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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C - 3 August 2025

Rich in What Really Matters

(Luke 12: 13 - 21)

In today's Gospel passage, someone asks Jesus to settle a family squabble about inheritance. But instead of stepping into the drama, Jesus tells a parable: a wealthy man builds bigger sheds to store his abundance, thinking he's set for life. But that very night, his life is taken – and his plans amount to nothing. "So it is," Jesus says, "with those who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich toward God."

It's a powerful reminder: what matters most isn't what we have, but how we live.

In our families, in our parishes, it's so easy to be consumed by the urgent: bills, to-do lists, planning, saving, organising. We want security for our children, for our future – and that's natural. But Jesus invites us to a deeper kind of security: one grounded in grace, generosity, and faith.

Being "rich toward God" means building lives filled with compassion, not clutter. It's the richness of time spent together around the dinner table. The richness of prayers said with kids before bedtime. The richness of a parish community that welcomes the stranger, listens to the lonely, and opens its door wide – physically and spiritually.

Jesus doesn't say money or planning is bad. But he does ask: what are we building, and who are we building it for? If our sheds are full but our hearts are distant from God and each other, we've missed the point.

So whether you're a parent, grandparent, young person, priest, youth leader, or parish volunteer – this Gospel is for you. It's an invitation to live simply, love deeply, and invest daily in what really lasts. This week, take one small step away from storing up – and one bold step toward showing up. Be present. Be generous. Be rich in love. Let's build not bigger sheds, but a bigger welcome – at home, in our parishes, and in our world.

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SCRIPTURES FOR 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Psalm: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

Psalm Response: *In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia, alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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.

Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698;

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Vigil Mass 5pm

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

2 & 16 Aug - 11am Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every other Saturday at 11am

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

3 & 17 Aug. - 1.45pm Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every other Sunday at 9am

RUSSELL ISLAND

10 & 24 Aug. - 2pm Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every other Sunday at 2pm

MONDAY

St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

Pro-Life Rosary after Mass

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church

No Mass or Rosary

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

THURSDAY

St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church

9am Mass & Holy Hour

MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

HEALING MASS

2nd Wednesday of August
9am Mass on 13 August

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, at **10am** in the **Ruby Room**. Next meeting: 4th August



A SINCERE THANK YOU FROM THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY for your generous response to our recent Winter Appeal.

To date we have received \$2 665.55 and donations of food and warmth (blankets and jackets). We can assure all our fellow Parishioners that every cent donated will find its way to someone in need in our local area. On their behalf we thank you.

Your donations are much appreciated at any time of the year and can be made through the boxes at the Church doors. If you would like a receipt just make sure you leave your name and address. If you would like to help us in this important work of Christian Charity, we meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the Ruby Room. Leave your name and number with the Parish Office and we will be in touch.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!



HOSANNA PRAYER and PRAISE GROUP

Meets on Tuesdays at 7pm.
All are welcome!

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

PARISH GATHERING

As announced, Fr Jose Panampuzha CMI will conclude his time as Parish Priest of St Rita's parish, Victoria Point, in mid-January to return to India.

The College of Consultors is a group that advises the Archbishop in his decisions on clergy appointments. To assist with their discernment, you are invited to a parish gathering with two representatives from the Consultors who will take time to listen to parishioners' thoughts on the mission, vision, and unique charism of St Rita's parish.

You will be asked to respond to two questions:

- As a parish, what have you done well?
- What are your hopes for what the parish will look like into the future?

The gathering will take place:

When: 6.30pm on Thursday 14th August

Where: St Rita's church, Victoria Point.

All are welcome.

We hope you can attend.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Peter Dillon, Vicar General

COME AND CELEBRATE THE SPECIAL FEASTS OF AUGUST

The Transfiguration

9am Mass - Wednesday 6th August

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

9am Mass - Friday 8th August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Mass - Friday 15th August

Please Note:

The Parish Office is now closed on Fridays

St. Rita's Men's Group

The next outing is on
Thursday 7th August

**A River Cat ride from New Farm Park
ferry terminal to Southbank
and lunch**



The Plan: To gather at St Rita's Parish Office at 9:30 am and carpool to New Farm Park. Please advise as soon as you can if you want to attend so that we can organise cars.

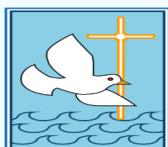
Best Regards, Mike Duggan 0429 629 211

Baptism Congratulations

During the month of July we welcomed
into our community:

Matthew Tyson

Riley Tyson



May you always have the
Flame of Faith alive
In your hearts

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Dorothy Byrnes, Helen Clarke, Mariano Molina, Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, Miles Muscroft, 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, especially Paul Litfin, Bernadette McLennan, and Jim Sheppard

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Bob Horvath, Nicola Hardaker and Carmel Taylor

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.

We're Hiring! Join the Parish Team at St Rita's Victoria Point

Are you looking for meaningful work in a welcoming, community-focused environment?

St Rita's Parish is currently recruiting for the following roles:

✉ Interested applicants should email their resume to: hunterb@bne.catholic.net.au

Come be part of a team making a real difference in our parish community.



Parish Secretary

🕒 **Part-Time – 20 hours/week (Mon - Wed, Fri)**

This key administrative role supports the day-to-day operations of the parish office. Responsibilities include reception, records management, liturgy and newsletter preparation, data entry, volunteer coordination, and assisting the Parish Priest.

We're looking for someone with strong organisational skills, attention to detail, and a respectful, professional manner.



Parish Sacramental Coordinator

📅 **Casual – Flexible hours including weekends and evenings**

This rewarding role involves coordinating the delivery of the parish's sacramental programs (Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, RCIA).

Duties include preparing session materials, engaging families, communicating with schools and parents, attending sacramental celebrations, and supporting children's faith development.

Both roles require alignment with Catholic values, a current Blue Card and Police Check (or willingness to obtain), and a commitment to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Join us for the day as we explore ...

The Carnival of Flowers



Thursday 18 September

Cost: \$45.00 cash only

Includes morning tea and lunch

Tickets on sale:

23/24 August, 30/31 August and 6/7 September

For enquires please phone Marie 0411 459 014

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Keep a day free for our Parish End of Year Lunch at The Golf Club on 20 November

Cost \$30.00 cash

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For mutual coexistence: Let us pray we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, & reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

JOIN US FOR 'A CUPPA AFTER MASS'



this
weekend
2/3 August

Brisbane City Pops Orchestra in Concert 2025

Please join Our Lady of the Angels Parish Chermeside for a truly unique concert - a musical celebration of timeless and beautiful melodies that have left a lasting imprint on our hearts. Conducted by Neil Flottmann, the concert will feature music from Les Miserables, Mozart and Lennon and McCartney. The audience will also be treated to a special performance by Our Lady of the Angels' Gumnuts Choir, conducted by Debra Todhunter.

When: Sunday 24 August at 2pm Where: St Paschal's Catholic Church, Wavell Heights Cost : \$35 per person (which includes afternoon tea) For tickets, please visit olaparishchermeside.org.au or contact the parish office on 07 3359 0239.

MULTICULTURAL MASS "Migrants, missionaries of hope" Pope Francis



CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

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24 AUG 2025 2PM, QUEEN OF VIETNAMESE MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH, 54 FLINT ST, INALA

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)

FEAST DAYS OF AUGUST - 1ST WEEK

Friday 1	St Alphonsus Liguori
Saturday 2	St Peter Faber
Monday 4	St John Vianney
Wednesday 6	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday 7	St Dominic, St Sixtus II & companions, and St Cajetan
Friday 8	St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Saturday 9	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

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