

# CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

12 May 2024 - The Ascension of the Lord, Year B



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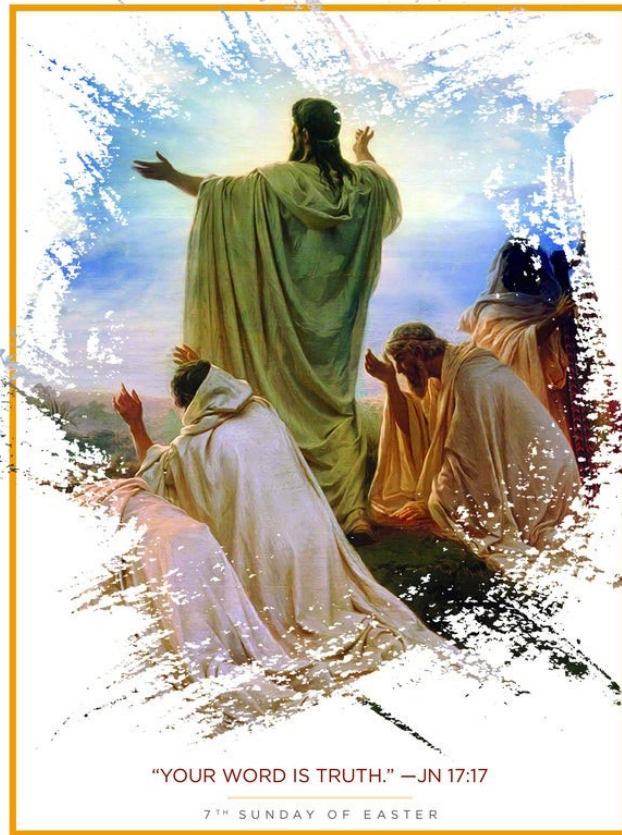
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## Sacred Heart Church

7 Tabor Drive, Yeppoon

## Mary Immaculate Church

38 Archer St Emu Park



**GOSPEL MEDITATION:** A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: *Tutti dentro*. It means, “Everyone in.” He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church’s primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus’ concern is unity, praying to the Father, “that they may be one, even as we are one” (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope’s desire because it is that of Jesus — and it should be ours, too. - 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.*

# LITURGIES

# Pray for

Date	Time	Mass
Tues 14 May	5:00pm	Mass, St Brendan's College
Wed 15 May	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart Adoration & Rosary
Thurs 16 May	8:00am	Mass, St Brendan's College
Fri 17 May	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
	2:00pm	Rosary, Sacred Heart
Sat 18 May	5:15pm	Mass, Mary Immaculate
Sun 19 May (Pentecost Sunday)	8-8:30am	Reconciliation, Sacred Heart
	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
	5:00pm	Mass, Sacred Heart

## The sick:

Colleen Stower, John 'Jack' Kelly, Amy Collins, Eimear Devlin (Ireland), Pat Searles, Fiona Bryson, Paul Hansby, Emily White, Renae Ellaway (Duffy), Scott Mahosky, Kevin & Joan Lacey, Terry Groser, Ollie Miles, Jo-Anne Coxon, Alan Davids, Adam Loch, Carolyn Perkins.

## The recently deceased:

Alison Kreig (Blackall), Sherrie Boike (Brisbane), Joanne Luck, Maureen McCarthy, Ann Cooms, Kevin Lafferty, Lorraine Stockley, Fr Marty Larson, Dusty Lonergan (SBC), Maria (Mia) Consten.

## Anniversaries at this time:

Margaret McWhinney, Margaret Curley, Bill Mulcahy, Beverly Murphy, Jamie Brazer, Maria Hutchinson, Ralph & Noreen Blanchette, Betty Pettit, Judy Hayes, Leonie Undy, Barbara Blanchette-Piguet, Annah Shemlowski, Pauline Coleman, Pauline Effeneay, Charlie Shelton.

## WEEKEND ROSTER

This weekend - Ascension of the Lord 11/12 May

	5.15pm Sat Mary Immac.	9am Sunday Sacred Heart	5pm Sunday Sacred Heart
Commentator	Kathy Maloney	Gordon Gauld	Shane Peers
1st Reader	Gail Goodman	Mark Boyd	SBC Student
2nd Reader	Michele Connors	Tink Boyd	SBC Student

Next weekend - Pentecost Sunday 19/20 May

Commentator	Gail Goodman	Barbara Pearson	Mark Kennedy
1st Reader	Jan Jaeger	John Quinn	STU Student
2nd Reader	Jan Mussig	Karen Quinn	STU Student

## Children's Liturgy

### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS



For Sunday morning Mass at Sacred Heart Church

See Fr Matthew for more information

## DATE CLAIMER! THIS THURSDAY

5pm LITURGY MEETING

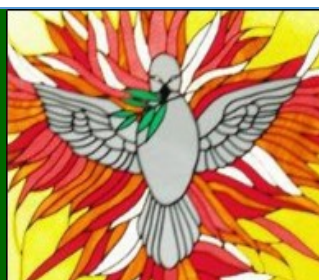
6pm FINANCE MEETING

7pm LEADERSHIP MEETING

**DONATION POINT** SH Church has a Donation Point Tap facility in the Church foyer. Your donation assists the Parish to meet its ever increasing costs and commitments. **Your donation is appreciated.**



