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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 21ST 2025**

**Year A**

**Isa 7:10-14,8:10; Rom 1:1-7; Matt 1:18-24**

As Advent draws to its close, today's readings draw us into the quiet mystery of God's promise fulfilled in unexpected ways.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God offers King Ahaz a sign not of military triumph, but of divine nearness: "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him

Emmanuel." The promise is not about power

or conquest, but about presence, about God with us in the fragility of human life.

St Paul reminds the Romans, and us, that this promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, the Son of David and the Son of God. The one long foretold is now revealed: the gospel of God's mercy taking flesh among his people.

For Paul, this is not simply news to proclaim but a relationship to enter, an obedience of faith born of love and gratitude.

Matthew's Gospel draws us into the heart of the mystery through the story of Joseph, a man of quiet strength and righteousness. Faced with confusion and fear, Joseph listens for God's voice in a dream and chooses mercy over judgement, faith over convention. Through his obedience, the Word becomes flesh within his own household.

As we stand on the threshold of Christmas, the readings invite us to a posture of attentiveness and trust. God's saving work often unfolds not in grand gestures but in the quiet "yes" of faith, the courageous consent that allows divine life to take root in human hearts. In the stillness of these final Advent days, we prepare to welcome Emmanuel - God with us, God within us - who comes to bring light, peace, and hope to the world.

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent—Year A

**First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14**

**Psalm: Ps 23:1-6**

**Psalm Response: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory**

**Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24**

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.

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## Mass & Confession Times

### SATURDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Confessions — 4.15pm

Vigil Mass 5pm

#### COOCHIEUDLO ISLAND

Confessions before Mass

20 Dec 11am, 17 Jan tbc Mass

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

### SUNDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Masses 7.00am & 9.00am

#### MACLEAY ISLAND

Confessions before Mass

21 Dec - 1.45pm, 3 Jan tbc

Mass

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

#### RUSSELL ISLAND

Confessions before Mass

28 Dec - 2pm, 10 Jan 7:45am

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



### DURING THE MONTH

#### ESTIA HEALTH

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

#### HEALING MASS

Wed. 14th Jan

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** meet on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month, at 10am in the **Ruby Room**. Next meetings: 17 Nov & 1 Dec.



## 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 during October and November.

As we enter December, 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.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" – Matthew 26:40



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

ST RITA'S CHURCH - VICTORIA POINT

Wed 24 Dec: 5:40pm Carols | 6pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Thu 25 Dec: 8am Christmas Day Mass

No Midnight Mass or 6pm Mass on Christmas Day

## RECONCILIATION

Thu 18 Dec: 6pm - 2nd Rite (St Rita's)

Sat 20 Dec: 4:15pm - 1st Rite (St Rita's)

"Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:11

## 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

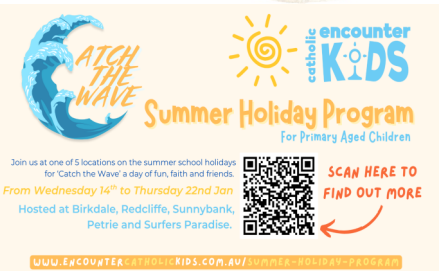
St Rita's is moving to a digital register to keep you better connected with parish life. By signing up, you'll receive timely updates about Mass times, events, newsletter and important announcements directly to your inbox or phone.

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

## Bay Islands Christmas Mass times



## 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.

**DECEASED:** We commend our deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Mike Quilty and Carmen Zeltins.

### 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**

A Cuppa After Mass – Has concluded for 2025 & will resume in Jan 26. Volunteers welcome.

St Rita's Men's Social Group – Has concluded for 2025 & will resume in Jan 2026

Wednesday Art group - Has concluded for 2025 & will resume in Jan 2026

Rosary Crusaders—Has concluded for 2025 & will resume on 12th Jan 2026

The Christian Meditation Group—Has concluded for 2025 & will resume on 15th Jan 2026. New members welcome.

Children's liturgy of the word & clow—has concluded for 2025 & will resume on 11th Jan 2026.

Choir practice—Has concluded for 2025 & will resume in mid-Jan 2026.

St Vincent de Paul meetings—has concluded for 2025 & will resume in 2026  
We hope all members have a safe & happy Christmas.

### 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.

### Parish Office Closure

The St Rita's Parish office will be closed as of Wednesday, 24th December and will reopen Monday, 5th January.

### Mass Schedule Changes

No masses will be held on:

26th, 29th, 30th & 31st December.

### a†Baptism Celebration†

We are overjoyed to welcome Rome, Phoebe, William & Lucas into the family of God! 🌟

These precious children received the Sacrament of Baptism and have been welcomed into our St Rita's Parish community.

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. — Mark 10:14

Please join us in praying for these children as they begin their faith journey. May God's blessings be upon them always! 🙏

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St Rita's Parish



### Sizzling Success at St Rita's BBQ Fundraiser

What a fantastic turnout for our recent BBQ fundraiser at St Rita's Primary School!

A huge thank you to our dedicated BBQ crew (pictured) who kept everyone fed and happy throughout. The event was a perfect blend of delicious food, warm fellowship, and community spirit.

We're grateful to everyone who attended, volunteered, and supported the fundraiser.

Your generosity will make a real difference to our parish programs.

Stay tuned for details about our next community event.



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





## FEAST DAYS OF DECEMBER

- December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Australia
- December 4 - Saint John Damascene
- December 6—Saint Nicholas
- December 8 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity) Catholic Australia
- December 9 - Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
- December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto
- December 11 - Saint Damasus I
- December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 13 - Saint Lucy Catholic Australia
- December 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas - Solemnity) Catholic Australia
- December 26 - Saint Stephen (Feast) Catholic Australia
- December 27 - Saint John (Feast) Catholic Australia
- December 28 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH (Feast) Catholic Australia
- December 29 - Saint Thomas Becket
- December 31 — Saint Sylvester

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## 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 DECEMBER

### For seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

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