

Cathedral Parish

Cathedral, Stanley Street, Townsville. **St Mary's**, West End.
St Francis Xavier, Railway Estate. **St Patrick's**, South Townsville.
St Joan of Arc, Magnetic Island and **St. Joseph's Church**, North Ward

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Parish Hours: West End: Monday thru Friday 9:30am - 5:00pm /
North Ward: Monday thru Thursday 9am - 12noon
Saturday and Sunday Closed

Moderator: Fr Rod Ward
Pastor: Fr Jan Szweda SVD and Fr Gideon Awudi SVD
Parish Staff: Juliet Walker and Jo-Anne O'Brien
Director of Music: Jackie Crocker, Catholic Diocese of Townsville

MESSAGE FROM MODERATOR

Cathedral Parish conducts a Reflection Group each Thursday during Lent. The Group meets at Cathedral Parish Office, 28 Ingham Road, West End on Thursday mornings commencing at 10am. All are welcome.

A Reflection Group also meets on Magnetic Island. This Group meets at St Joan of Arc Church on Thursdays after the Rosary Group meeting which commences at 9am.

There will be Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at St Francis Xavier, Railway Estate, commencing at 6pm.

Next Sunday, 24 March is Palm Sunday.

Planned Giving envelope packs for parishioners at St Joseph's Church have an end date into the future. New envelope packs are available in the other five churches. For new parishioners wishing to become part of the Parish Planned Giving Program, please contact Cathedral Parish office on 47714461.

The first meeting of Cathedral Parish Mission Leadership Team was held on Tuesday 12 March at the Cathedral Parish Office. The meeting was very productive with members setting a course for the future and defining priorities for future action.

Mission Council and Mission Finance Council meetings are planned in coming weeks.

**FATHER ROD WARD, MODERATOR
CATHEDRAL PARISH**

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year - B 17 March 2024: Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will 'lay down their lives for their friends.'



This parish acknowledges the Bindal and Wulgurukaba peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work and we pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

COMMUNION ETIQUETTE:

Out of consideration for the community, please do not receive Communion from the Cup if you are unwell. If you receive Communion on the tongue please ensure that you fully extend your tongue for the ease of the minister.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY AND TUESDAY:

7:00 am St Patrick's Church, South Townsville

WEDNESDAY

7:00 am St Mary's Church, West End

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY:

7:00 am St Francis Xavier's Church, Railway Estate

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY:

6:30 am St Joseph's Church, North Ward

Adoration: Monday 7am-12noon

Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am-10:30am

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY:

7:00 am St Mary's Church, West End
(Reconciliation after the Mass)

9:00 am St Joseph's Church, North Ward
(Reconciliation: 9:30am-10:30am)

5:00 pm St Patrick's Church, South Townsville

6:00 pm St Joseph's Church, North Ward

SUNDAY:

7:00 am St Francis Xavier Church, Railway Estate


8:30 am St Mary's Church, West End

8:30 am St Joseph's Church, North Ward

10:00 am Sacred Heart Cathedral Church, Stanley St

5:00 pm Sacred Heart Cathedral Church, Stanley St

5:15 pm St Joan of Arc, Magnetic Island



**Blessed
SOLEMNITY of
ST JOSEPH**

There will be
MASS in
St Joseph's Church,
North Ward
on
19 March, 2024
Tuesday at 8am.

**St Joseph's Church
North Ward
PENITENTIAL SERVICE
19 March 2024, Tuesday
6PM**



Stations of the Cross

**EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT
COMMENING AT:
6:00PM**

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Liturgy of the ✠ WORD ✠



First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. (R.)

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: John 12:26

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim your death, O Lord and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

Penitential Act:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words. In what I have done and in what I have failed to do. Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin All the Angels and Saints. To pray for me to the Lord our God.

Nicene Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him, all things were made. For us men, and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son, is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA :

The moment of eschatological fulfilment gathers together the sense of the past ('the days when Christ was in the flesh'), the future ('the days are coming'), and the present ('the hour has come'). We live in the time when the past and the future are made present; we live in the 'already-but-not-yet' time of anticipation/fulfilment. This is a moment of great ambiguity, of fear and trepidation but of electric excitement. It is a moment of decision. We hover at the edge of dawn, weighing whether or not to step forward into the new day or to return to the darkness of night.

