

Easter 2026 Message – Bishop Michael McCarthy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

We have journeyed through the Season of Lent and Easter is upon us.

As I reflect on the various Easter seasons since becoming Bishop of the Rockhampton Diocese, we have encountered, cyclones, floods, pandemics, wars, and cost of living issues around Easter time. It is not unfamiliar to the current state of the world, our country, our state and our Diocese. Despite all this though, there has always been great hope, which is the Easter message.

We have still joyfully welcomed people into the Church at the Easter Vigil. We have still gathered for the wonderful celebrations of the Sacred Paschal Triduum – recalling the gift of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the journey to the cross on Good Friday and the bursting forth of light through the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil. We have still been the people of God.

Let the light of the Risen Christ pierce you and enliven you as disciples. Be the people of hope that our world needs and take that light into our world.

I encourage you to invite your family, your friends, neighbour or work colleague to come join you for the Easter services. Just as Christ invites us to journey with him through the Easter Triduum, an invite might just be all someone is waiting for to come back to Church this Easter and to share in the light and hope.

May you truly experience the Easter journey, right through the whole Easter season until the great celebration of Pentecost and receive all the blessings God has for you.

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