



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A 18th June 2023

This Week's Readings: Exodus 19:2-26, Ps 99:2-3, 5, St Paul 5:6-11, Matthew 9:36-10:8

Next Week —12th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A: Jeremiah 20:10-13, Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35, St Paul 5:12-15, Matthew 10:26-33

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

" Sheep are Followers "

"We are his people, the sheep of his flock". How picturesque - all those cute critters grazing obediently, and I know I'm supposed to want that, but in my heart I'm thinking, "No thanks". Sheep are followers. I'm a terrible sheep. I don't want to follow. I want to control. For example, I want to control my schedule so that I never have to wake up while it's still dark. I want to turn on the radio as I'm getting ready and never hear a pledge drive. I want all the traffic lights in town to turn green as I drive up to them.

But the problem is deeper, and my own life reveals that, especially as I ponder the big things I'd like to control. I want my family to give me my way in everything. I don't want my friends to get sick, or at least to get well when I pray for them, especially the one I keep praying for who keeps getting sicker. I don't want to worry about finances, kids, the environment. I want everyone to practice compassion instead of escalating conflict to violence.

Uh-oh. The real issue here, I see, isn't that sheep are followers. The real issue is that sheep are not in control. Giving up control isn't a goal we can work toward – it's a statement about reality. We can't give up control because we don't have it in the first place! Yes, we must pray and work – clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick and imprisoned. But we must also acknowledge that we don't control the outcome, and we can practice gratitude to the one who made us, whose kindness endures forever, who has placed us in this amazing flock and invited us to serve with joyful song.

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WEEKLY DIARY

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

Wednesday's

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 & Holy 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 (June 17, July 15)
Macleay Island—Church of the Holy Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island
2pm Sunday Mass (June 18—1:45pm)
9am Liturgy (June 25, July 9)
Russell Island
Bay Islands Community Services
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island
2pm Sunday Mass (June 25, July 9))
2pm Virtual (June 18, July 2)



"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."

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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 Michael Steves and Francis Zambelli.

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.

Planned Giving Envelopes

The new packs of planned giving envelopes for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, are available at Masses from this weekend.

You are encouraged to collect your new pack of envelopes as soon as you are able.



Pope's Prayer Intention June 2023

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



Cathedral Masses

<https://tinyurl.com/St-Stephens-Cathedral-Masses>



BUS TRIP—Tuesday 11th July 2023

Join us as we travel to Esk to experience good old country style entertainment of music, singing, jokes and bush poems with **The Esk Bush Bashers**. This band is comprised mostly of men playing piano, accordions, bass guitar, mouth organ, bush bass (an old tea chest) and lagerphone.

Cost is only \$45 p/person. Gluten Free is \$5 extra (\$50).

The bus leaves 8am from Benfer Rd school bus stop and returns home at 4:15pm. This show is very popular, so get in early to purchase your tickets.

St Rita's Bus Trips and Outings are organised for the enjoyment of all.

However, if you wish to come but suffer from any serious health issues that could impact on your enjoyment, please see Angela at the Office or call 3207 9177. This does not necessarily mean you cannot come on the trip - rather it is to ensure the well being of all.

This is a recent WorkPlace Health and Safety and Insurance requirement.

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

Kindly **reference** your deposit with your **surname** and your **planned giving number/envelope** 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 **11 June 2023** is **\$2 398.80**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – continued painting Presbytery internal walls including plaster repairs, 6-monthly fire system and equipment checks in parish office, presbytery and OSHC.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – removal of trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery - to be scheduled in June, renewal of Termite Management system around the church/school building – to be scheduled 6 July, repairs to corroded church/school gutters (quote still pending), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold), polishing vinyl flooring in church, implement repairs to stop water leaks (wall in priest sacristy, ceiling above reconciliation facility, gutter outside toilets), replace rotted timber on archway leading into church verandah, clean second half of OSHC verandah wall and paint.

POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING – replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval).



Sacramental News Confirmation

Confirmation Program Dates	Venue: Time	Details	Information & Who else will be present
Thursday 13 July	St Rita's Church 6.30 – 7.30pm	Parent information/ Formation	Sacramental team Parents receive information envelopes, with enrolment forms and schedule details



HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

Come and experience God's presence,
as we develop our relationship with Him.
All are welcome to join our praise and worship group,
which meets at St Rita's Parish Chapel,
Tuesday nights, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

(Supper provided)



Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection. The collection is to be taken at the Masses the weekend around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul. Therefore, this year's collection will be taken up on the **25 June 2023** (12th Sunday of Ordinary Time).

The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.

Some talking points on this collection include:

- The Peter's Pence Collection is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world.
- The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.
- In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we take this collection up as a retiring collection.

Peter's Pence Collection

Every year this collection is taken up around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul. How extraordinary that we celebrate the memory of Peter and Paul on one day. Surely each of these great apostles deserves their own day. Why do we celebrate them on the one day and why are they so often represented together in paintings and icons? In Rome you almost never see Peter without seeing Paul and vice versa. And why is their memory celebrated so intensely in one city when they were so different, the odd couple, Peter and Paul, Simon and Saul? Beyond all their differences and beyond their fights and disagreements, the parting of the ways, the two men found their way to each other when they found their way to martyrdom. It was their death in Rome that sealed the bond that means we celebrate their memory on one day and we paint their picture in one icon and we celebrate their memory most intensely in one city, the city where they died and where they lie buried now. It was in coming so close to Christ in death that they found their way to each other, beyond all the differences and disagreements. It was in that moment of witness that we call martyrdom that they became locked together on one day, in one place, one celebration.

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St Rita's Parish Bay Islands News

Russell Island will hold a Mass every Sunday at 2pm. A Virtual Mass will take place on the Sunday when Fr Ladu is not in attendance.



St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul Meetings are held
7pm in The Ruby Room located at
The Parish Office.
All are welcome to attend!

Mon 9am Liturgy of the Word	Tue 9am Liturgy of the Word	Wed 9am Liturgy of the Word
Thu NO SERVICE TODAY	Fri 9am Liturgy of the Word	Saturday Normal Weekend Masses

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