

# CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH



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Mary Immaculate Church  
EMU PARK

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – 30 MAY 2021

### THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the Name of the Father,  
And of the Son  
And of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.



"The cross is the badge that shows who we are: our speaking, thinking, looking, working [we are] under the sign of the cross, that is, the love of Jesus, to the end.

Making the sign of the cross when we wake up, before meals, before a danger, to defend against evil, at night before sleep means to tell ourselves and others who we belong to, who we want to be."

Pope Francis



Pope Francis explained the way those preparing to celebrate the sacraments are marked with a cross, on each of the senses. They are crossed with the following words, he said:

(RCIA – Acceptance of Catechumens)

"Receive the sign of the cross on your ears  
to hear the voice of the Lord;  
on the eyes  
to see the splendour of the face of God;  
on the mouth,  
to answer the word of God;  
on the chest,  
because Christ dwells through faith in your hearts;  
on the shoulders,  
to support the gentle yoke of Christ."



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### Supporting: New Clergy & Retired Clergy

It was great news from Bishop Michael, that **Deacon Ashwin Acharya** will be ordained to the Presbyterate on **Thursday 17 June at 11:00am at St Joseph's Cathedral**.

People will have an opportunity to join the celebration and as information comes to hand it will be passed on. This will be a ticketed event.

We continue to pray with and for him at this time as he currently is on retreat in preparation for his ordination to priesthood.

He has very much been a part of the community on the Capricorn Coast Community growing up and his primary school at Sacred Heart School and then St Brendan's College. He then taught at St Ursula's prior to entering Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane.

After his ordination on **Friday 18 June**,  
he will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass  
9:30am at St Joseph's Cathedral.

**He will visit the Capricorn Coast Parish the following Sunday at the 9:00am & 5:00pm Sacred Heart Church Masses.**

This weekend we also celebrate and support our **retired clergy** who have given so much in their lives to so many in so many different ways.

On the Coast we have **Fr Noel Milner** and **Fr Peter Connor** who have given over one hundred years of ministry to the people of the Diocese and further afield as well. We thank all the retired clergy. This weekend to support the **Clergy Support Foundation**, a collection for retired clergy will be taken up after communion for their ongoing needs. If you are not prepared for it today you can place an envelope in the coming weeks in the collection basket or drop it into the office.

As an innovative gesture on behalf of our church, you might like to consider the Foundation in your Will. Several generous bequests have significantly contributed to the Foundation in recent years. Thank you for your consideration and ongoing support for our retired and sick clergy who have nurtured our communities for so many years and in many cases continue to do so.

**Fr Matthew**



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# CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

TIME	DAY	MASS
	Monday	<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
5:00pm	Tuesday	St Brendan's College
11:00am	Wednesday	Rosary & Adoration
12:00pm		Sacred Heart Church
10:15am	Thursday	St Ursula's College
12:00pm	Friday	Sacred Heart Church
		<i>Body &amp; Blood of Christ</i>
8:00am	Saturday 5/6/21	Mary Immaculate Church
9:00am	Sunday 6/6/21	Sacred Heart Church
5:00pm		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.



## Ashwin Acharya Ordination Choir

Rehearsals will be held for Ashwin's ordination at St Joseph's Cathedral on:

**Sunday 6 June 7pm**

**Sunday 13 June 7pm**

**Wednesday 16 June TBA**

If you would like to sing in the choir it is essential that you are at both rehearsals.

As this will be a ticketed event every member of the choir will be allocated a specific seat. On behalf of the Bishop's Liturgy Committee

– Fr Andrew Hogan

## Holy Hour for Vocations

**5:30pm Friday 4 June 2021 St Joseph's Cathedral**

You are invited for an hour of prayer before the blessed sacrament including benediction & a rosary followed by dinner at the Allenstown Hotel.

## 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:

Jan Boyd, Sharon Truelson, Maureen Eddy, Michael Jones, Gautam Ramswarup, Barbara Piguet

### We Pray for those who have DIED:

Shirley Tynan, Br Kev Callaghan, Br Terry Kingston, Donald Collier, Margaret Curley, Teresa Guest, John Ezeocha Ihenanwa

### Anniversary of the Deceased:

Susan Gay Halberstater, Carmel Daykin, Leonie Undy, Betty Pettit, Margaret Hoffman, Constance Lawson (Scotland)

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

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

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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

## CLERGY SUPPORT FOUNDATION APPEAL

In August 2000, the Clergy Support Foundation was established to support those clergy from the Diocese of Rockhampton who are retired from active ministry, or experiencing poor health, or both.

