

CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH



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Mary Immaculate Church
EMU PARK

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 19 DECEMBER 2021

The Theological Virtue of Hope

Mystical hope offers us an experience of trust that God's presence, love, and mercy is in and all around us, regardless of circumstances or future outcome. Father Richard Rohr writes of such hope through our anticipation of Jesus' coming during Advent:

"Come, Lord Jesus," the Advent mantra, means that all of Christian history has to live out of a kind of deliberate emptiness, a kind of chosen non-fulfillment. Perfect fullness is always to come, and we do not need to demand it now. The theological virtue of hope keeps the field of life wide open and especially open to grace and to a future created by God rather than ourselves. This is exactly what it means to be "awake," as the Gospel urges us! We can also use other words for Advent: *aware, alive, attentive, alert* are all appropriate. Advent is, above all else, a call to full consciousness and also a forewarning about the high price of consciousness.

When we demand—or “hope for”—satisfaction from one another, when we demand any completion to history on our terms, when we demand that our anxiety or dissatisfaction be taken away, saying as it were, “Why weren’t you this for me? Why didn’t life do that for me?” we are refusing to say, “Come, Lord Jesus.” We are refusing to hold out for the *full picture* that is always still being given by God.

Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann views hope as trust in what God has done and will do, in spite of evidence to the contrary:

Hope in gospel faith is not just a vague feeling that things will work out, for it is evident that things will not just work out. Rather, hope is the conviction, against a great deal of data, that God is tenacious and persistent in overcoming the deathliness of the world, that God intends joy and peace. Christians find compelling evidence, in the story of Jesus, that Jesus, with great persistence and great vulnerability, everywhere he went, turned the enmity of society toward a new possibility, turned the sadness of the world toward joy, introduced a new regime where the dead are raised, the lost are found, and the displaced are brought home again. [1]

Richard continues:

“Come, Lord Jesus” is a leap into the kind of freedom and surrender that is rightly called the virtue of *hope*. Hope is the patient and trustful willingness to live without full closure, without resolution, and still be content and even happy because our satisfaction is now at another level, and our Source is beyond ourselves. We are able to trust that Christ *will* come again, just as Christ has come into our past, into our private dilemmas, and into our suffering world. Our Christian past then becomes our Christian prologue, and “Come, Lord Jesus” is not a cry of desperation but an assured shout of cosmic hope.

Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation From the Center for Action and Contemplation



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DAY	TIME	MASS
Tuesday	5:00pm	Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday	11:00am	Rosary & Adoration
	12:00pm	Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	9:00am	Mary Immaculate Church
CHRISTMAS EVE		
Friday	5:00pm	Mary Immaculate Church
	6:30pm	Christmas Carols Sacred Heart Church
	7:00pm	Sacred Heart Church
CHRISTMAS DAY		
Saturday 25/12/21	9:00am	Sacred Heart Church
NO 5PM MASS		
BOXING DAY - SUNDAY		
Sunday 26/12/21	7:00am	Mary Immaculate Church
	9:00am	Sacred Heart Church

4th Sunday of Advent - Year C

Gospel Luke 1:39-44

Welcomer	1 st Reading Micah 5:1-4	2 nd Reading Hebrews 10:5-10
9am Paul Worthington	Warren Middleton	Gordon Gauld
5pm Volunteer needed	Brigitte Scheer	Volunteer needed
5:15pm John McKenna	Michele Connors	Caroline Ireland

NEXT WEEK - 26/12/2021

Gospel Luke 2:41-52

Welcomer	1 st Reading 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28	2 nd Reading 1 John 3:1-2,21-24
7am Collette Bowman	Michele Connors	Volunteer needed
9am Barbara Pearson	Philip Cranny	Karen Page

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to all being baptized this Sunday 10am at Sacred Heart Church
Sebastian Boyes, Molly Hewitt, Edward Mainwaring, Noel Sinclair, Alistair Witt & Alyssa Witt.



CHECK IN QLD AP

Please arrive a bit earlier to ensure correct check in. Show your Tick once you've checked in to the Greeter. Ask for help if needed or ask someone to check you in with their app.
 PLEASE ENSURE YOUR PHONE IS TURNED OFF DURING MASS.



Season Greetings

The Parish Office will be unattended during the Christmas - New Year Break
 Wednesday 22 December - Friday 7 January 2022
 Messages will be checked regularly.

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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FAREWELL MORNING TEA FOR FR. MATT

Please note our monthly morning tea will be pushed back a week in January 2022.

The Hospitality Group will host the morning tea & everyone is welcome to attend on Sunday, 9 January, after the am Mass to farewell Fr Matt & welcome Fr Andrew Hogan.

Please bring a plate.

