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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11th January 2026 Year A

With the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas season comes to its close and the public mission of Jesus begins. The child revealed to the shepherds and the nations now steps into the waters of the Jordan, identifying himself fully with the people he has come to save. This moment marks a quiet but decisive turning point: from hidden life to public witness.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus approaches John to be baptised, despite John's hesitation. Jesus insists, not out of need for repentance, but out of faithfulness to God's plan. As he emerges from the water, the heavens open, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father's voice proclaims him as the beloved Son. This is a revelation of who Jesus is, and a declaration of the mission he is about to undertake.

Isaiah's vision helps us understand the meaning of this moment. God's chosen servant is not one who breaks the bruised reed or quenches the wavering flame. He brings justice quietly, faithfully, and with compassion. At the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as this servant: gentle, obedient, and wholly given to God's purposes.

In the reading from Acts, Peter proclaims that God shows no partiality and that Jesus' ministry was marked by the power of the Spirit, doing good and bringing healing. The baptism of Jesus is the beginning of this Spirit-filled mission, a mission that reaches outward to all people.

This feast invites us to remember our own baptism. Like Jesus, we are named and claimed by God, anointed by the Spirit, and sent into the world. Baptism calls us to live as God's servants today: to act with humility, to bring justice with compassion, and to reflect the love of the one who calls each of us beloved.

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The Baptism of The Lord —11 January Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Psalm: Ps 28:1-4,9-10

Psalm Response: *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. *Alleluia, alleluia!*

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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Mass & Confession Times

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Confessions — 4.15pm
Vigil Mass 5pm

RUSSELL ISLAND

Confessions before Mass
10th Jan 7:45am Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 2pm

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

Confessions before Mass
17th Jan 11am Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Saturday at 11am

MACLEAY ISLAND

Confessions before Mass
7th Feb 9am Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 9am

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Masses 7.00am & 9.00am

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



DURING THE MONTH

ESTIA HEALTH

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

HEALING MASS

Wed. 14th Jan

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on **1st and 3rd Mondays** of the month, at **10am** in the **Ruby Room**. Next meetings: Jan 26



"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With a heart full of gratitude, I thank Almighty God for His abundant grace during these two blessed years as your Parish Priest at St Rita's Victoria Point.

I sincerely appreciate Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge and Archbishop Shane Mackinlay for their trust and support in my ministry.

To my beloved parishioners, thank you for your faith, love, and cooperation. My heartfelt thanks to:

The Liturgy Team, Sacristan, and Altar Servers
Parish and Finance Councils and their Chairs
Parish Choir and Communion Ministers
Maintenance Team and volunteers
Parish Office Staff and Safeguarding Team

Our island parishioners

St. Rita's School – Principal, staff, and students

Hospitality team

Hosana group, St Rita's Men's Social group, Bus trip Group

All who contributed in seen and unseen ways

I warmly welcome our new Parish Priest, Rev Fr Joseph Kanatt MCBS. May his ministry be blessed and fruitful.

As St. Paul reminds us: "I thank my God every time I remember you." (Philippians 1:3)

Heavenly Father, thank You for this parish and the grace of serving Your people. Bless this community with unity, faith, and love. Guide our new shepherd and keep us all rooted in Christ. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

With love and prayers,
Fr Jose Panampuzha CMI"



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



HOSANNA PRAYER and PRAISE GROUP

Meets on Tuesdays at 7pm
in St Rita's Church - All are welcome!

Stay Connected with Your Parish Family

St Rita's is moving to a digital register to keep you better connected with parish life. By signing up, you'll receive timely updates about Mass times, events, newsletter and important announcements directly to your inbox or phone.

It takes just 2 minutes to register:
Visit stritasparish.flocknote.com/register or scan the QR code below.



Stay connected. Stay informed. Stay part of our St Rita's family.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Saturday for personal silent prayer time

Exposition: 9.30am- 3.30pm

Benediction: 3.30pm

Stay for Confession: 4:15pm

Vigil Mass: 5pm

Thank you to everyone who spent time with Our Lord .

As we enter a new year, we need committed Adorers for one hour per month to ensure Jesus is never left alone during Adoration (Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.). Sign-up sheets are at the front of the church. All are welcome anytime, but the roster ensures every hour is covered.

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Denise Woosnam, Dorothy Byrnes, Helen Clarke, Mariano Molina, Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, Miles Muscroft, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Lucas Bernal, Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Chris Venter, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, Jela Cicak, Matthew Scott, Ian Gray, 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 Doris Litfin.

DECEASED: We commend our deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Eileen O'Halloran.

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.

A Cuppa After Mass – Will resume in Jan 26. Volunteers welcome.

Wednesday Art group - Will resume in Jan 2026

Rosary Crusaders—Will resume on 12th Jan 2026

The Christian Meditation Group—Will resume on 15th Jan 2026. New members welcome.

Children's liturgy of the word & clow—Will resume on 11th Jan 2026.

Choir practice—Will resume on 14th Jan 2026.

St Vincent de Paul meetings—Will resume in 2026

Hosanna Prayer & Praise Group—Will resume 13th Jan 26

Welcome back to our parish community—we're so glad to have you rejoining our social groups as they kick off throughout January and look forward to sharing fellowship and faith together throughout 2026!

St Vincent de Paul Cards & Calendars

Don't forget to stop by the St. Vincent de Paul table where you'll find beautiful Columban Calendars (\$10) and Christmas Cards (\$5 per pack) available for purchase. Simply place your payment in the SVDP box on the table. All funds go directly to supporting those in need in our community.

St Rita's Men's Social Group

Our first event for this year will be our annual BBQ under the Presbytery Trees to celebrate Australia

Day – at 11am on Friday 23rd Jan – bring food, drinks, chair, cooking utensils, and your Australian flag.

Best Regards, Mike Duggan (0429629211)



Farewell Tea for Fr. Jose

Please join us for a special morning tea following Mass on Saturday, January 10th and Sunday, January 11th as we farewell Fr. Jose.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community, share our gratitude, and wish Fr. Jose all the best in his next chapter. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

We hope to see you there!



Your Child's Sacramental Journey

What a joy to walk this path with your family! Please complete these two quick steps:

Step 1: Update Your Contact Info

Scan the QR code to review your family's contact details so we can keep you informed.



Step 2: Complete Enrolment

Scan the QR code to submit your child's enrolment application.



Questions? Contact Deb SC at
sc.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

Thank you for partnering with us in this sacred journey!

This festive season, turn your holiday celebrations into positive change—return your containers and give back to the community.



FEAST DAYS OF JANUARY

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
January 2 - St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors
January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
January 5 - St. John Neumann, Bishop
January 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)
January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest (Obligatory Memorial)
January 11 - The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)
January 13 - St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor
January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot (Obligatory Memorial)
January 20 - St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr / St. Sebastian, Martyr (Obligatory Memorial)
January 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr (Obligatory Memorial)
January 22 - St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr (Obligatory Memorial)
January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor (Obligatory Memorial)
January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (Feast)
January 26 - Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops (Obligatory Memorial)
January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor (Obligatory Memorial)
January 31 - St. John Bosco, Priest

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)

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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