

CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH



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**Mary Immaculate Church
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THE HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST 6 JUNE 2021

Respecting Life Until Natural Death

As Catholics we hold both the dignity of each person and the gift of life as sacred. The Second Vatican Council reaffirmed our opposition to "all offences against life itself, such as murder, genocide, abortion, and euthanasia." [1] We understand human life to be the most basic gift from a loving God, a gift over which we have stewardship, not absolute dominion. As responsible stewards of life, we must never directly intend to cause our own death or that of anyone else. Therefore, Euthanasia and assisted suicide are contrary to a Catholic understanding of life.

However, careful stewardship of life does not demand that we always use every possible means to prolong life. Treatment can be refused by a terminally ill patient when its burdens outweigh its benefits for that patient. In such cases, the basic care owed to every human being should still be provided. We may reject those treatments that are too burdensome, but we must never destroy a human life on the ground that it is a burden. Given these principles, we believe that each person is bound to use ordinary means health care. This includes nourishment with food and water and ordinary medical care. Ordinary means offer a reasonable hope of regaining health and are not unduly burdensome to either the patient or the family.[2] Palliative care has important part to play in any end-of-life scenario. Pope John Paul II reminded us that modern pain management and relieving discomfort is "the way of love and true mercy" that we should offer to all dying patients, instead of offering to assist their suicides".[3]

"The moment of death is always accompanied by particularly intense human sentiments: an earthly life is ending, the emotional, generational, and social ties that are part of the person's inner self are dissolving; people who are dying and those who assist them are aware of the conflict between hope in immortality and the unknown which troubles even the most enlightened minds. The church lifts her voice so that the dying are not offended but are given every loving care and are not left alone as they prepare to cross the threshold of time to enter eternity."[4]

References: [1] Gaudium et Spes 27. [2] Pope John Paul II Address "Life Sustaining Treatments", 2011, 5. [3] Pope John Paul II Love and Solidarity for the Dying." Pope John Paul II, Address to the Pontifical Academy [4] Ibid.

How we respect people in the final stage of life says a great deal about the kind of society we live in. This stage of life can be a time when we focus on the things that really count. When dying persons and their families give witness to their love for each other and their trust in God, we can reflect that life is indeed a beautiful gift to be lived out to its fullest moment. Our loved ones in their final hours deserve our respect and protection.

"For a Catholic, dying naturally is central to our teaching. This includes support from palliative care.
Most Rev Michael McCarthy, Bishop of Rockhampton

Excerpt from Website: Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton



St Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal 12 & 13 June 2021

Donations of blankets, bedding, warm clothing, or monetary donations can be left at
St Vincent de Paul Emu Park - Pattison Street or Yeppoon - John Street.
Alternatively, donations can be left in the Collection bin in the Church foyers.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.



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CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

TIME	DAY	MASS
5:00pm	Tuesday	St Brendan's College
11:00am	Wednesday	Rosary & Adoration
12:00pm		Mass - Margaret Curley Memorial (Sacred Heart Church)
9:00am	Thursday	St Benedict's School
12:00pm	Friday	Requiem Mass - Margaret Lambrick (Sacred Heart Church)
8:00am	Saturday 12/6/21	Mary Immaculate Church
9:00am	Sunday	Sacred Heart Church
5:00pm		13/6/21

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

The Parish office will be unattended Friday 4 June 2021

**Fr Matthew will be in Bilolea next weekend
Fr Andrew Hogan will preside for the weekend Masses
on 12 & 13 June 2021**

Significant Wedding Anniversaries

Will be celebrated by Bishop Michael McCarthy at the
9:30am Mass Sunday 20 June 2021 at St Joseph's Cathedral.

Please RSVP before Sunday 13 June 2021 to Bishop's Office on 07 4887 3070
or bishopsoffice@rok.catholic.net.au.