RI CATECHISTS NEEDED

Religious Instruction URGENTLY requires help to assist teachers in 2022.

If you can help in this wonderful ministry,
please call the parish office 4933 6171 or Hazel Massie 0459 058 798.



Thank you

for all the generous donations to St Vincent de Paul on
the Capricorn Coast

Ignite Summer Camp Diocesan Group

When: 12-16 January 2022

Where: QCCC Mapleton (Sunshine Coast)

Who: Any 2022 high school students

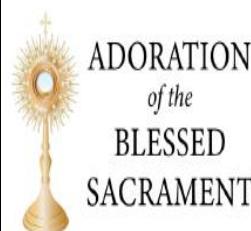
Cost: \$310, Family discounts are available for siblings.



Are you ready for an unforgettable summer? Ignite Summer Camp is back in 2022, with four days of huge outdoor games, amazing rallies, 200 new mates and connecting with Jesus. Our diocese will be taking a group to Summer Camp, providing transport to and from the event and even providing an extra night's accommodation so we will be ready to go when the camp begins on the morning of the 13th of January. If you're interested in coming, please contact youth@rok.catholic.net.au to get all the details and our group ticket code.

WELCOME PACKS - NEW PARISHIONERS

We're endeavouring to welcome *new* parishioners & asking people to complete the form in the foyer popping it into the letterbox at the office. The Parish Office will put a little welcome pack together then someone from the hospitality group will follow up with a visit.



ADORATION
of the
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

From 11am each
Wednesday Adoration
followed
by the Rosary at 11:30am
Sacred Heart Church

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

We Pray for those who are SICK:

Carmel Schick, Christine Smith, Jim Turner, Noel Murry, Erica Gorog, Kerrie Lauga, Glenyce Lentell Michael Jones, Brian Johnston, Meegan Sommerville, Bev Bartlem, Anthony Baker, Briona McKone, Noel & Carol Murry

We Pray for those who have DIED:

Paulanne Kelly, Joan Bateman, Teresa Jones, Gabriel Watkin, Kevin O'Keefe, Pat Ogden, Paul Pacey, Gautam Ramswarup, Irene Watkins, John Murphy (Charters Towers), Fr Rod Dela Rosa SVD, Rita Hughes, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Perry Molloy

Anniversary of the Deceased:

Dawn Abraham Anton Schick, Robert McNae, Jack Grimes, Joan Grimes Leo Hansby, Anthony Bowman, Kevin Thomas Harris, Margaret Farr, Doug Read (Biloela), Carmel Gormley, Withoos & Reimans Family

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

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Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend it was announced that I will be on study leave for 12 months in 2022.

It has been a difficult decision but an important one for me and

I ask that you keep me in your prayers during this time.

Bishop Michael has appointed Fr Andrew Hogan as the Parish Administrator, for the 12 months.

I know that he will be welcomed and find the Capricorn Coast Parish a wonderful place
to share in the ministry and mission of Jesus.

Many of you already know Fr Andrew and will all get to know him during this time.

On the weekend of the 8th and 9th of January he will arrive and
con-celebrate the weekend Masses with me.

This will be the last time that I will be with you before beginning my time of travel and study.

May this time of Advent continue to be a time where we remain filled with hope and
joy of the Christ Child coming into the world this Christmas.

God Bless,

Fr Matthew



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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15 December 2021

My dear people of the Capricorn Coast

I write wishing you all of God's blessings for Christmas and the New Year.

Father Matthew Moloney has applied for study leave for 2022 and I have granted him twelve months leave to undertake studies in priestly formation and spirituality. Father Matthew leaves for the United Kingdom in early January for these courses in the UK at St Bueno's in Wales.

I have appointed Father Andrew Hogan as the Administrator of the parish while Father Matthew is overseas. Father Andrew is completing his Canon Law studies during the first half of the year and will assist me with administration in canonical issues here in Rockhampton. Father Andrew is the Diocesan MC and will be required to assist with major liturgical events through the year.

As you can appreciate, with COVID and all the restrictions that were imposed upon us, it made it impossible to replace the three priests who were recalled back to their province in India during the year. I am hopeful we will be able to reinstate the welcoming of new overseas priests soon. In the meantime, we are stretched for priestly resources across the diocese.

I appointed Mr Michael Otto to assist with the recruitment of young people for the priesthood. I ask that you support Michael in this apostolate.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

+Michael McCarthy

Most Rev Michael McCarthy
Bishop of Rockhampton



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

15 December 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

I write with Christmas wishes and blessings upon you and your family.

Earlier in the week, I wrote to the priests of the Diocese with the clergy appointments for 2022.

During 2021, Fathers Marcel, Thadayoose and Raj were all recalled to the HGN Society and Father Bryan retired.

