

# CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH



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Mary Immaculate Church  
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## PENTECOST – 23 MAY 2021

### HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

‘The Paraclete Magazine’ *Excerpt from the Rector: Monsignor John Grace*

The seminary at Banyo rejoices in its unfolding story – ever old, as faithfully linked to the traditions of the Church, and ever new, as engaging wholeheartedly into the expanding development of a missionary Church. God’s divine presence is a daily revelation.

We earnestly endeavour to embrace the sacred in our prayer and in our understanding. Change is a particular characteristic of this seminary, which this year celebrates 80 years of priestly formation in Queensland. Construction of the buildings began in 1939.

The first intake was in 1941.

#### Pastoral Dimension

Threaded through the stages of formation: sensing the “*smell of the sheep*” (Pope Francis’ phrase in the Encyclical Letter “Joy of the Gospel” paragraph 198) has become a regular occurrence.

We are excited to be involved in the Plenary Council unfolding in the Catholic Church in Australia. Banyo seminary Endeavours to cherish the Christian faith as a “pearl of great price” (Matthew 13:46) – worthy of every effort to pursue and welcome the challenge to discern relevant application in contemporary society.

*We pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.*

*We keep all the students at Holy Spirit Seminary in our prayers and especially on this Feast Pentecost. We pray for Deacon Ashwin Acharya as he prepares for his journey to priesthood, and we keep students for the Rockhampton Diocese, Peter Doherty and Grant Sutherland, in our prayers as they discern their journey at the seminary.*

*St Joseph, pray for us. Mary of the Cross Mackillop, pray for us.*

*Fr Matthew*

***The Paraclete Magazine is available at the back of the Church for a Gold coin donation***

## Clergy Support Foundation Appeal

On 30 May we will hold the Clergy Support Foundation Appeal when we remember our retired priests.

As a diocesan family, we ensure that their basic needs are provided in retirement. Your generous contribution is a way of saying thank you for the many years of priestly service that they have given to us all.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a donation or setting up a regular monthly gift.

As you consider what you can contribute, you may appreciate watching Fr Terry Loth & Fr John Daly on YouTube sharing several memories from their years of service here: <http://bit.ly/clergyvideo>



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TIME	DAY	MASS
12:00pm	Monday	St Joseph's Cathedral Rockhampton 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia
11:00am	Wednesday	Rosary & Adoration
6:00pm	Wednesday	Safeguarding Training Sacred Heart Community Room
9:00am	Thursday	Sacred Heart School
12:00pm	Friday	Sacred Heart Church
8:00am	Saturday 06/6/21	Mary Immaculate Church
9:00am	Sunday	Sacred Heart Church
5:00pm	13/6/21	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.

### R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who feels a yearning to return 'home'? R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is active in the Capricorn Coast Parish. For more information contact the Parish Office 4933 6171 or Sue 4925 0462.

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

6pm Wednesday 26 May 2021

Sacred Heart Church Community Room

All Ministries & Volunteers are required to attend

Please RSVP to the Parish Office 4933 6171 or email [capcoast@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:capcoast@rok.catholic.net.au)

## 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:

Shirley Tynan, Sharon Truelson, Maureen Eddy, Michael Jones, Gautam Ramswarup, Barbara Piguet

#### We Pray for those who have DIED:

Br Kev Callaghan, Donald Collier, Margaret Curley, Teresa Guest, John Ezeocha Ihenanwa, Loy Durkin, Victor Masilamani

#### Anniversary of the Deceased:

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

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](mailto: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://www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html>

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Queensland Professional Standards Office: [www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/](http://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

## Allowing God to Love Us

*In my experience, few Christians have a sense of what it **feels like** to be loved by God. We might get it intellectually or even sense it in our hearts, but the marriage of the soul and God is experienced on a deeper level when we make ourselves vulnerable to being overtaken by God's overwhelming desire for us. I offer this contemplative reflection from Carmelite nun Ruth Burrows on prayer as an experience of allowing God to love us (Fr. Richard Rohr).*

What do we mean by prayer? What does the word mean in the Christian context? Almost always when we talk about prayer, we are thinking of something *we* do and, from that standpoint, questions, problems, confusion, discouragement, illusions multiply. For me, it is of fundamental importance to correct this view. Our Christian knowledge assures us that prayer is essentially what *God* does, how God addresses us, looks at us. It is not primarily something we are doing to God, something we are giving to God but what God is doing for us. And what God is doing for us is giving us the divine Self in love. . .

