

# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

Incorporating Victoria Point, Thornlands South, Redland Bay, Mount Cotton, Coochiemudlo Island and the Southern Bay Islands. ABN: 25 328 758 007 105 Address: 37 Benfer Road, Victoria Point | Postal Address: P O Box 5285, Victoria Point QLD 4165 Phone: (07) 3207 9177 | Email: victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

6th Sunday of Easter – Year A – 14th MAy 2023 This Week's Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20, St Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21 Next Week — The Ascension of the Lord—Year A: Acts 1:1-11, Ps 46:2-3, 6-9, St Peter 1:17-23, Matthew 28:16-20

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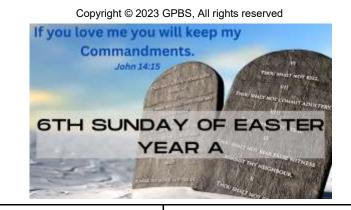
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# **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

" Love and Evidence "

No lover is fooled by words of love that are not supported by actions. Love is in the evidence. Flowers and poems are good, but holding a feverish child is better. A candlelight dinner or an anniversary present helps, but what's worth more is constancy, fidelity, presence.

Jesus says knowing the commandments is not enough: lovers of God will be known by their observance of a faithful life. We can't fool divinity by ritual acts and pious looks. The One who sees into human hearts knows if our love is lip service or real passion.



"We acknowledge the Quandamooka People, Traditional Custodians of the lands, waters and seas where we stand today. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and future."

Be an Eternal Guardian of Your Faith Do you want to ensure that the mission of the Catholic Church and your local parish continues well in to the future?

We need your support to sustain our faith and continue to provide parish facilities, programs and services for generations to come. Your gift, of any amount, will help carry forward the Gospel message to future generations. To find out how you can be an Eternal Guardian of your faith, please contact us on 07 3324 3632 or visit www.catholicfoundation.org.au

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites. For safeguarding inquiries or to raise any concerns, disclosures or allegations please contact our Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698 https://tinyurl.com/Safeguarding-Incident-Report https://tinyurl.com/New-Protecting-Children-Laws

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### Daily (Mon, Tues, Fri)

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church 9:30am Rosary Crusade Pro Life

### Monday's

8:30am Pro Life Rosary—Chapel 9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church

Tuesday's 9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church 7:00pm Prayer & Praise

## Wed<u>nesday's</u>

9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church 10:00am Art Group 3:30pm Choir - St Rita's Church

Thursday's Parish Priest Day Off (No masses)

Friday's 9:00am Mass & Holv Hour-St Rita's Church

# MASS TIMES

ST RITA'S CHURCH Weekdays 9am (Except Thursday) Saturday 5pm (Vigil) Sunday 7am & 9am RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:30pm HEALING MASS: 2nd Wednesday of the Month 9am MAREBELLO: 1st Wednesday of the Month 9:30am

### **BAY ISLAND MASS CENTRES**

Coochiemudlo Island - Coochiemudlo Island Community Hall, 345 Victoria Parade, Coochiemudlo Island 11:00am Saturday (May 6th & 20th) *Macleay Island*—Church of the Holy Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island 2pm Sunday Mass (May 7th & 21) 9am Liturgy (May 14th & 28th) Russell Island Bay Islands Community Services 55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island 2pm (May 14th & 28th) 9am Liturgy (May 7th & 21)

#### Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are ill, especially Bill Mellor, Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Toby Bernal, 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.



We commend all the recently deceased.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Colleen Ashe and Thomas Bierton.

If you wish to have a loved one's name mentioned in the Parish Newsletter for an anniversary, a remembrance or a prayer for the sick, please contact the Parish Office. Envelopes to request Masses to be offered for the sick, dying, deceased or for special intentions are available at the back of the church. Mass Cards are available.



Archbishop Mark writes:

The injustice done to First Nations peoples in this country is a running sore at the heart of the nation. It is contemporary Australia's original sin... We need a genuinely new engagement of the Church with the First Nations peoples, especially in an Archdiocese like this where the Indigenous presence is strong. A new engagement will mean, first of all, listening to Indigenous voices, and believing that we can learn if we really listen. In the past, non-Indigenous Australia has struggled to believe that we could learn anything from First Nations peoples. They could learn from us, but not we from them. That has to change, both in the Church and in Australia more generally. Then the listening and learning need to lead to action.

#### God Bless Fr Ladu

Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023

- TEACHING PRAYER
- **RESHAPING PARISH COMMUNITIES** 2
- BRINGING CULTURAL COMMUNITIES TO THE CENTRE 3.
- RESPONDING TO ABUSE AND THE ABUSED
- ENGAGING ANEW WITH FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES
- IMPLEMENTING INTEGRAL ECOLOGY
- EMBEDDING SYNODAL GOVERNANCE

# **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.

**BSB:** 064 786

**Account No:** 100027374

Our planned giving bank account details for direct deposits are as follows: Account Name: Parish Donation

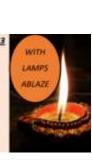
Kindly **<u>reference</u>** your deposit with your <u>**surname**</u> and your <u>**planned giving number/envelope**</u> number if you have one. Please contact the parish office for further information on 3207 9177.

The total for both collections for the weekend of 7 May 2023 is \$2 831.90

# Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

#### RECENT ACTIVITIES - no activities

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE - repairs to Church Men's toilet (leaking), repairs to corroded church/school gutters (quote pending), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark, painting of presbytery gutters and eaves, removal of trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery (roots in drains), polishing vinyl flooring in church, implement repairs to stop water leaks (wall in priest sacristy, ceiling above reconciliation facility, gutter outside toilets), renewal of Termite Management system around the church building (guote obtained). POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING - replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval), repaint inside walls of presbytery, replace/repair rusted-out gutter at chapel end of church building.



# **Pope's Prayer Intention** May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.





please bring a plate to share.

