "some common lines can be traced, and in this we are helped again by the Catechism, which says ... 'There are as many and varied methods of meditation as there are spiritual masters. [...] But a method is only a guide; the important thing is to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus.'"

He said: "Here, then, the grace of Christian prayer is Christ is not far away, but is always in a relationship with us. There is no aspect of his divine-human person that cannot become a place of salvation and happiness for us. Every moment of Jesus' earthly life, through the grace of prayer, can become immediate to us, thanks to the Holy Spirit, the guide."

- Pope Francis gives his general audience address in the library of the Apostolic Palace April 28, 2021. / Vatican Media.
Excerpts: CNA, Apr 28, 2021

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Safeguarding Training

Sacred Heart Church Community Room
6pm Wednesday 26 May 2021

All encouraged to attend

Please RSVP to the Parish Office 4933 6171 or email capcoast@rok.catholic.net.au

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR MAY 2021

Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish

Let us pray...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 The Most Holy Trinity	31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary					1 St Joseph, pray for us
2 For vocations to priesthood and religious life	3 For the intercession of Saint Philip & St James	4 For the intercession of Mary	5 For all our seminary students	6 For an end to the pandemic	7 For the St Brendan's School Community	8 For all married couples
9 For our Bishop	10 For the Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish	11 For all who are suffering ill health	12 For all farmers and those who work on the land	13 For the St Benedict's School Community	14 For the intercession of St Matthias	15 For our priests from overseas & their families
16 The Ascension of the Lord	17 For all those preparing to celebrate their Sacraments	18 For all who are isolated and lonely	19 For a deeper appreciation of the Rosary	20 For grandparents	21 For the Sacred Heart School Community	22 For all teachers and school staff
23 Pentecost	24 Our Lady Help of Christians	25 For families who are separated	26 For the St Ursula's School Community	27 For all those who are studying	28 For those who have died	29 'Flowers of May' In honour of Our Lady