

St. Rita's Catholic Parish

*Incorporating the areas of Victoria Point, Thornlands south, Redland Bay,
Mount Cotton, Coochiemudlo Island and the Southern Bay Islands*

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B

Next week's readings: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time— Jonah 3:1—5, 10; Corinthians 7:29—31; Mark 1:14— 20

Not Just a Job



A long time ago a village chief had three sons. Each son had a unique talent: one for raising olive trees; one for tending sheep; one for dancing. The chief had to leave the village to go on a long journey. He called his sons and instructed them to, in his absence, to use their talents to help the villagers. During his absence, the village suffered a severe winter. The people froze and starved. With immense regret, the first son cut down his olive plantation to provide the people with firewood. Likewise, the second sacrificed his sheep in order to feed the people.

When the chief returned he found the village almost empty. He called his sons and asked them to explain. The first two explained that they did all they could to help the people but it was not enough. The winter was too severe. The chief asked the third son what he had done to save the people. The lad explained that the circumstances were so dire that he thought it improper and insensitive to dance.

"Well," said the chief, "dance for me now." The third son went to get to his feet but his legs were stiff. He could not stand. He was no longer fit to dance. The chief said sadly, "Our village might have survived without warmth and food but they could not survive without hope. You did not use your talent for the people. They are gone. You are crippled."

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his first disciples. As these disciples begin to follow him they came to recognise him as the Messiah – the one who saves the people. Later, they realised that he gave them the responsibility to bring his message of hope to the people and to use whatever talents they had to spread the Gospel.

Every follower of Jesus Christ (you and me) is given the same task. Each of us has unique talents and gifts. We are to use them in the service of our fellow men and women and the Gospel. We do so in a personal and unique way. Some are called to exercise their gifts as priests, brothers and nuns. Most of us exercise them in secular society as mothers, fathers, office workers, electricians, nurses, teachers etc. Our vocation in life is also where we exercise our mission in life.

The choice and exercise of one's vocation in life is not a flippant, casual exercise. It is our response to Christ's call to follow him and serve the people. It requires reflection, discernment and prayer. It includes a frank assessment of our gifts and talents so as to best use them in the service of God and the people.

What one does in life is more than a job. It is our faithful response to Jesus' invitation to follow him. A job well done, a vocation well lived is a path to God and a service to God's people.

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We ask that you pause for a moment to offer a prayer for the sick in our community, especially for:



Prayer Concerns

Therese Thomas, Robyn Holmes, Marko Volarevich, Rita Peck, Neil Leone, Kaleb Love, David Ayre, Molly Daniel, Annie Weston, Elly Lendering, Ron Ghidella, Joan Lennon, Chris Smith, Kath SurrIDGE, Frances Knudsen, John Mullins, Les Bowden, Jack Lehfeltd, Silvio Zambelli, Hazel Quilty, Mark Phairs, Bernice Muir, Harry & Connie Chivers, Marie & Jack Conway, Cec. & Maureen Woodward (Albury), Catherine Kennedy, Jeanette Ricca.



PARISH NEWS



Welcome to the family of St Rita's Catholic Community



*If you are a visitor, we are honoured to have you celebrate with us.
If you are interested in becoming part of this spiritual, faith filled community,
please put your name in the Newcomers Book & take a New Parishioner's pack -
both can be found on the back table of the church.
We'll be in touch soon!*



Keep Christ in Christmas—St Vincent de Paul
Columban Calendars will be available after masses at the cost of \$8 each.



Mothers Prayers

To All Mothers, Grandmothers, and Spiritual Mothers. We have started a Mothers Prayers group here at St Rita's. It will be held weekly on a Wednesday mornings from 9.00am. If there is enough interest we will hold a second one on Thursday mornings from 9.30am. Please contact Elaine at the Parish Office if you wish to be part of a Thursday group. Each session takes about an hour. Come along and join us.



For more information contact Elaine at the Parish Office on 32079177.

The Little King's Movement for the Handicapped Appeal this weekend

Once a year the L.K.M conducts a Door Knock and Church Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities.

There is no government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for our services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs, is truly ecumenical, and all members and people with disabilities are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

Second Collection & Donations last week: \$3 409.55 Envelopes, Loose, Direct Debits, Credit Cards)



Your offering of as little as one hour's wage will help us meet our daily needs.



THANK YOU from The St. Vincent de Paul Society

We would like to thank everyone who so generously donated to our Christmas Appeal, which this year resulted in 42 Hampers being delivered to 42 grateful families in our Parish area, including the Bay Islands.

A sincere thank you to our fellow Parishioners for your donations of food and gifts and for your cash donations totaling \$545-00, which ensured every family received a Christmas cake, a tinned ham, a selection of Christmas goodies and a toy for every child - as well as a good selection of other grocery items to stock the cupboards.

Our thanks, too, to the families, students and staff at St. Rita's Primary School and Carmel College, for their continuing and invaluable help with gifts of food and hampers of goodies.

A special thank you to Jim & Heather Althaus of Toyworld, Victoria Point, for their continuous support as well as for their recent donation of toys.

We also have to thank the Centre Management, retailers and shoppers at the Victoria Point Shopping Centre for their wonderful support each year with donations of food, toys and gifts into our collection cage. The generosity of the general public is heart-warming.

