



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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2nd Sunday in Lent –Year A – 5th March 2023

This Week's Readings: Genesis 12:1-4 Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22, Timothy 1:8-10, Matthew 17:1-9

Next Week —3rd Sunday of Lent—Year A: Exodus 17:3-7, Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

8A Divine Design—Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus was changed before their eyes. Have you ever seen a transfiguration? Have you ever seen a simple thing become a holy thing, like bread become sacred flesh?

Have you ever seen a plain face become a radiant beauty when seen through the eyes of love? Have you ever seen a timid person become a lion when circumstances required strength beyond fear? Transfiguration is not an isolated incident, a one-time deal in salvation history. Transfigurations happen around us in surprising places, for those who have eyes to see.

Sitting with my dying friend for many weeks, I watched how a weakened body can become a temple of great holiness. The spiritual strength of a failing mortal life was so much stronger than the physical vigour he once displayed. Before his illness, he scaled mountains for pleasure. In his last illness, he ascended to spiritual heights that astonished me with their breathtaking vistas. Once, he saw the view from the peaks of the Sierras, and hoped to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Now, his vision is on higher places, and the things he sees are lovelier than all of earth's delights. This is transfiguration, as surely as what Peter, James and John saw on that fateful day.

Pray - God, may your mystery surround us and your light shine on us. Many your Spirit explore with us and be our companion. May what we do not understand send us on a journey with you today. Amen.

Ponder- Get ready to participate in some powerful transfigurations! Ask God to change the rough, ugly, or impossible roads in your life into freeways for grace. Invite the Holy Spirit to make the valleys smooth, and the mountains low. "Don't breathe a word of what you've seen. After the Son of Man is raised from the dead, you are free to talk".

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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 (March 4th & 18th)

Macleay Island

Church of the Holy Spirit

Scotts Road, Macleay Island Q 4148

2pm Sunday (March 12th & 26th)

Russell Island

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm (March 5th & 19th)



"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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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>

STOPline Service 1300 304 550 AOB@stoline.com.au www.bncatholic.stoplinereport.com

Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are *ill*, especially Isabelle Scaullion, 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 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, especially 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

Summit 2023 is a 3 day event for all who belong to the faith community of the Archdiocese; parishioners, educators, parents, support staff, catechists, lay leaders, religious and clergy, this event is for everyone.

In Australia, we are now in the *Implementation Phase* of the Plenary Council and though there are some decrees that require the formal approval from Rome, there are some items the church can start moving on now. The Summit is then intended to empower, inspire and equip delegates to engage in the mission of the Church.

Early bird tickets are available until 12th March. The Parish will pay for your ticket if you want to make the commitment to go to the event. There will be meals provided with the registration.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to attend. The event is located at Seventeen Mile Rocks, so with this in mind, car pooling will be welcomed.

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.*

*5K & 2K students will start off our class masses
at 2pm Monday 6th 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 **26 February 2023** is **\$2 446.40**.

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – completed installation of side view panels either side of chapel doors.

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.



Sacramental News

First Holy Communion

Primary school children who are in year 4, turning 9 this year or older, and have made their Confirmation, are eligible to make their First Holy Communion this year. If you live in our Parish area and are wanting your child to make their first Holy Communion at **St Rita's Parish please see the details below about the Parent information night, enrolment sessions and Rite of enrolment Masses we will be having.** You will need to attend one of each of these. A full timetable will be given out in the parent information envelopes on the Information night. First Holy Communions are planned to take place in June for the children who join us for their Sacramental preparation.

Parent Information night/Formation (children need not attend)
Wednesday 8 March
Group 1 or Group 2
Place & time: **St Rita's Church**
6.00pm – 7.00pm or 7.15pm – 8.15pm

Enrolment Session (children need not attend)
Wednesday 15 March
Place & time: **Ruby room beside the St Rita's Parish office.**
(The Building behind the Presbytery)
8am–9 am or 5.30pm-6.30pm
Please ensure you have all items on your check list which you'll receive on the Parent Information night.

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

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty". Psalms 91:1

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 on going.

MEET & GREET

4th & 5th March
After ALL Masses.
Please bring a plate to share

HEALING MASS



9am
Wednesday
8th March 2023



Second Sunday of Lent 4 & 5 March



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.



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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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