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





*The people of the Diocese  
are invited to celebrate the  
Tenth Anniversary of  
Most Reverend Michael McCarthy  
Bishop of Rockhampton*

*Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
5.30pm Mass of Thanksgiving,  
St Joseph's Cathedral*

*followed by a formal reception\**

*\*RSVP required - Ph 4887 3070 or*

<https://forms.office.com/r/8u41nHR0AA>



The Mass of Thanksgiving will be streamed live on:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

### Rockhampton March for Life 25th May

The 2nd Rockhampton March for Life will be held on Saturday 25th May. You are invited to attend this prolife gathering to be a public witness to the sanctity of life. Attendees can gather from 1:30pm at the Rockhampton Riverside precinct amphitheatre. Speeches: 2pm, and will be followed with a footpath march. This is a public assembly organised by private individuals and is supported by members of the local Christian churches, & Cherish Life QLD.

*"Before I formed you in the womb  
I knew you", Jeremiah 1:5*

## Different View

### Snake handlers and Faith healers

*There are certainly Christians who interpret literally Jesus' description of the signs that will be associated with believers. We have all seen images of old Revivalist meetings where people were called forth to be healed by touch and have evil spirits driven from them. Much of this practice can be traced to this week's gospel. The many evangelical churches and the tele-evangelists who dominate our early morning television screens operate out of this tradition and generally have a very literal interpretation of scripture. It is based in a belief that God acts in the world through miraculous intervention rather than through the slow and steady presence of individuals like you and me.*

Welcome to our  
Sacramental  
Program candidates!  
We look forward to  
witnessing your  
journey this year.

Next Session :  
Wed 15 May, 6pm



## Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love.

Let us pray for each of them:

*God our heavenly Father,  
you give to each the ability to share  
your generative love.*

*Bless those women in our lives who  
mirror your love and bring forth life  
through their willingness to risk  
bringing new life into this world.*

*Help us to show them our gratitude  
for the gift of life and the gift of a  
mother's love.*

*May our life-giving God continue to  
bless them and show them his  
unfailing love.*

*We ask this through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.



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.

# THIS WEEK'S READINGS

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### 1st Reading:

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up into heaven.

### Psalm 46:

God mounts his throne to  
shouts of joy: a blare of  
trumpets for the Lord.

### 2nd Reading:

Ephesians 1:17-23

Live a life worthy of  
your calling.

### Gospel:

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus commissions the eleven,  
ascends to heaven.

# NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

## PENTECOST

### SUNDAY

#### 1st Reading:

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: 103

#### 2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23


## INVITATION TO ADVERTISE

To assist in off-setting the costs of production and printing, we invite local businesses to consider placing an advertisement in the Capricorn Coast Parish Bulletin (hard copy and electronic). In brief:

- Coverage will include Sacred Heart, Yeppoon and Mary Immaculate, Emu Park churches, the four local Catholic schools and the wider community.
- Each week includes a print run of over 300 copies, an electronic distribution of 2500, and is posted on our parish website.
- The cost of advertising for the 12 month period would be: \$10 per week for a standard advertisement (9.4cm x 3.6cm high)
- Advertising across the financial year of 2024 to 2025

All enquiries to place an advertisement to [capcoast@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:capcoast@rok.catholic.net.au).

To note: advertising enquiries close **Friday 7 June** and it will be first in, best dressed for advertisers.



Alpha

### Reflections from Alpha Participants

Three groups of parishioners have gathered each week to reflect upon their faith and to share their time and hospitality with each other. They have nearly completed the journey and these are their thoughts from their time together...

The  
Alpha  
Course

*I enjoyed the Alpha program. It gave me an opportunity to look deeply into my faith to reconnect with my daily practices and prayers. It was a privilege to share with a special group of people. M.M.*

I experienced a renewed relationship with the Holy Spirit through participating in the Alpha program. I enjoyed people sharing their faith with me and making new friendships. M.K.

It was a privilege to share in everyone's faith journey and I appreciated their openness. Additionally several scripture passages took on a greater significance for me. V.M.

I found Alpha to be a joyful and rewarding experience where I explored life, faith, and spiritual meaning in a friendly environment. W.M.

Really enjoyed sharing our faith. The presentations were really well put together, and I look forward to more Catholic faith sharing groups in the future. B.K.

Loved the ALPHA program. Lots of thought provoking sessions. Lovely sharing. Loved getting to know the group on a little deeper level.

Really enjoyed the ALPHA sessions. Great to hear things I may have forgotten. Enjoyed the faith sharing.

An opportunity to find a deeper love of Jesus and a closer relationship with God. And an opportunity to help others have a closer relationship with God.

ALPHA provided an opportunity to share personal thoughts on faith. At times a little confronting to share but easier as the group came to know each other better. It was pleasant to review my own faith with deeper contemplation.

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