



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Oratory – Mackay

Serviced by the Priests of the Society of St Pius X

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## BULLETIN MAY 2026

Dear faithful,

### **The Month of May: Our Lady's Month and the Holy Rosary**

With the return of the beautiful Month of May, Holy Mother Church invites her children to turn with renewed confidence to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our tender Mother, Queen of Heaven, and refuge of sinners. From ancient custom, Christian people have loved to consecrate this month especially to Our Lady, adorning her altars with flowers, crowning her images, and honouring her with filial devotion. Yet the fairest flowers we can offer Our Lady are not those gathered from the garden, but those gathered from faithful hearts: prayers, sacrifices, purity of life, and above all, the daily recitation of the Most Holy Rosary.

The Rosary is one of the greatest treasures Heaven has placed in our hands. It is simple enough for a child, profound enough for the learned, and powerful enough to shake the gates of hell. In its humble beads we meditate upon the mysteries of Our Lord's life through the eyes and heart of His Immaculate Mother. It calms troubled souls, strengthens wavering faith, obtains graces for families, and brings peace where discord has entered.

How urgent, then, is the call to pray it fervently in our own day. We live in times of confusion, scandal, and widespread forgetfulness of God. Errors abound, charity grows cold, and many souls wander without shepherds. In such an hour, we must kneel beside Our Lady and beg her maternal intervention.

This May, let us offer our Rosaries with particular fervour in preparation for the upcoming episcopal consecration in the Society of St. Pius X. The consecration of bishops is no small matter, but a grave and sacred act for the preservation of the priesthood, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and the handing on of Catholic Tradition to future generations. Such an event should be surrounded by prayer, penance, and confidence in Divine Providence.

Fr Mwangi

**Mass Times:** Masses will be celebrated at Newhaven Crematorium Chapel,  
218 Harbour Road, Mackay

Confession time: 60 minutes before Mass and **finishing 5 minutes before the Mass starting time.**

Rosary: 30 minutes before Mass.

<b>Sat 2nd</b>	<b>First Saturday (<i>St Athanasius</i>)</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Easter</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday after the Ascension</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>

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## Notices

**Month of May** May is the Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be said after Rosary.  
The “Regina Coeli” is said in place of “The Angelus” from Holy Saturday to Trinity Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> May).

**Feast Days** 1<sup>st</sup> - St Joseph the Worker  
14<sup>th</sup> – The Ascension (*Traditional Holy Day of Obligation*)  
24<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday  
31<sup>st</sup> – Trinity Sunday

**Rosary Crusade** The Superior General of the SSPX, Fr Pagliarani, has asked each district to organise prayers to prepare for the upcoming consecration of bishops on 1 July. In our district, the Legion of Mary – SSPX Aust/NZ will be organising a 105-day Rosary Crusade which started on the Feast of St Joseph (19th March) and will conclude on the day of the consecrations. The aim is to offer to Our Lady 100,000 Rosaries across the district for the following intentions chosen by Fr Themann:

- For the Society of St Pius X, especially her superiors and her future bishops.
- To prepare all Catholics for the grace that the forthcoming episcopal consecrations represent for the whole Church.

Details and a tally chart can be found in the link below.

<https://sspx.au/en/news/rosary-crusade-launched-episcopal-consecrations-57820>

**Easter Duty:** Church Law binds all Catholics who have attained the use of reason, (nominally 7 years of age) under pain of mortal sin, to his Easter Duty. This is to receive Holy Communion worthily during the Easter season. This season is reckoned as the First Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> May).

**Calendars** 2026 St Philomena School Calendars for sale at the front of the Chapel. The price is \$15.

**Ignatian Retreats** QLD, Minden  
Men's Retreat: 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
Please sign up now by clicking on the following link  
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/pBUQT5Wrus>

Ladies Retreat: September 21<sup>st</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>  
Please sign up now by clicking on the following link  
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/jQC76aCpcf>

NSW, Holy Cross Parish, Goulburn  
Ladies' Retreat: 12th - 17th October 2026  
Applications via the link:  
<https://sspx.au/en/retreats-holy-cross-parish-31177>

**Eucharistic Crusade:** Parents wishing to enrol their children (7 to 15 years) are to contact Fr Mwangi on 0490 435 984 or [j.mwangi@fsspx.email](mailto:j.mwangi@fsspx.email)

**First Collection:** The first collection covers the day to day expenses of the Society such as flights for the priests to and from Brisbane. People wishing to direct deposit their first collection can do so as per instructions below.

**Second Collection:** This collection **is for the Mackay Building Fund** which will go towards the purchasing of a Church. People wishing to direct deposit this donation can do so as per the instructions below. Please continue praying that a suitable place will be found.

### Bank Account Details

**1<sup>ST</sup> Collection:** Church Account: Society of St Pius X  
BSB 014-295 Account No. 2597-10714  
**2<sup>ND</sup> Collection:** Building and Improvements Fund  
BSB 014-141 Account No. 2727-32619  
Ref: Your initial, surname and MKY (e.g. JBROWNMKY)

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