Considering the availability of full-time priests for 2022, I have made the following appointments with 17 full time priests to assign across the close and far distance communities of faith of our Diocese. According to the 2016 Census there are approximately 117,800 Catholics in our Diocese; that is one priest for every 6,900 Catholics.

Parishes of the Central Region – 4 Priests assigned

2016 Census 30,000 Catholics (one priest for 7,500 Catholics)

The Capricorn Coast will be pastored by Father Andrew Hogan as Administrator while Father Matthew is away for studies in priestly formation and spirituality in the UK for 2022. Father Andrew will be completing his studies for a Licentiate in Canon Law while pastoring the parish and continues in the role of Bishop's MC and assisting me with Canonical administration.

The Parishes of the City of Rockhampton will be ministered by a team of priests, Fathers Bill Senn, Matthias Ogwo, Jayanthi Maddala and myself, working across the six praying communities of Our Lady Help of Christians – Park Avenue, Holy Family - Rockonia, St Mary's, St Joseph's Cathedral, St Paul's – Gracemere and Sacred Heart - Mount Morgan.

Central Highlands Region – 3 Priests assigned

2016 Census Central Highlands 12,600 Catholics (one priest for 4,200 Catholics)

Father Yon will undertake formational studies at the SVD centre of Nemi, Rome from the beginning of 2022 and then be reassigned to vocational work with the SVD's. We wish Father Yon all of God's blessings and are thankful for his priestly work among us. Father Yon will be replaced by Father Francois Andrianihantana SVD who was ordained on 27 November 2021 in Melbourne. Father Francois will be arriving in the Diocese mid-January. We welcome Father Francois as he settles into priestly ministry with us.

The Central Highlands will be pastored by Fathers Truc SVD and Francois SVD (Emerald and Springsure, Blackwater, and Woorabinda) and Jomon Poothara (Parishes of the Peak Downs).

Sisters Carmel Boyle and Colleen Livermore will continue their ministry with the Blackwater, Duaringa and Dingo communities, as will Sister Cecilia Prestashewsky with the Woorabinda Mission. I thank them for their ongoing support and care for these communities.

Bishop Michael McCarthy

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Central West Region – 1 Priest assigned

2016 Census Central West – 2,500 Catholics (one priest for 2,500 Catholics)

Father Shaiju Lookose CMI will be pastoring in the Parishes of the Central West, supported by Miss Loretta McKeering as the Pastoral Coordinator. I thank Loretta for the work she is doing for all the communities in the West.

Northern Region – 4 Priests assigned

2016 Census 32,500 Catholics (one priest for 8,125 Catholics)

In the first half of 2022, the Parishes of Mackay will be pastored by Fathers Stephen Hanly, James Ezeocha, Alex Varghese and Gasper Peruvellil.

Southern Region – 5 Priests assigned

2016 Census – 31,200 Catholics

Gladstone 13,000 Catholics (one priest for 6,500 Catholics)

Bundaberg 14,800 (one priest for 7,400 Catholics)

The Valleys 3,400 (one priest for 3,400 Catholics)

The Parishes of the Southern Region are pastored by Fathers Andrew Chase and Ashwin Acharya (Gladstone), Peter Tonti and Sijo George CMI (Bundaberg), and Simeon Uchendu (The Valleys). Father Peter, as Vicar General, travels regularly to Rockhampton to assist me with Episcopal Administration.

As you can appreciate, each region is stressed for the comfortable supplying of sacramental and pastoral care.

This is where I ask that each Parish Pastoral Council and the five Regional Pastoral Councils engage in the process of strategic planning that will include how to assist the priests assigned to a region with the coordination of the pastoral and sacramental care of various parishes and regions. This may also need to take in account the times of holidays and illness of the priests and re-crafting the Mass schedule for a region. We always need to keep in mind the sacramental needs of the people.

COVID suspended bringing in priests from overseas. I have begun the process of approaching Dioceses with which our Diocese has an agreement, to assist us further with priests. As you can appreciate, there are costs involved in the recruitment and training of priests for the Diocese. I would ask that you be generous in assisting the Diocese in this venture.

Mr Michael Otto, our Executive Officer – Vocations, Youth & Family Life, has been discerning with possible candidates for priesthood. I encourage you all to assist Michael in this apostolate by talking about vocations, encouraging young men in your regions and working with Michael. Michael's work is critical and top priority. It is all our responsibility to promote and encourage vocations to the priesthood. The call doesn't magically appear, it is through the invitation of the community and its priest.

Finally, as Bishop, in the short term, I will continue in the role of Administrator of the Cathedral while continuing with Episcopal duties around the Diocese.

With best wishes



Most Rev Michael McCarthy
Bishop of Rockhampton

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