



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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4th Sunday in Lent —Year A — 19th March 2023

This Week's Readings: Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13, Ps 22, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41
Next Week —5th Sunday of Lent—Year A: Ezekiel 37:12-14, Ps 129, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

"I'm the One, All Right"

A fellow who used to sit and beg becomes the one who stands and gives witness. The one they knew as the man born blind becomes the only one with clear sight. Are we surprised? This is the way with God's people. The last are first. The meek inherit the earth. The loser takes all, and the crucified one is raised from the dead, it all makes Christian sense.

The Pharisees who question the man call themselves disciples of Moses, but in fact they follow their own sense of how the world works. Blind people stay blind, sinners break Sabbath law. For Jesus to come and cure the blind man on the Sabbath upsets the apple cart of reason and piety. This is unacceptable to those who consider themselves religious. Even God, after all, has to keep to the divine place! It can be particularly true of religious people that we want the Sacred to remain inert in the Tabernacle to be worshipped. If Holy Power escapes into the world, who can be safe from its freedom to act?

Pray—Persistent God, what have you tried to plant in our hearts this Lent? We live in a world that seems to pay no attention to you, and we wonder if we are, in fact, good soil. We can help each other to hear you. May we bear fruit through perseverance Amen.

Ponder—God likes to colour outside the lines. Invite God to expand your sense of what is right, acceptable and good. Ask that your blindness be healed, and that you be given clear sight.

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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
4:00pm 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 (March 4th & 18th)
Macleay Island—Church of the Holy Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island
2pm Sunday Mass (March 12th & 26th)
9am Liturgy (March 19th)
Russell Island
Bay Islands Community Services
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island
2pm (March 5th & 19th)
9am Liturgy (March 26th)



"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

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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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Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are **ill**, especially 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, 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 Anna Kwiatkowski and Jean Sheppard.

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 from the Piety Stall.



A Notice from Fr Ladu

Brothers and sisters,

Great news! Our groundsman, Connor, is now including the lawns and hedges of the Columbarium as well as the Presbytery and Parish Office areas.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped in keeping the grounds neat and tidy. It is very much appreciated that you gave up your time to help the Parish.

Thank you especially to Rick & Corrie Ammer for all that you have done for the Parish.

God Bless
Fr Ladu



Pope's Prayer Intention March 2023

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



PRIMARY SCHOOL MASSES

We welcome back the Staff and Students of St Rita's Primary School for a new school year.

Class Masses resume 2pm Mondays.

4T & 1L students will start off our class masses at 2pm Monday 13th March 2023.

Parents and Friends are welcome to attend.



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 **12 March 2023** is **\$2 514.60**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – OSHC building extension inspected by Certifier, re-installed storage cabinets in OSHC building, relocated wall hangings on back wall of church, removed filing cabinets/records from OSHC building to archive storage.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – repair cracked window in OSHC building, install security screens on OSHC building extension, install roller blinds in OSHC building extension, 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 (quote 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.



Sacramental News

First Holy Communion

Rite of Enrolment Masses

(Bookings essential)

Saturday 25 March or

Sunday 26 March

Place and Time: **St Rita's Church**

5pm Saturday Mass or 9am Mass

Children receive their workbooks to start on at home.

*Please note: The Parish has a Piety Stall (Memorabilia Items) available to you where you are able to purchase religious items to commemorate this time in your child's life.

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)



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St Rita's, 37 Benfer Rd, Victoria Point on Sunday 16th April with 9am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Reconciliation and ending with Benediction.

A Novena to Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday 7th April for nine days. Novena Leaflets are on the back table of the Church.



Palm Sunday
1st April - 5pm Saturday
2nd April - 7am Sunday
9am Sunday

Holy Thursday
6th April - 6pm
Mass of Last Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Easter Vigil
8th April - 6pm
Saturday

2nd Rite of Reconciliation
4th April - 6:30pm
Tuesday

Good Friday
7th April - 9am
Stations of the Cross
7th April - 3pm
The Lord's Passion

Easter Sunday
9th April - 7am Sunday
- 9am Sunday

HELP—Raffle Prizes Please PLEASE HELP

St Rita's bus trips are some of the cheapest, if not the cheapest, around. This is thanks to the superb raffle prizes and generosity of all those who buy tickets which help us keep the costs down. We are in desperate need of more prizes. All donated prizes, no matter how big or small, are very helpful to us and are very greatly appreciated. If you can help out, please let Jill Welldon 0412702593, Marie & Tom Pearson 0408459 054 or Dorothy & Michael Byrnes 0431262044. They would love to hear from you.

DATE CLAIMER: TUESDAY 11 JULY

Our next trip is to Esk for the Esk Bush Bashers on Tuesday, 11 July. If you love all things Australian, you're going to love this fun filled bus trip. Don't miss it. Tickets will go on sale 17 and 18 June. Only \$45.00 pp (Cash) for a wonderful day. (Lunch included.)



Fourth Sunday of Lent 18 & 19 March



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



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ST RITA'S PARISH

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP

LENTEN RETREAT

When: Saturday, 25 March

(9:00am – 11:30)

Where: St Rita Parish Church

9:00 Opening Song and Prayer

**9:30 "Road to Emmaus" Luke 24:13-25
Speaker: Father Ladu**

10:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation

11:00 Stations of the Cross

11:30 Cup of tea

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