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Third Sunday of Easter, Year B – 14th April

In today's Gospel reading Luke tells us that the disciples are all gathered together again in Jerusalem (following Jesus' death and his resurrection), discussing the empty tomb, the news brought to them by the women who had gone to the tomb and the appearance of Jesus to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised him in the breaking of the bread. Then Jesus is suddenly amongst them. How hard for the disciples to get their heads around the appearance of their friend and teacher in their midst. Today we'd be suspicious of special effects or artificial intelligence or Candid Camera. Would we have needed to touch and feel Jesus' crucifixion wounds, to help us begin to accept this seemingly impossible situation?

And then . . . Jesus explains his resurrection as the fulfilment of the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms. How awesome would it be to have been there to sit at Jesus' feet and hear his life and ministry explained in that way by himself! Jesus 'opened their minds' to understand the scriptures. It was so necessary for the disciples to have this knowledge and understanding; to know that in Jesus' name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all nations, beginning right where they were, in Jerusalem.

And then . . . You are witnesses to this . . . How may we by our actions, by our lives, bear witness to the Good News of Jesus? I feel that God calls on each one of us to respond with affirmative action, and that often we are asked to participate in and assist others in ways that are 'outside our comfort zones'. I've come to suspect, over the years, that being comfortable isn't high on God's list of priorities for us. When we respond gracefully to pleas for help to be active in our parish life by assisting Father in the many and varied roles that help keep a parish and a diocese alive, then we are responding to our baptismal calling, and we are surprised by what we can do after all.

When we are asked to help, perhaps we're like the disciples, we become agitated and have doubts rising in our hearts. When we respond positively to being asked to be witnesses I'm certain that, like the disciples, we too will be astonished by a joy so great we can hardly believe it. May we be prepared to respond with a 'yes' to God each and every day of our lives.

By Bev O'Brien <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/third-sunday-of-easter-year-b>

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', **2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer** by Pope Francis. *"Dear brothers and sisters, the next months will lead us to the opening of the Holy Door, with which we will begin the Jubilee. I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live this event of grace well and experience the strength of God's hope. Today we begin the Year of Prayer, that is, a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and the absolute need for prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church and of the world."* Pope Francis, Angelus 21 Jan 2024 **2024 Year Of Prayer Cards available in church**



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.
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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Reconciliation

4.30pm

Mass 5.00pm Vigil

Coochiemudlo Island

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Saturday at 11am)

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

Macleay Island

April 21, May 5 – 2pm

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sundays at 9am)

Russell Island

April 14, 28 – 2pm

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sundays at 2pm)

MONDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00am

Rosary Crusade Pro Life – 9.30am

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00am

Praise & Prayer – 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00am

Art Group – 10.00am

Choir – 3.30pm

THURSDAY

St Rita's Church

Priest Day Off — NO MASSES

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Marebello

1st Wed – Eucharist

Healing Mass

2nd Wed Mass – 9.00am



St Vincent De Paul meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, at 7pm, in the Ruby Room

Meetings held April 15th, May 6th & 20th, June 3rd & 17th, July 1st & 15th, Aug 5th & 19th, Sept 2nd & 16th, Oct 7th & 21st, Nov 4th & 18th and Dec 3rd



ANZAC DAY MASS

Thurs. 25 April at 9am

St Rita's Church

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

Meetings are held on

Tuesdays at 7pm

St. Rita's Church



Your're invited to A Morning's Prayer.

It's a three-hour experience, perfect for individuals or groups seeking time for peaceful prayer and reflection. The theme centres on the scripture of John 15:4-5: "Remain in me as I remain in you"

This is a great opportunity to make space in our lives to respond to Pope Francis' invitation to 'intensify' our prayers during this Year of Prayer and 'experience the power of God's hope'.

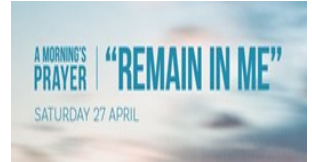
Date: Saturday 27 April 2024 **Time:** 9:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington St, Ormiston)

Cost: \$25 per person (morning tea included) **RSVP:** Wednesday 24th April 2024

(For more information, please contact us at formation@bne.catholic.net.au.)

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SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Learn the Rosary

Thursday 18th April at 4pm

Sacramental Candidates attending will receive Rosary Beads and a prayer booklet.



POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER

INTENTION for April

For the Role of Women: Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding training is Mandatory within the Parish.

Please make sure you are up to date with your required training at all times.

Training Essentials 1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOHA_4Ls2jw

Training Essentials 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AASkl-Sr1A>

CORPUS CHRISTI

PROCESSION

2 pm on Sunday 11 June

Cathedral of St. Stephen, Brisbane

'Make disciples of all nations' (Matt 28:19)

On June 11, the Feast of Corpus Christi, join with over 4000 other Catholics making a public

testimony of faith by walking in a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Brisbane city. It will be a colourful display as groups gather from all across the Archdiocese of Brisbane to represent their parish or cultural community. The Corpus Christi Procession will start and end at the Cathedral of St Stephen and feature prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Also Included: THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE EXHIBITION

A photographic display of over 150 Eucharistic miracles will be set up at the Francis Rush Centre next to the Cathedral on the same weekend. Sat 11am-5.30pm and Sunday 9am to 5pm

PRAYER PETITION BOOKLET: Please write your prayers in the Petition Booklet at St Rita's Church.

During the celebration this book will be brought forward.



PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Sebastian Ricca, Ross Cooper, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Bill Mellor, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Sebastian Ricca, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: *We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time.*

DECEASED: *We commend the recently deceased, especially Rhondda Smith to the loving embrace of God.*



FEAST DAYS OF APRIL

Sun. 6/7 Divine Mercy Sunday
Mon. 8 Annunciation of the Lord
Thur. 11 St Stanislaus
Sat. 13 St Martin 1, Pope
Tues. 23 St George
Wed. 24 St Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Sat. 27 St Louis Grignon de Montfort
Fri. 26 St Mark, Evangelist
Mon. 29 St Catherine of Siena
Tues. 30 St Pius V, Pope

Have A Chat Club

Ladies, we will get together again at the
**Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on
Thursday 25th April. Starting time is 1pm.**

PLEASE NOTE - the change of start time this is due to the requirements for ANZAC Day.

Our club is for ladies who like to get out of the house and meet other ladies, have a laugh and a nice meal.

Seniors Meals available

All Welcome!!!

For more information: Call Elaine Pascoe 0429 925 989

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

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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 **24 March '24** is **\$2 543.10**

The total for both collections for the weekend of **31 March '24** is **\$3 214.90**

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – malfunctioning AC controller in presbytery.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – remove old fridge from Ruby Room, complete the painting of OSHC verandah wall, removal of mould and sanding/ painting of presbytery window sills doors and door frames (scheduled for 2024), repair/ replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold), plaster repairs to ceilings in presbytery.

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

If any parishioner observes any task on the Maintenance To-do List which they can carry-out or help in, please contact Mike Duggan or the Parish Office, and your help will be gratefully appreciated.



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