



# Victoria Point Catholic Parish

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*We recognise the traditional owners of this land, The Quandamooka People.*

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## 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year B 11 February 2024

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary time we see Jesus cures a leper. Leprosy was a feared disease during the time of Jesus and lepers were regarded as 'living dead'. They were considered to be truly cursed by God. If they had a reason to go to the town they would have had to carry a bell with them. They would constantly ring this bell as they walked and cried out "Unclean, Unclean", informing people to keep away from them because they were struck with a very contagious disease. Now Jesus heals the leper, manifesting once again his power over this form of evil, as well as his compassion for these unfortunate people. To cure leprosy was like raising the dead. The cured person could now be restored to the community of the living.

The striking sentence in today's gospel is, "A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" The leper is searching for God's will to get cured. He got cured. Dear friends, how often do you search for God's will amid problems? Have you ever experienced the words of God- I am willing. When the law, society, religion, and even his family kept him away, Jesus touched him and took him back to life. Even when everyone stands against you, are you able to experience the touch of God? For the Lord he was not someone unclean but a child of God in desperate need. For the Lord you are not someone unwanted but a child of God



HEARTY WELCOME  
FR JOSE PANAMPUZHA CMI  
TO ST RTA'S PARISH  
COMMUNITY



**Ash Wednesday** is the first day of Lent. It is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God. Wish you all a blessed Lenten Season.

**Mass for Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 14th February at 9 am in the church.**

## MASS TIMES

### SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Reconciliation

4.30 pm

Mass 5.00 pm vigil

**Coochiemudlo Island**

Feb 17, Mar 02, Mar 16

(Liturgy of the Word with

Communion – every other

Sunday at 11 am)

### SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00 am & 9.00 am

**Macleay Island**

Feb 11, Feb 25, Mar 10

(Liturgy of the Word with

Communion – every other

Sunday at 2 pm)

**Russell Island**

Feb 18, Mar 03, Mar 17

(Liturgy of the Word with

Communion – every other

Sunday at 2 pm)

### MONDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30 am

Mass – 9.00 am

Rosary Crusade Pro-Life

– 9.30 am

### TUESDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00 am

Praise & Prayer – 7.00 pm

### WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00 am

Art Group – 10.00 am

Choir – 3.30 pm

### THURSDAY

St Rita's Church

Priest Day Off

NO MASS

### FRIDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30 am

Mass & Holy Hr – 9.00 am

Stations of the Cross-

5.00 pm

**Marebello**

1st Wed – Eucharist

**Healing Mass**

2nd Wed Mass – 9.00 am

Céad míle fáilte!

= A hundred thousand welcomes!

To our

**St Patrick's Day Lunch**

**Monday 18 March, 2024**

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**9/10 March**



It is my pleasure to introduce myself. I was born and raised in the south of India, in Karnataka state. I am from a family of nine including my parents. I have six siblings with three brothers and three sisters. My mother was called into eternal bliss in 2019 and my father in 2020.

After completing my Grade 10 education, I joined the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (otherwise known as CMI) in 1988. During the seminary formation of nearly fifteen years, I completed my religious and secular studies as well and was ordained a religious priest on 28 December 2002.

The first appointment after Ordination was as parish priest, in one of the parishes under the Diocese of Belthangady, in Karnataka state for a year, from March 2003 to April 2004. During the years 2004 and 2005, I completed a Bachelor of Education [B Ed]. From the years 2005 to 2011, I served as a Principal in one of the colleges of CMI St. Paul's Province Mysuru, which had nearly 2300 students and 130 teaching and support staff.

I was also part of our retreat team from 2011 to 2012. Following this ministry, I was appointed Associate Director and Principal of Chavara Cultural Centre. This is one of our cultural centres based in Kochi, in the state of Kerala state. This appointment was for two years from 2012 to 2014.

From 2014 to 2016, I had the opportunity to complete my Masters in Kannada Literature. Besides studying I also concurrently served as associate parish priest in St. Mary's Church, Bangalore.

From 2017 to 2021 I was appointed as the Principal of one of our colleges in Mysuru, namely Bharath Matha Composite PU College, Koppa.

I arrived in Brisbane, Australia on 21 August 2022. I was working as associate pastor at St Mary's Parish, Ipswich and Jubilee Parish, from October 2022 to December 2023.

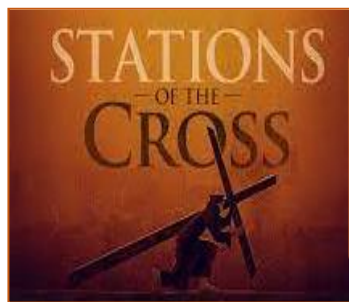
St Rita is my first parish in Australia as a Parish Priest. I ask your support and prayers to be a Good Shepherd.

Fr. Jose Panampuzha CMI



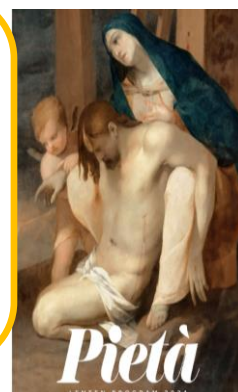
### PROJECT COMPASSION

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available in the church  
near the door.



Stations of the  
Cross will be held  
every Friday during  
Lent at 5 pm in the  
church.

**PIETA:** The Lenten  
Reflection Books are now  
available. The cost is \$8 per  
book. Please collect your  
copy from the Mass  
Coordinator and tender the  
correct money if possible.



St. Patrick's Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday 18th March with 9 am Mass in the church.

## PRAYERS

**All those who are ill**, especially Ross Cooper, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Bill Mellor, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, Kay Grieve, Jela Cicak, Matthew Scott and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

**ANNIVERSARIES** We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Christopher Smith.

**DECEASED:** We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God

## WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

**Recent Activities** - replaced BBQ hose, regulator and gas bottle to new Standards (WH&S), removed rotted out garden seat near Parish Office (WH&S), installed additional garden seat in Columbarium garden, repaired broken water supply pipe near presbytery and installed an isolation valve.

**Current Tasks needing to be done** - install valve pit for presbytery isolation valve, clean urinal in church men's toilet, complete the painting of OSHC verandah wall, removal of mould and sanding/ painting of presbytery window sills doors and door frames (scheduled for 2024), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold).

**Possible Future projects depending on availability of funding** - replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval), plaster repairs to ceilings in presbytery.

### SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

*Our faith will sustain us through challenging times.*

Please keep supporting your Parish by continuing your weekly offering if you can, either by using our periodic direct debit or credit card facility or by direct deposit.

**Our planned giving bank account details for direct deposits are as follows:**

**BSB:** 064 786

**Account No:** 100027374

**Account Name:** Parish Donation

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## ASH WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

**Place:** Star of the Sea Catholic Parish, Cleveland

**Date:** 14 February Wednesday

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Communities:** Anglican, Uniting, Lutheran and Catholic

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