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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C

4th May 2025



Today's gospel is the one that we heard at Pope Francis' funeral. It speaks beautifully of the Petrine ministry as one of nurture and love. As Francis fed his flock of hungry, lonely, thirsty, imprisoned and marginalised sheep, he moved amongst them, taking on their smell. Francis modelled what Jesus asks of Peter, (and all of us) as disciples: extravagant love of God and others.

We hear that Jesus showed himself to the disciples – again. This was the third time since his resurrection and transformation. The disciples were fishing on the Sea of Tiberias, also known as the Sea of Galilee—the place where Jesus calmed the storm, walked on water and called fisher folk to follow him. And now, he fills their nets with fish, when they were unable to catch anything. And he fed them again.

Jesus also gives Peter the chance to proclaim his love for him 3 times. Did Jesus need to hear it, or did Peter need to say it to free himself from the guilt of those 3 denials?

Over these 3 weeks of Easter, we have heard the stories of Mary Magdalene's despair, and perhaps wept with her as at times we wonder, "Why has Jesus gone from my life?" Did the doubting Thomas cause you to question your own unbelief? And Peter's rejection of Jesus...why does that make me squirm, just a little?

But Jesus doesn't let their story (or ours) end in the doldrums. Whilst we don't know exactly what this new way of Jesus' being present looked like, it doesn't hurt to ask why it took time for these disciples, who were his closest friends, to see him, at first. It was in the saying of a name, the wounds, an extravagant and unexpected catch that they recognised him. Christ appeared to them in the ordinary. As Catholics, we believe that God is present in all things when they are viewed with our sacramental imagination. This has been true from the beginning, is true today and will be true tomorrow.

Jesus didn't wait for his friends to be perfect before appearing to them. Again, he came to them just as they were, offering yet another chance to know him, and have a new life through him. And in coming face to face with the risen Christ, Mary, Thomas and Peter were transformed. Grief became joy, doubt was replaced by faith and from fear, love grew. That's what Jesus offers us, too: transformation – again and again. He shows up in our lives, longing to transform us.

The poet, Rumi, suggests that we live with a deep secret that sometimes we know, then not, and then know again. That's a good description of faith. Faith isn't something you nail down and possess once and for all. Sometimes you walk on water and sometimes you sink. Faith is knowing that Jesus is there to save us from ourselves. If only we can recognise him. I wonder where I will see Jesus today...

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SCRIPTURES FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR C

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 **Psalm** 29:2, 4-6, 11-13 **Response:** I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. **Second Reading:** Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; He has shown pity on all people. **Alleluia!** **Gospel:** John 21:1-14

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
Vigil Mass 5pm

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

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

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church
Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

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

RUSSELL ISLAND

Liturgy of the Word
Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every while at **2pm**

MONDAY

St Rita's Church
8.30am Rosary
9am Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church
No Liturgy or Rosary

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church
8.30am Rosary
9am Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

THURSDAY

St Rita's Church
8.30am Rosary
9am Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church
8.30am Rosary
9am Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

HEALING MASS

2nd Wed of JUNE – 9.am Mass



ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on **1st and 3rd Mondays** of the month,
at **10am** in the **Ruby Room**. Next meetings – **5th & 19th May**

A HEARTFELT INVITATION

Church of the Holy Spirit, Macleay Island
Proudly part of *St Rita's Parish, Victoria Point*

20th Anniversary Celebration Pentecost Sunday



"God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Romans 5:5

Please join us in celebrating 20 years of faith,
love, and community at the
Church of the Holy Spirit, Macleay Island.

Date: Sunday, 8 June 2025.

Time: 1.45PM Mass

followed by a shared afternoon tea.

Location: Church of the Holy Spirit,
Scotts Road, Macleay Island

Celebrant: Fr Jose Panampuzha CMI

St Rita's Parish and the Macleay Island Catholic Community, warmly welcome everyone who has shared in our journey – past, present, and future – to join us in celebrating this joyful occasion.

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love."

FEAST DAYS OF MAY

Thursday 1st	St Joseph the Worker
Friday 2nd	St Althanasius
Saturday 3rd	Sts Phillip & James, Apostles
Saturday 10th	St John de Avila
Monday 12th	Sts Nereus & Achilleus St Pancras
Tuesday 13th	Our Lady of Fatima
Wednesday 14th	St Matthias, Apostle
Tuesday 20th	St Bernardine of Siena
Wednesday 21st	St Christopher of Magallanes & Companions
Thursday 22nd	St Rita of Cascia (Patron of our Parish)
Saturday 24th	Our Lady Help of Christians (Patron of Australia)
Monday 26th	St. Philip Neri
Tuesday 27th	St Augustine of Canterbury
Thursday 29th	St Paul VI, Pope
Saturday 31st	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

ANZAC DAY LITURGY

Thank you to all who prepared and participated in the ANZAC Day Commemoration last Friday. Also, we give thanks to our veterans who attended.

"Lest we forget"



HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE



The Group meets on
every Tuesday at 7pm
in St Rita's Church.
All Welcome

**Parish Office will be closed for the
Public Holiday on Monday 5 May**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

11 MAY GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



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Safeguarding training is Mandatory
within the Parish.

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

Copy and paste links into your web browser:

Training Essentials 2

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=8AASKl-Sr1A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AASKl-Sr1A)

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Helen Clarke, Mariano Molina, Vincent Ghisleni, Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, Miles Muscroft, Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Lucas Bernal, Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, 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

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord

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.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

For any issues that need attention PLEASE CONTACT TONY HARRIS via the parish office



31 MAY 2025
SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE
9AM - 3PM

Join Archbishop Mark for
POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER

Scan to register before 24/5/25

LEARN AND PRACTICE THE ART OF PRAYER

Archdiocesan MINISTRIES

Join Archbishop Mark Coleridge for Powerhouse of Prayer, a day of learning the art of prayer through teaching, practice, and reflection. Inspired by his apostolic document *Lamps Ablaze*, this event will explore how true prayer begins with listening – creating space for God’s presence before we speak.

Discover how being with Jesus in prayer shapes our lives and mission. Whether you’re deepening your prayer life or just beginning, this day will equip and inspire you to pray with greater depth and confidence.

When: Saturday 31 May 2025, 9am to 3pm

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Cost: \$55 per person

To find our more or to register, please visit tinyurl.com/pop25May

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR MAY

For Working Conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.



SACRAMENTAL NEWS

First Holy Communion Family Session 2

on Wednesday 14 May
6:30pm to 7:30pm

St Rita’s Church, Victoria Point

**Children please bring your
Activity Workbook**

If you wish to find out more,
please contact the Sacramental Coordinator,
Jennifer Fielding – (07) 3207 9177



Christian Meditation

Thursdays at 4pm in St Rita's Chapel

For information: please contact the Parish Office and your enquiry will be directed to Lorr Popple



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Please return
your Giving Boxes & Envelopes
BY SUNDAY 11TH MAY

Thank you to all who have returned them.



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy spirit, Reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, Be glory and praise for ever. Amen. *(Pope Francis)*



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