This 'hour' brings a new covenant, a deep interior relationship with God that is not based on law but which overflows from a commitment of the heart. It brings an abundant harvest that springs from a simple grain of wheat. It brings a promise from God's own Son that those who serve him will be honoured by God, and those who obey him will enjoy eternal life. Although the 'hour' brings all of these blessings, it only does so with a price. The new covenant could only be written on new hearts; the abundant harvest sprang from the dying grain of wheat; eternal salvation was won at the price of Christ's blood. As challenging as the message of these readings may be, the last note is one of hope. It can overcome the demons that control us, because it is the power of the almighty God

PARISH PRAYER LIST:

Please pray for the Sick: Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants: Veronica Knowles; Sr Margery Daly; Jan Palmer; Rafael Zarate (2yo); Dorothy & Kevin Newman; Tom Fitzgerald; Peter Crossan; Sue Palmer; Peter Offermans; Deb Lowrie; Warwick Bull; Emma Moss (Luckel); Barry Robinson; Cecil Allen; Bernadane Morlin; Robert Tardini; Loreto & Bolton Clarke Nursing Home residents. For whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS OF THE DEPARTED: Loving and merciful God, we entrust - Juana Arana Martinez; Luz Sarmiento Rayo & Josh Mills to your mercy. You loved her greatly in this life; now that she is freed from all its cares, give her happiness and peace for ever. The old order has passed away; welcome him/her now into paradise where there will be no more sorrow. No more weeping or pain, but only peace and joy with Jesus, your Son, and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

* Please be advised that the parish office requires individual and/or family permission for inclusion in the public prayer list under the Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012.

Next Week's Parish Roster:

23 / 24 March 2024: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

<u>CATHEDRAL 10am</u> Coordinator: Lee-Ann Barton 1st Reader: TBA 2nd Reader: TBA Prayer of the Faithful: TBA Collection: Lee-Ann Barton	<u>CATHEDRAL 5pm</u> Coordinator: Mai Luarca 1st Reader: Vien Garcia 2nd Reader: Celerina Bansuela Prayer of the Faithful: John Gabriel Davis Collection: Grace Davis	<u>ST MARY'S CHURCH 8:30am</u> Coordinator: George 1st Reader: Alan Carman 2nd Reader: Robyn Smedley Prayer of the Faithful: George Collection:	<u>ST FRANCIS XAVIER 7am</u> Coordinator: 1st Reader: TBA 2nd Reader: TBA Prayer of the Faithful: TBA Collection:
<u>ST JOAN OF ARC 5:15pm</u> Coordinator: Em 1st Reader: Kath B 2nd Reader: Val Z Prayer of the Faithful: Collection: Em Music: Cathy G Pickup / Drop off Priest: Em	<u>ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, North Ward 6pm</u> Commentator: Jenny Fanning 1st Reader: Maria Larkin 2nd Reader: Merle Trembath Extraordinary Minister of Communion: Gale Barrett	<u>ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, North Ward 8:30am</u> Commentator: Sue Luckel 1st Reader: Trina Nielsen 2nd Reader: Patrick McDonogh Extraordinary Minister of Communion: Mary Molloy; Greg Luckel; Maria Frasson	<u>ST PATRICK'S CHURCH 5pm</u> Coordinator: 1st Reader: Michael Clive 2nd Reader: Lena Williamson Prayer of the Faithful: Mary Jameson Collection:
<u>CATHEDRAL COUNTERS:</u> Monday 11 March: Elizabeth Shinnick; Tony Reddy & Terry McAuliffe.		<u>CATHEDRAL PIETY:</u> Pam Rush and Tom Rush	<u>ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, North Ward: CLEANERS:</u> Team #5

DIOCESAN BASED NOTICES:

PROJECT COMPASSION – FIFTH WEEK OF LENT: As The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities. Please donate to Project Compassion 2024. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

ANNUAL CHRISM MASS: Bishop Tim invites you to celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Thursday 21 March at 6.30pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Mass of Chrism is a very important celebration with the gathering of our Priests and Diocesan family as we bless the Oils of Baptism and the Sick, and consecrate the Oil of Chrism. Baptismal Oil is used to anoint those being welcomed into the church as babies, young people and adults, while Oil of the Sick is for those who are sick, frail and aging. Oil of Holy Chrism is used in Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination, as well as for the consecration of Churches. I welcome you to join with us as the Diocese celebrates this very important event in the life of the Church. Light refreshments available after Mass.

LIBERATION AND HEALING NIGHT: Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you to attend a night of healing, liberation and deliverance ministry, led by renowned speaker John Mutoya from the Archdiocese of Perth on Monday 18th March from 7pm-9pm, at St Teresa's, 58 Lonergan St, Garbutt. John has many years experience in this area, he studied Deliverance and Exorcism in Rome at one of the Catholic Universities and has also completed the Christian Healing Ministries program (founded by Francis MacNutt). This event is free. For further info contact Trudy Clarke 0418 726 109 or email trudy.clarke4@bigpond.com.

