



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Re: Feast of Mary Help of Christians

Each year, on 24 May, we celebrate the Australian Feast of Mary Help of Christians.

At the recent meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops, we decided that greater prominence be given to the feast during these days of COVID-19 and entrust our Dioceses to Mary under the title of Help of Christians.

This year, the Feast in Australia will be celebrated on Sunday, along with the Feast of the Ascension and I will be celebrating the 9.30 am Mass and rededicating the Diocese of Rockhampton, and all of us who are part of the Diocese, to Mary, Help of Christians.

I invite you to join with me on the live stream. In some parishes the priests may also celebrate the feast and live stream their Masses of dedication.

I attach resources that have been provided for use.

I also attach the following documents for your reflection that came from our meeting last week:

- A Word of Encouragement to the Catholic People of Australia
- Entrustment Prayer for the Feast of Mary, Help of Christians
- Remembrance and Gratitude from the five major Archbishops of Australia to the Priests of Australia

Let us pray for one another during this challenging time of COVID-19 and entrust our Diocese to Mary, the Help of Christians and the Mother of our Diocese.

St Joseph...Pray for us

Yours sincerely

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