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5th Sunday of Lent Year B – 17th March 2024

Let Your Fear Die - John 12:20-33

I remember the first time I volunteered at a homeless shelter. I was scared.

Were these guys dangerous? Would I say something to tick them off? I only went because a good friend who had gone many times before went with me. And am I grateful that I went.

I found out I had nothing to fear. And that first shelter trip started an incredible journey. That was more than twenty years ago. Since then I've worked in countless shelters in the various places where I have lived. I've met incredible people. Some have been homeless. Some have been volunteers. If I hadn't conquered my fears that first night, I'd have missed so much.

God has incredible experiences lined up for you. God has awesome people ready to enrich your life. You only need to follow Jesus' advice this week to find it all. Abandon the world's measure for happiness. Go where Jesus would go. Find the people who are forgotten or abused. Serve till it hurts – and then serve some more. Give up time you'd rather use for yourself. That's what it means to be like the grain of wheat.

Don't let fear stop you. It didn't stop Jesus. Reach out in prayer for courage. Do the right thing in spite of pressure. You'll find a new life you never expected – and it will be awesome.

How does fear sometimes limit us from living the gospel?

Holy Week Mass Times




Easter Mass Times

 **Palm Sunday**
23 March - 5pm Saturday
24 March - 7am Sunday
9am Sunday

 **Holy Thursday**
28 March - 6pm
Mass of Last Supper
followed by

 **Easter Vigil**
30 March - 6pm
Saturday

 **2nd Rite of Reconciliation**
26 March - 6:30pm
Tuesday

 **Good Friday**
29 March - 9am
Stations of the Cross
29 March - 3pm
The Lord's Passion

 **Easter Sunday**
31 March - 7am Sunday
- 9am Sunday

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 sa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au <https://tinyurl.com/Safeguarding-Incident-Report> <https://tinyurl.com/New-Protecting-Children-Laws>

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church
Reconciliation
4.30pm
Mass 5.00pm vigil

Coochiemudlo Island
March 2

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

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church
Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

Macleay Island

March 10, 24 – 2pm
(Liturgy of the Word with
Communion – every other
Sundays at 9am)

Russell Island

March 3, 17, 31 – 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
Mass & Stations of the
Cross – 9.00am

Marebello

1st Wed – Eucharist

Healing Mass

2nd Wed Mass – 9.00am

THE TRIDUUM

The Easter Triduum is a three-day celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection. It marks the end of Lent and the beginning of Easter. The Triduum is the culmination and the high point of the Church's year. Several liturgies take place during the Triduum, but the Church sees these as parts of one continuous liturgical celebration.

HOLY THURSDAY – Day One Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. The primary purpose of this liturgy is to commemorate Jesus' final meal with his disciples. As well as the celebration of the Eucharist, there is the Washing of the Feet, the Procession of Holy Oils and the Procession & Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist to the Altar of Repose. (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue after Mass until approx. 9pm.) The Mass has no formal ending - no final blessing or dismissal. This is because our celebration is not over.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Monday 18th March

First Holy Communion Enrolment Session

Important to please ensure you have all items on your check list and have your form completed.

Where: Ruby room beside St Rita's Parish office. The Building behind the Presbytery, follow path around.

Time: 8am–9 am or 5.30pm-6.30pm



Saturday 23rd 5pm or Sunday 24th 9am March

First Holy Communion Rite of Enrolment Masses

Children receive workbooks to start on at home.

Please remember your child's 'Please pray for me slip' and arrive 10 minutes prior to Mass start and see the Sacramental team member near the entry.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES BAY ISLANDS

24 th March	2pm	Sunday	Palm Sunday	Macleay Island
28 th March	6pm	Thursday	Holy Thursday Last Supper & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Macleay Island
29 th March	8am	Friday	Stations of the Cross	Macleay Island
	9:45am	Friday	Stations of the Cross	Russell Island
	3:15pm	Friday	The Lord's Passion	Macleay Island
30 th March	6pm	Saturday	Easter Vigil	Macleay Island
31 st March	9am	Sunday	Easter Sunday	Russell Island

MACLEAY ISLAND

Church of the Holy Spirit
Scotts Road, Macleay Island

RUSSELL ISLAND

Bay Islands Community Services
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

PRAYERS

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, especially Bernice Muir, Jean Sheppard, Jack Taylor, Peggy Kelly and Anna Kwiatkowski.

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God.

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 **3 March 24** is **\$2 932.15**

There **WILL NOT** be any **MASSES** from Monday 1st April 2024 to Friday 5th April 2024.

The **PARISH OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** from Monday 1st April to Friday 5th April 2024.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – no activities.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – assemble two Ikea beds in presbytery, clean urinal in church men's toilet, 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), plaster repairs to ceilings in presbytery.



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
16 & 17 March**



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Please donate to Project Compassion 2024.

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.

Palm Sunday Crosses

On Friday 22 March we are calling for volunteers to help make the palm crosses for Palm Sunday. This will take place in the Ruby Room after the Stations of the Cross at 10.30am.

Please contact Grace 0450 063 408 for more info.



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FEASTS for MARCH

Mon 18th – St Patrick - deferred from 17th
– St Cyril of Jerusalem

Tues. 19th – St Joseph, Spouse of BVM

Wed. 21st – Harmony Day

Sat. 23rd – St Turibius of Mogrovejo

Sun 24th – Palm Sunday

Thurs. 28th – Holy Thursday

Fri. 29th – Good Friday

Sat. 30th – Holy Saturday

Sun. 31st – Easter Sunday



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