

# CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

Sacred Heart & Mary Immaculate



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For where two or three are gathered together  
in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

- Mt 18:19-20

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*The worshipping communities of Sacred Heart, Yeppoon and Mary Immaculate, Emu Park acknowledge the Darumbal People the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather and pay respect to their elders: past, present, and emerging. For we too are one in land, one in spirit, one in faith, united in God's love.*

# LITURGIES

11 - 17 September 2023

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

12pm Funeral - Colleen Jones  
Sacred Heart Church

## WEDNESDAY

9am Mass Sacred Heart Church  
*Adoration*

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

9am Mass Sacred Heart Church  
2:00pm Rosary

## SATURDAY

5:15pm Mass Mary Immaculate Church

## SUNDAY

*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am-8:30am Reconciliation  
Sacred Heart Church

9am Mass Sacred Heart Church  
5pm Mass Sacred Heart Church



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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.



# Pray For...

### the sick:

Adam Loch, Rosemary Stella Merlow, Vince Hannan, Jack & Cecily Pickett, Joan Lacey, Colleen Jones, Catherine Marshall, Ray Channels, Angela White

### the recently deceased:

Colleen Jones, Rita Edmestone, Shirley Shirvington, Fred Inglis, Donald Ross, Tony Dixon, Fr Pat Mooney, Robert Bate, Franca Viti, Terry Bishton.

### those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Barry Gollan, Mary Fraser, Lawrence Dowling, Robert Horton, Dulcie Fitzgerald, Pat Schamburg, Bill Culton, Nev Ryan, Geoff Jefferis, Eli Kent, Mitchell Norris.

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION - QUIET DAY

The World Community for Christian Meditation invites you to set aside your everyday activities and spend some time in the presence of God at a Quiet Day on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. We will meet at The Duhig Conference Centre, 147 West St, Rockhampton from 9am – 2pm, commencing with a cuppa.

**WHAT TO BRING:** BYO lunch. Morning tea is provided.

**COST:** \$10 per person.

**RSVP:** Wednesday 20th September

If you have any queries please contact Barb Hoare by email [wccm.rton@gmail.com](mailto:wccm.rton@gmail.com). Flyer available on the noticeboard.

Columban Calendar 2024

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### SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

#### CREATIVE RESPONSE COMPETITION

A reminder that to mark Social Justice Sunday this year the Diocesan Social Justice group is offering a Creative Response Competition - an opportunity to create something, using any creative medium, in response to this year's Statement: *Listen, Learn, Love – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*. The statement is available online at [www.justiceandpeace.org.au/home/news-and-events/news/](http://www.justiceandpeace.org.au/home/news-and-events/news/). We're excited to offer this opportunity to really engage with this year's statement and look forward to lots of entries. Final submission date is 13<sup>th</sup> October.

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

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your brother sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

Father John Muir ©LPi

### Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. If interested, see the parish office.



This painting was commissioned by the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton for use in the Diocesan Reconciliation Action Plan.

#### The Painting - Reconciliation

This painting is about cultures coming together to enrich awareness and understanding as we all have the same God that we love. Two hands represent First Nations people with earthy colours. Other Cultures with black and white colours. Blue background represents Healing waters. The U shape on the rays of light are the people coming together to Church, The Cross in the middle. The five small green crosses give freshness and represent the five regions in our Diocese.

ARTIST: HOWARD (JOE) BUTLER

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Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
Our life our sweetness and our hope.  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;  
To thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in the valley of tears.  
Turn then most gracious advocate,



Thine eyes of mercy towards us  
and after this our exile, show unto us the  
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!  
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.  
That we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ.



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# NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



## First Reading

Sirach 27:30—28:7

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

## Psalm 102

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

## Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

## Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

## The Body of Christ

What you see...is bread and a cup. This is what your eyes report to you. But your faith has need to be taught that the bread is the body of Christ, the cup the blood of Christ.... If, then, you wish to understand the body of Christ, listen to the Apostle as he says to the faithful "You are the body of Christ and His members".... You reply "Amen" to that which you are, and by replying you consent. For you hear "The body of Christ," and you reply "Amen." Be a member of the body of Christ so that your "Amen" may be true.... Be what you see, and receive what you are. (Sermon 272)

I offer this quotation from Augustine because of what I have learned from many years of teaching graduate and undergraduate students and giving talks on the Eucharist in a variety of parishes. *When I ask people what they are doing when they say "Amen" to "The body of Christ," they often say that they are expressing faith in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Yet I never hear them say that they are affirming their identity as members of the body of Christ.*

**Margaret Mary Kelleher, O.S.U.**, Associate Professor in the School of Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

## MEET IN THE MIDDLE

Will be held Monday 11th September 10am at the Waterline Cafe at the Marina. Look forward to seeing you there.

## Safeguarding Sunday 10th September

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT LOCATED IN FOYER

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 & 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 & Vulnerable Adults commitment statement & Policy: [www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html](http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html) Queensland Professional Standards Office: [www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/](http://www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/)



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