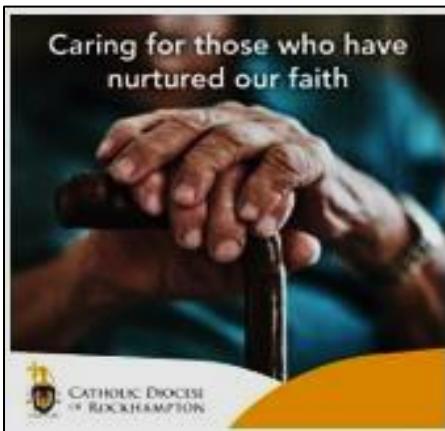
The Foundation provides accommodation, financial assistance with medical costs, and any other services that allow dignity in retirement and illness, such as home nursing care, health monitoring, and travel for medical procedures.

The living and care costs for those clergy not in active ministry usually exceed \$400,000 per annum. This annual appeal is held to raise funds to help offset this cost, and normally generates between \$30,000 and \$40,000 across the Diocese each year. Thank you for your generous support.

Most employees accumulate superannuation benefits throughout their lifetime. However, when a priest retires from pastoral appointment at the age of 70 years in this Diocese, he does so without the security of superannuation or financial support from a parish.

We as a Diocesan community must accept responsibility for the ongoing support of our retired priests and bishops, many who still minister in our communities. Much like a family member our clergy have been there for us and our families in good times and in bad. All of us have an obligation to ensure that their contribution is recognised.

You can donate to the appeal using the appeal envelopes which set out the options for giving - including cash, cheque, and credit cards. The envelope has a tear-off portion which should be placed inside the envelope and sealed.



Today we remember our retired priests and join the rest of the Diocese in holding the Clergy Support Foundation Appeal. The Foundation assists retired clergy in providing accommodation, health support and any other services that allow dignity to our priests in retirement and poor health. We invite you to donate or to become a monthly giver. It is one vital way we together can say thank you to our retired priests who've selflessly nurtured us in those critical moments of our spiritual lives. You can donate using a Clergy Support Foundation Appeal envelope or by going online to the Diocesan website: <https://rok.catholic.net.au/donate>

### APPOINTMENT OF VICAR GENERAL

Bishop Michael McCarthy has appointed Fr Peter Tonti as Vicar General for the Diocese of Rockhampton for a period of two years.

Fr Peter will undertake this role from Bundaberg, in addition to his current appointment as Parish Priest of the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg.

Fr Richard Rohr's Meditation from the Centre for Action and Contemplation

## Unity with the Spirit

While we have the language of philosophy, psychology, modern science, and sociology to describe the truth of universal interconnectedness, the mystics first described it based on their own experience. In this meditation, African American mystic and scholar Howard Thurman (1899–1981) reminds us of how our love for God is one with our love for our neighbour.

Long ago, Plotinus [205–270 CE] wrote, “If we are in unity with the Spirit, we are in unity with each other, and so we are all one.” [1] The words of this ancient Greek mystic are suggestive; for they call attention to the underlying unity of all of life. The recognition of the Spirit of God as the unifying principle of all life becomes at once the most crucial experience of humanity. It says that whoever is aware of the Spirit of God in themselves enters the doors that lead into the life of their fellow people. The same idea is stated in ethical terms in the New Testament when the suggestion is made that, if a person says they love God, whom they hath not seen, and does not love their brother or sister who is with them, they are a liar and the truth does not dwell in them [1 John 4:20]. The way is difficult, because it is very comforting to withdraw from the responsibility of unity with one’s fellow people and to enter alone into the solitary contemplation of God. One can have . . . [perfect] solitary communion without the risks of being misunderstood, of having one’s words twisted, of having to be on the defensive about one’s true or alleged attitude. In the quiet fellowship with one’s God, one may seem to be relieved of any necessity to make headway against heavy odds. This is why one encounters persons of deep piousness and religiosity who are intolerant and actively hostile toward their fellow people. Some of the most terrifying hate organizations in the country are made up in large part of persons who are very devout in their worship of their God.

The test to which Plotinus puts us, however, is very searching. To be in unity with the Spirit is to be in unity with one’s fellow people. Not to be in unity with one’s fellow people is thereby not to be in unity with the Spirit. The pragmatic test of one’s unity with the Spirit is found in the unity with one’s fellow people. We see what this means when we are involved in the experience of a broken relationship. When I have lost harmony with another, my whole life is thrown out of tune. God tends to be remote and far away when a desert and sea appear between me and another. I draw close to God as I draw close to my fellow people. The great incentive remains ever alert; I cannot be at peace without God, and I cannot be truly aware of God if I am not at peace with my fellow people.

[1] Plotinus, *Enneads*, VI.5.7. Howard Thurman, *Meditations of the Heart* (Beacon Press: 1981), 120–121.  
Note: Minor edits made to incorporate gender-inclusive language.