What is the core, the central message of the revelation of Jesus? Surely it is of the unconditional love of God for us, for each one of us: God, the unutterable, incomprehensible Mystery, the Reality of all reality, the Life of all life. And this means that divine Love desires to communicate Its Holy Self to us. Nothing less! This is God's irrevocable will and purpose; it is the reason why everything that is, is, and why each of us exists. We are here to receive this ineffable, all-transforming, all beatifying Love. . .

We must realize [therefore,] that what we have to do is allow ourselves to be loved, to be there for Love to love us. . . True prayer means wanting GOD not ego. The great thing is to lay down this ego-drive. This is the 'life' we must lose, this the 'self' we must abandon if we are to have true life and become that self-God wants us to be, which only God can know and ultimately only God can bring into being. . .

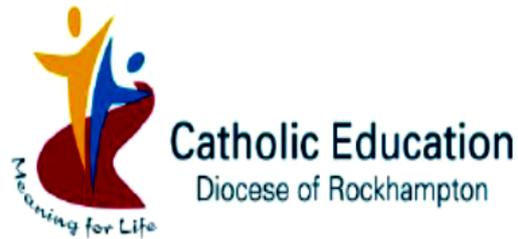
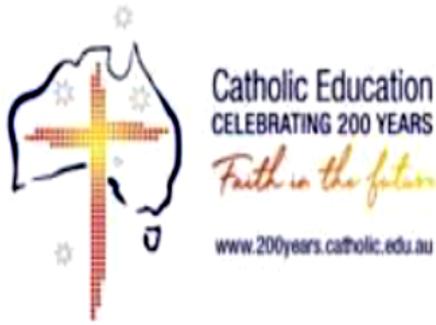
The essential thing we have to do is *believe* in the enfolding, nurturing, transforming Love of God which is *the* Reality: the Reality that is absolutely, totally there whether we avert to It or not. Prayer, from our side, is a deliberate decision to avert to It, to respond to It in the fullest way we can. To do this we must set time aside to devote exclusively to the 'Yes' of faith. . .

If we are convinced that this is the heart of prayer, this basic decision to remain open to the inflowing of divine love, then we shall understand that we can choose any method we like to help us maintain this basic desire and intention.

**Fr Richard Rohr, OFM**

**Reference:** Ruth Burrows, *Essence of Prayer* (HiddenSpring: 2006), 1, 2, 3, 5-6.

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## INVITATION TO MASS TO CELEBRATE 200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

**On Monday, 24 May**, the solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, a Diocesan Mass will be held at **12noon** in **St Joseph's Cathedral** with Bishop Michael McCarthy presiding. This Mass will be Live Streamed throughout the Diocese and you are warmly invited to join us in person in the Cathedral or via the Live Stream and in so doing participate in our major celebration to mark the 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. Details of how to access the Live Stream link will be available on both the Diocesan Website <https://rok.catholic.net.au/> and Catholic Education's website <https://www.rock.catholic.edu.au/about-us/events/>.

I know that many of you and your families have been an integral part of the Catholic Education story in our Diocese and beyond. As either Priests, members of Religious Congregations, students, teachers, support staff, Parents and Friends members or prayerful companions, so many in our parish communities have made a very significant contribution to the development of Catholic Education. We who carry on the Ministry today stand on the firm foundations established by all those who have gone before us.

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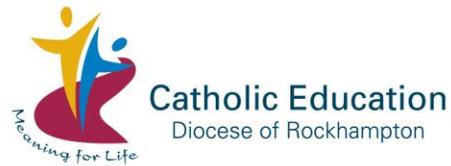
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