MARRIAGE IN CATHOLIC CHURCH AFTER DIVORCE: Often Catholics whose Marriage has ended in divorce would like to know what is required before they are free to marry in the church. If this is your situation, or if someone you know is in this situation, a member of the Marriage Tribunal staff would be happy to speak with you. There are several procedures used depending on individual circumstances. It is important to know that what applies to one person may not apply to another. Anyone wishing to arrange a confidential meeting to discuss this matter can phone 4726 3243 or

PARISH NOTICES:

Holy Baptism
 Baptisms are held **every Sunday at Sacred Heart Cathedral Church and 1st & 3rd Sunday at St Mary's, West End and 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday at St Joseph's, The Strand Church.** For further information and booking, please contact the Parish office on **4771 4461**.



The parish warmly welcomes: Banksia D Goodwin; Millie Joy Chester and Kaelan William Huston who will be baptised in Sacred Heart Cathedral Church, this Sunday.



CATHEDRAL PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP: Next meeting for the Women's Group will be on **Tuesday 9th April, 11am at the Parish Office, 28 Ingham Road, West End.**

Easter raffle: Tickets: \$1 per ticket on sale from 10th March at St Francis Xavier, Railway Estate; St Mary's, West End and St Patrick's Church, South Townsville. Raffle Prize: A basket of Easter Goodies. Tickets will be drawn on the 26th March after the 7am mass at St Patrick's Church, South Townsville.

All Churches of Cathedral Parish Sunday Mass collections from 09 / 10 March 2024

Sunday Mass Collections	Cathedral 10am	Cathedral 5pm	St Mary's 8:30am	St Francis Xavier 7am	St Joan of Arc 5:15pm	St Patrick's 5pm	St Joseph's 6pm	St Joseph's 8:30am	TOTALS
First	\$419.90	\$86.80	\$238.30	\$174.25	-	\$114.00	\$170.00	\$437.65	\$1,640.90
Second	\$156.25	\$25.00	\$66.00	\$74.20	-	\$55.20	\$91.65	\$226.40	\$694.70
P/Giving Cash/DD	\$225.00	-	\$200.00	\$255.00	-	\$95.00	\$137.50	\$431.00	\$1,343.50
Total Collections for the Week	\$801.15	\$111.80	\$504.30	\$503.45	-	\$264.20	\$399.15	\$1,095.05	\$3,679.10

Thank you to all parishioners for your ongoing financial support of our parish and its good works. Your generosity helps continue the important ministries and services provided Across the many worshipping communities in our **Parish - Centered in Christ**. Missions - Maintenance - Ministries

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Sacramental Program 2024

St Joseph's Church, North Ward

Reconciliation

24th March - 8:30 - 11am

Commitment Mass, Morning Tea & Preparation

21st April - 8:30 - 11am

Mass, Preparation & Liturgy Practice

2nd May - 6:00pm - Reconciliation Liturgy

Confirmation

5th May - 8:30 - 11am

Commitment Mass, Morning Tea & Preparation

12th May - 8:30 - 10:30am

Mass & Preparation

19th May - 8:30 - 11am

Mass, Preparation & Liturgy Practice

21st May - 6:30pm - Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Tim

First Communion

21st July - 8:30 - 11am

Commitment Mass, Morning Tea & Preparation

28th July - 8:30 - 10:30am

Mass & Preparation

4th August - 8:30 - 11am

Mass, Preparation & Liturgy Practice

18th August - 10am - First Communion Mass



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Lenten Reflection Program

EVERY THURSDAY IN LENT:

09:00AM **ST. JOAN OF ARC**
10 COOK ROAD, ARCADIA
MAGNETIC ISLAND

10:00AM **PARISH OFFICE**
28 INGHAM ROAD, WEST END

CATHEDRAL PARISH WILL HAVE LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS AVAILABLE ALL ACROSS OUR CHURCHES.

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CATHEDRAL PARISH

Women's Group Fundraising

EASTER HAMPER **TICKETS - \$1**

Tickets on sale from 10th March at
St Francis Xavier Church, St Mary's Church & St Patrick's Church.
Tickets drawn 26th March
after the 7am Mass at
St Patrick's, South Townsville.

*Unless a grain
falls to the ground and dies...*

Jesus knew He was going to die soon. It made Him sad, but He knew that He has to do it. He told the apostles "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

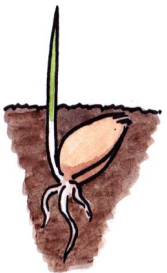


Because Jesus died, we can be freed From our sins and live!

Have you tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dray and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds this spring.

Our Lord was telling His friends that He has to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and Bring other holy people0, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are ready to give up their good things and even their lives for love of God, just like Jesus.

Are you ready to be a saint?



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