



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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1st Sunday in Lent – Year A – 26th February 2023

This Week's Readings: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7, Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11
Next Week – 2nd Sunday of Lent – Year A: Genesis 12:1-4 Ps 32:4-5, 18-20., 22, Timothy 1:8-10, Matthew 17:1-9

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Regaining Balance

Flat on my back for three weeks, fighting an infection that ravaged my body and attacked both legs, leading to surgery and talk of possible amputation of one or both, I awoke intact but with a gruelling regimen of physical therapy three times a day. Exhausted physically, mentally, and spiritually I went through the paces, mumbling like a zombie.

One morning I found myself with the challenge of standing on one foot while placing the other gently on top of an orange safety cone. The goal was to not knock the cone over or crush it while retaining my balance. I couldn't do it no matter what encouragement the young and pretty therapist gave me. Frustrated, I finally kicked the cone across the room shouting, "You don't get it. I couldn't do this back when I had two healthy legs". Embarrassed at my outburst, I just stood there quietly on one leg. "Congratulations!" she smiled. "Look at you. This is the balance I was looking for ... and the attitude".

That was the genesis of my recovery. Six months later when I baptised her first baby, I stood on one foot and thanked her for helping me find the balance I needed.

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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 (returning Feb)
4:00pm Choir - St Rita's Church

Thursday's

Parish Priest Day Off (**No masses**)

Friday's

9:00am Mass—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

PLEASE SEE MASS DATES PAGE

Coochiemudlo Island
Coochiemudlo Island Community Hall
345 Victoria Parade,
Coochiemudlo Island Q 4184
11:00am Saturday (Feb 4th & 17th)

Macleay Island
Church of the Holy Spirit
Scotts Road, Macleay Island Q 4148
2pm Sunday

Russell Island
Bay Islands Community Services
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island
2pm

Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are **ill**, especially Isabelle Scaullion, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Julie Davey, Virginia Casinto, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Toby Bernal, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Doherty, 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.

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



RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election is a step in the RCIA journey (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This step is called election because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts. The step is also called the enrolment of names because as a pledge of fidelity the candidates inscribe their names in the book [Book of the Elect] that lists those who have been chosen for initiation.

RCIA 106.

'The Elect' (which stems from the word, 'election') is the name given to catechumens chosen by God and affirmed by the Church as ready to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the next Easter Vigil.

Our Parish has two catechumens, Brooke and Luke, being presented at the Rite of Election in the Cathedral of St Stephen this Sunday 26th February. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey to the Easter Sacraments.

God Bless
Fr Ladu



Pope's Prayer Intention February 2023

For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



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.*

5/6L & 2T students will start off our class masses at 2pm Monday 27th February 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 February 2023** is **\$2 598.00.**

The total for both collections for the weekend of **19 February 2023** is **\$2 474.45.**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – repaired plaster wall in Chapel (caused by statue bracket), continued installation of side view panels either side of chapel doors, installed new Parish letterbox in new location and removed old letterbox.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – 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.

Bay Island Masses held 2:00pm Sunday

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| MARCH | 5TH | Liturgy of Word | Fr Ladu Yanga | 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT | VIOLET |
| MARCH | 12TH | Fr Ladu Yanga | Liturgy of Word | 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT | VIOLET |
| MARCH | 19TH | Liturgy of Word | Fr Ladu Yanga | 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT | VIOLET |
| MARCH | 26TH | Fr Ladu Yanga | Liturgy of Word | 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT | VIOLET |

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

*"But grow in grace, and knowledge of Our Lord
And Saviour Jesus Christ, to Him be glory both now and
Forever. Amen". 2Peter 3:18*

Come and experience as we develop our relationship with God All are welcome to join our praise and worship, which meets for praise and worship at St Rita Parish Chapel. Tuesday night from 7:00pm till 8:30pm



Lenten Program will start.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Stations of the Cross will commence
Friday 24th February 2023
at 5pm
in St Rita's Parish Church.
This will continue throughout Lent.**

ALL WELCOME



Being held at
St Rita's Catholic Parish
37-39 Benfer Road Victoria Point 4185

**Monday 13th March 2023 at 7pm
Followed by a light supper**

**RSVP Monday 6th March 2023
Email: Christine.neilson@svdp.org.au**

The SVDP Festival Mass is where the SVDP Members from all the Conferences in our Redlands region. Our Lady Star of the Sea Cleveland, St Mary of the Cross Birkdale, St Anthony's Alexandra Hills and St Rita's Victoria Point come together and celebrate Mass.



**First Sunday of Lent
25 & 26 February**



Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jagarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

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.



Photo: Richard Walwright/Caritas Australia

Dakota Jade Dickson



*Will be Baptised Sunday 26th February 2023.
We welcome Dakota and her Family
into our Parish Community.*

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