



# Victoria Point Catholic Parish

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*We recognise the traditional owners of this land, The Quandamooka People.*

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## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – 3rd November 2024

### Close to the Kingdom

One of the religion scholars came up. Hearing the lively exchanges of question and answer and seeing how sharp Jesus was in his answers, he put in his question: “Which is the most important of all the commandments?” Jesus said, “The first in importance is, ‘Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion, prayer, intelligence, and energy.’ And here is the second: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ There is no other commandment that ranks with these.” (Mark 12: 28 - 31)

Play the Scripture game. Name a person in the gospels you would most like to be. For me, the unnamed scribe in this passage is a great choice. Of all the things that Jesus says to anyone in the four gospels, this is the one thing I dearly want him to say to me: “You’re almost there, right on the border of God’s kingdom.”

This anonymous scribe hits the jackpot. Like so many people of his generation, he heard about the great teacher and decided to check out the story. Being a student of Scripture, he wanted to see if Jesus was more learned than he was. Scholarship makes some people arrogant, but this man had come to be humbled by his education. If Jesus knew more about God than he did, he was ready to learn from him.

So he asks his question, which may well have been the guiding principle of his entire career. Which law is first among the commandments? What does God want most from us? If you have only one chance to ask a question, you want to be sure it’s the most important one. And the man is so impressed by the answer Jesus gives, he responds with sincere praise. For his part, Jesus finds himself in the presence of a rare understanding disciple. So he in turn praises the man with those thrilling words: you’re almost there. May each of us hear those words someday!

**If you boiled down the mission of your life to one question, as the scribe in the gospel did, what would it be?**

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**Today's Readings:** Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28-34

**Response to the Psalm:** I love you Lord, my strength. I love you Lord, my strength.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is He who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## MASS TIMES

### SATURDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Reconciliation 4.15pm

Mass 5.00pm Vigil

#### COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

5 & 19 Oct Priest Mass

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

### SUNDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

#### MACLEAY ISLAND

Oct 6 & 20 – 2pm

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

#### RUSSELL ISLAND

13 & 27 – 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 & Benediction – 9.00am

#### MAREBELLO

1st Wed – Eucharist

### HEALING MASS

2nd Wed Mass – 9.00am



**St Vincent De Paul meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month,  
at 10am, in the Ruby Room**

Meetings held Oct 21st, Nov 4th & 18<sup>th</sup> and Dec 3rd

## GOLDEN JUBILEE

This year *Star of the Sea* church is  
50 years old!

To prepare for our celebrations,  
we need memories and memorabilia.

If you have any of the coins showing the church from  
1974, the history booklets,  
or any photos of that time,  
we would love to see them.

If you or anyone you know were involved in the  
planning and building of the church,  
we would love to speak with you.

Please contact parish office: 07 3821 4902 or  
[cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au)

## FEASTS for NOVEMBER

Fri 1st	All Saints Day
Sat 2nd	All Souls Day
Mon 4th	St Charles
Sun 9th	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

## HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at  
7pm at St Rita's Church



## Sacrament of Penance

### Youth Session 1

Wednesday 13th November

5:30 – 6.45pm

Please bring your child's "My  
Sacramental Journey Penance" booklet.

Children can be dropped off and picked  
up by a parent at 6.45pm. Parents must  
sign children in and out and fill in  
emergency contact details.

ST RITA'S PARISH - VICTORIA POINT



## SALT MASSES

Weekend Masses on 2nd and 3rd November at St Rita's Church will be  
Salt Masses.

Parishioners will be able to bring salt, water, and other sacramental items to be  
blessed by the Priest at each of the Masses.

### A MORNINGS PRAYER

You are warmly invited to join us for our  
final A Morning's Prayer for the year on  
Saturday 9th November.

The theme for this morning's retreat is  
"The grace of prayer" [https://tinyurl.com/A-](https://tinyurl.com/A-Mornings-Prayer)

### Mornings-Prayer

**Date:** Saturday 9th November 2024

**Time:** 9:00am – 12:00pm

**Location:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre

**Cost:** \$25 per person (morning tea included)

**RSVP:** Wednesday 6th November 2024

*All souls day*

*Monday 4th November  
I am in the Unitas.  
followed by the Remembrance  
Ceremony in the Columbarium*

*A morning tea will be held afterwards  
Please bring a plate, if you can.*

**November Remembrance Sheets are located at the back of the Church for  
All Souls Day held 4th November 2024.**

**Please use envelopes at back of Church for Mass Intentions.**

## PRAYERS

*For all those who are ill, especially Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, 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 Max Kelly, Anthony and Annie Dunne.*

**DECEASED:** *We commend the recently deceased, especially Jan Joseph, Margaret Ross and Bill Mellor.*



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all the Volunteers who attended the Mass and morning Tea last Saturday.

Your contribution to our Parish is invaluable and we are filled with gratitude.

Thank you to the hospitality committee for all their hard work to bring the morning tea together so nicely.

## **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.

## **WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:**

**RECENT ACTIVITIES** – no activities

**CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE** – replace rotted/damaged fence palings after Vinnie bins removed from carpark, replace twisted/split church gate, 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), replace carpet in chapel and church.

**If any parishioner observes any task on the Maintenance To-do List which they can carry-out or help in, please contact Mike Duggan**





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### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Mediation will take place  
THURSDAYS at 3:30pm in the  
St Rita's Chapel.

For more information, please contact  
The Parish Office and your enquiry will be  
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