Please register for Mass on the Cathedral Parish of St Joseph website
via the following link:

<https://www.cposj.com/bookings-checkout/st-joseph-s-cathedral/book>

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:

Cecilia Sutton, Tony Weekers, Jan Boyd, Sharon Truelson, Maureen Eddy, Michael Jones, Gautam Ramswarup

We Pray for those who have DIED:

Margaret Robillard, Frances Windress, Margaret Lambrick, Margaret Curley, Shirley Tynan, Br Kev Callaghan,
Br Terry Kingston, Donald Collier, John Ezeocha Ihenanwa, Victor Masilamani

Anniversary of the Deceased:

Bill Halberstater, Susan Gay Halberstater, Carmel Daykin, Leonie Undy, Betty Pettit

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**

CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish Community

Please find below an invitation from Bishop McCarthy



*With Praise &
Thanksgiving to God*

Most Reverend Michael McCarthy DD
Bishop of Rockhampton

INVITES *You* TO THE

Presbyteral Ordination

OF
Ashwin Emmanuel Acharya

Thursday 17th June, 11am
St Joseph's Cathedral, William Street Rockhampton



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF ROCKHAMPTON

RSVP

Ordination
Thursday, 3rd June
<http://bit.ly/ordinationashwin>



Your seat allocation is subject
to Queensland Government
requirements in the case of COVID-19
impacting venue capacity.

RSVP Link- <http://bit.ly/ordinationashwin>

**Please RSVP and book with the above link by this coming Friday 11 June.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL*

You will not be able to turn up on the day without a prior booking.

**The following Sunday the newly ordained Rev Ashwin will celebrate Eucharist at
the 9:00am and 5:00pm Masses at Sacred Heart.*

*Volunteers are needed to assist with morning tea and supper after each Mass.
Please let the office know if you can help.*

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THE EUCHARIST AS A CELEBRATION OF EVERYDAY LIFE

We sometimes forget that Jesus was born in a barn, not a church, and that the God of the Incarnation is as much about kitchen tables as ecclesial altars. God is as much domestic as monastic. This is important to keep in mind as we try to understand the Eucharist. **The Eucharist is the body of Christ, a continuation of the Incarnation, and, like Jesus' birth, is meant to bring the divine into concrete, everyday life.**

Hence, among its other things, the Eucharist is meant simply to be a family meal, a community celebration, a place, like our kitchen tables and living rooms, where we come together to be with each other, to share ordinary life, to celebrate special events with each other, to console and cry with each other when life is full of heartaches, and to be together simply for the sake of being together.

It is not good for the man to be alone. God spoke those words just before creating Eve, and he meant them not just about Adam, the first man, but about every man, woman, child, and creature forever. Nothing is an island, not even a molecule or an atom. Everything is meant to be in relationship. The Eucharist honours that.

When Jesus gave us the Eucharist, he intended it to be a ritual that invites us to come together as a family in every circumstance of our lives. In faith, just as in nature, we are meant to come together with others when we are happy and when we are sad, when the occasion is festive and when the occasion is mundane, when we celebrate new life and when we bury loved ones, when we give ourselves to each other in marriage and when we need reconciliation, when our energy is high and when our energy is low, when we feel the need for each other and when we want distance from others, and when we have no other reason to be together other than the fact that our nature invites us there.

The Eucharist invites us to gather as family. The very essence of family life is sharing with others both the special and the ordinary moments of life. Families gather together to celebrate occasions: Birthdays, weddings, graduations, transitions, illnesses, wakes, and funerals. At these times the atmosphere is more charged, the energy is higher, and there is a clearer sense that this is an occasion that merits our coming together.

But **families that sustain themselves also gather regularly**, ideally daily, irrespective of whether there is a special occasion or not. They don't just gather when the energy is good, when everyone is at his or her best, when nobody is bored or angry, and when some occasion merits the effort. They come together regularly, despite tedium, boredom, low energy, busyness, distractions, and interpersonal tensions because they recognize, however inchoately, that family life is as much about sharing the mundane, the distracted, the sports scores, and the tensions of life, as it is about sharing special and joyous moments. The weekday supper of hotdogs and beans, wolfed-down in 20 minutes with the conversation going no deeper than the sports scores, is not exactly the same stuff as the fare of the Christmas dinner or the conversation that takes place at a wedding or a funeral, but it is equally as important in creating family and keeping a family together. **Families are for everyday, just as they are for special occasions. So too is the Eucharist.**

I wish I had known that as child when I went to church on special feast days, like Christmas or Easter, and heard the priest using the word **"celebration" to describe our Eucharistic gathering** and never, not even for a second, connecting that with the much-anticipated family dinner we would be having once we got home from church. **I wish too that people would know this when they stay away from church because of boredom or anger or because they feel their presence there is only social and not an act of prayer.**

One of the reasons we go to church is to pray, but we go there too for the same reason we go to the family table every evening. It's good to be there, no matter what!