On behalf of those we help - a very sincere thank you to you all!

May God bless you and keep you safe in 2012.



Holy Humour:

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "



Rosters for 21st/22nd January – Week 4

Ministry	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 7am	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-Ordinators	Laurie Smith	Bernie Sturdy & Shaun Hennessy	Jennifer Fielding	Amanda Bush
Ministers of the Word	Laurie Smith John Bowskill Catherine Tune	Joy O'Brien Phil Elliss John Tresillian	Steve Wilson Sonya Wilson Mike Quilty	Bevan Haug Maureen Haug Amanda Bush
Communion Ministers	Moya Taylor Shaun Conway Anne Maree Reed	Bernie Sturdy Cec O'Brien John Josefski	Elaine Pascoe Sr Mary Jillian Jennifer Fielding	Jim Althaus Heather Althaus Peter Enright
Altar Servers	Niamh Conway Erin Conway Kara Geaney	Holly Fowler	Laura Pardo	Brendan Hinds Austin Hinds
Projector Operator	Tim Surridge	Wim Van Schie	Joshua Fielding	Paula Cabrita
Children's Liturgy	<i>No Children's Liturgy in School Holidays</i>			
Ministers to the Sick	Group 1: Paul Smith Group 2: Shaun Conway			
Rosevale Ministers Wed, 18th January	Mass with Fr Leo. All ministers welcome.			
Other Volunteers	Church Cleaning Team 3 Saturday, 21st January	Church Flowers 21st January	Office Reception Friday 20th January 9.30am—12.00noon	
	 Leanne Dyer Mary-Anne Cullen Larry Minton Carol Wallis	 Bernadette Enright	Tracey Cutler 	



Around the Archdiocese



Date Claimer Missionaries of God's Love Invitation

Mass for Healing and Prayer with Fr Bony Abrahams of the Missionaries of God's Love 10.30 am Saturday 28th January 2012 St Thomas' Catholic Church Stephen St Camp Hill, use hall entrance; Please invite others; tea/coffee provided. info Paul & Kay Bertini 33982963; 0417 104 460 ; Margaret-Mary Hayes hayesm@bne.catholic.net.au; Roy & Fiona Pires 0402 408 786.

Date Claimers:

- **A Summer Retreat**

The Dominican friars will be holding a retreat for young men aged 18–30 at the *Presentation Spirituality Centre*, 26 Kooralgin St, Manly from **10–12 February 2012**. It will be lead by Fr Dom Murphy OP & Fr Paul Rowse OP. Theme: "Wisdom". Cost \$200—includes meals & accommodation. \$180 for registration by 25 Jan, Registrations close 30 January. For more information contact Br James Baxter OP—james.baxter@op.org.au.

- **Rally for Life 2012**

The Rally for Life 2012 will be held in Brisbane on **Saturday 11 February**.

A VOCATION VIEW:

A good Vocation prayer to say every day, from the time we are ten years old till we are ninety years old, is found in today's fist Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.' Just try it with sincerity starting today. To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Office: (07) 3336 9203. vocation@bne.catholic.net.au. www.bne.catholic.net.au/vocation



vocation



WEEKLY DIARY

Rosary 30mins before Mass Mon-Sat.



Monday 16th January

7.00am Mass (Chapel)
9.30am—10.30am Christian Meditation (Chapel)
2.00pm Rosary Group (Chapel)
7.00pm St Vincent de Paul (Ruby Function Room)

Tuesday 17th January—St Anthony

7.00am Mass (Chapel)
1.30pm Liturgy Meeting (Ruby Function Room)
4.00pm Choir (Church)

Wednesday 18th January

9.00am Rosevale Aged Care Mass
9.00am Mother's Prayers (Chapel)
10.00am Finance Council Meeting (Ruby Function Room)

Thursday 19th January

9.00am Mass (Chapel)
1.30pm Pro Life Rosary Crusade (Chapel)
7.30pm Scripture Reflection Group (Chapel)

Friday 20th January

9.00am Mass followed by Holy Hour (Chapel)

Saturday 21st January — St Agnes

9.00am Mass (Chapel)
11.00am Mass Coochiemudlo Island
5.00pm — 5.30pm 1st Rite of Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)
6.00pm Vigil Mass—Fr Paul Rooney

Sunday 22nd January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am Mass
9.00am Mass
6.00pm Mass

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Yr B 2012

First reading: *Samuel 3: 3-10, 19.*

Listen as God calls Samuel. He finally realises that it is God who is calling. How well do I listen to my conscience within me, - telling me right from wrong? And how do I respond?

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 39: 2, 4, 7-10.*

This is a really beautiful psalm, - let us listen to it carefully - as David responds to its words. Let me make it my prayer today.

Second reading: *1 Cor. 6: 13-15, 17-20.*

You may well think that this letter was just written last week. Temptation in many forms, - and from many people, - can test our faith in the teachings of my church. How well do I respect my body, - and that of others?

Gospel: *John 1: 35-42.*

Here is John's account of Jesus calling his first disciples. How conscious am I of God calling me to respond to something every day of my life? Let me try to listen for a change!

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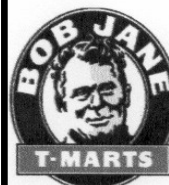
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