



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Oratory – Mackay

Serviced by the Priests of the Society of St Pius X

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Dear Faithful,

October is the month dedicated in a special way to the **Most Holy Rosary**. It is a month in which the Church places the Rosary once again into our hands and reminds us that this simple prayer has been one of her greatest weapons in times of danger, confusion and persecution.

The Rosary is among the most pleasing devotions that we can offer to Our Lady. It is not merely the repetition of Hail Marys. While the lips pray, the mind follows the great mysteries of the life of Our Lord: His Incarnation, His hidden life, His Passion and death, His glorious Resurrection and the triumph of His Blessed Mother. The Rosary is the Gospel contemplated with Mary.

We must also remember that devotion to Our Lady is not an optional decoration added to the Catholic Faith. God Himself willed that His Divine Son should come to us through Mary. Our Lord received His sacred humanity from her. He lived beneath her maternal care at Nazareth, and from the Cross, He gave Her to us as our Mother: **“Behold thy mother.”**

If God has given Our Lady such a place in the work of our Redemption, we cannot safely neglect her. The Catholic who desires to remain faithful to Our Lord must also love, honour and imitate His Mother.

This is particularly important in our own times. We live in an age in which the Catholic Faith is attacked not only from the world outside the Church, but is often weakened by confusion, compromise and the spirit of modernism within. The sacred traditions handed down by our fathers are treated as though they were obstacles to progress. Catholic families are surrounded by influences hostile to faith, purity, authority and Christian family life.

In such a crisis, the Rosary is not a small devotion. It is a weapon.

At Fatima, Our Lady did not propose complicated remedies. She repeatedly asked that the Rosary be prayed every day. St Pius X likewise understood that the restoration of Christian society begins with the restoration of Christian souls and Christian families.

We should therefore make the family Rosary a serious priority. A home in which father, mother and children kneel together before Our Lady possesses a defense that the world cannot easily penetrate. There may be distractions, tiredness and difficulties, but fidelity matters more than perfection.

During this month of October, let us take up the Rosary with renewed determination. Let us pray it for the Church, for the preservation of the true Faith, for our families, for the conversion of sinners, and for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Let the Rosary be found in our pockets, beside our beds, and above all in our hands.

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

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.

Sat 3rd	First Saturday (<i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>)	6.00pm
Sun 4th	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	9.00am
Sun 18th	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	6.30pm

Notices

Month of October The month of October is The Month of the Holy Rosary.

Feast Days 2nd – The Holy Guardian Angels
3rd – St Therese of the Child Jesus
7th – The Most Holy Rosary
11th – Maternity of the Blessed Virgin
25th – Feast of Christ the King .

March for Life 2026 Cherish Life Qld – Mackay Branch - March for Life is on Saturday,
10 October assembling at 8.45am on Harbour Road across from Big
Banana and marching to Caneland Park, Matsuura Drive. This will be a
peaceful walk to celebrate the dignity of human life. The March will
commence after a short message from special guest speakers.
Everyone is encouraged to attend. For further information
email: mackay@cherishlife.org.au

Apostolate of Prayer

for Priests: Members of the Apostolate of Prayers for Priests, please pray the
Litany of Our Lady in the month of October for the priest you have
been assigned.

For any person, who may be interested in joining the Apostolate,
please contact Mrs. Teresa Smith at pray4priests@sspx.com.au

Members who no longer wish to be part of the apostolate are asked
to notify Mrs Smith to allow their priest to be re-assigned.

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

Marriage Recollection: Holy Cross Parish is holding a Marriage Weekend retreat for couples on the 21st and 22nd November 2026. Meals and accommodation are provided. Infants in arms permitted. Cost: \$100 per couple. Contact Holy Cross on (02) 48295177, or email at goulburn@sspx.au or use the link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/ycyten8h>

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

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

1ST Collection: Church Account: Society of St Pius X
BSB 014-295 Account No. 2597-10714

2ND 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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