

# CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

29 Dec 2024 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



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## SUNDAY READINGS

**1st Reading:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Kindness and respect for parents is urged.

**Psalm 127:**

**Happy are those who  
fear the Lord and  
walk in his ways.**

**2nd Reading:** Col 3:12-21

What is expected of the chosen of God.

**Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52

Jesus is found in the Temple.

## LITURGIES

Date	Time	Mass
Wed 1 Jan 2025	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
Fri 3 Jan	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
Sat 4 Jan	5:15pm	Mass, Mary Immaculate
Sun 5 Jan	8-8:30am	Reconciliation, Sacred Heart
	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
Tues 7 Jan	9:00am	Mass, Mary Immaculate
Wed 8 Jan	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
Fri 10 Jan	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
Sat 11 Jan	5:15pm	Mass, Mary Immaculate
Sun 12 Jan	8-8:30am	Reconciliation, Sacred Heart
	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
	5:00pm	Mass, Sacred Heart



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

*We pray for all those in our community who are sick, recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

**GOSPEL MEDITATION:** The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary “blessed” for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady’s belief that “there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord” (Luke 1:45). Mary is “blessed” entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our “motherly” contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus’ presence. Pray: “Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her.”- Father John Muir ©LPi

*The worshipping communities of Sacred Heart, Yeppoon & 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.*



**Office  
Closed:  
23 Dec -  
7 Jan**

Messages and emails will be diverted during this time.

The Parish Office staff would like to wish everyone a safe and joyful Christmas.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I send my Christmas greetings to you all with this letter and announce that after consultation I am appointing Father Stephen Hanly as the Parish Priest of the Capricorn Coast Parish, effective from 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Father Stephen has been a pastor recently in the parishes of North Mackay and during the past 12 months has been doing formation courses in spiritual direction in Ireland. He has been assisting in the Rockhampton parishes since his return to Australia.

Yours sincerely





*+ Michael McCarthy*

Most Rev Michael McCarthy  
 Bishop of Rockhampton

happy   
*New Year*

*As we welcome the New Year,  
 may Christ's blessings be upon  
 you, guiding and protecting you  
 each day. Wishing you and your  
 loved ones a blessed and joyous  
 New Year! God bless!*

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