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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 23rd November Year C

The Power of Being Seen: A Call to Remember One Another

(Luke 23: 35 - 43)

One of the criminals hanging alongside cursed Jesus: "Some Messiah you are! Save yourself! Save us!" But the other one made him shut up: "Have you no fear of God? You're getting the same as this man. We deserve this, but not him – he did nothing to deserve this." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you enter your kingdom." Jesus said, "Don't worry, I will. Today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23: 39 -43)

The good thief turns to Jesus with a simple request: *Remember me*. He doesn't offer excuses or promises, just honesty. And Jesus responds with extraordinary compassion: *Today you will be with me in Paradise*. It's a reminder that God meets us not when we are perfect, but exactly where we are.

For families and parish communities, this moment speaks loudly. Every home and every church pew holds someone quietly asking the same thing. Children who want to feel noticed. Teenagers trying to find where they belong. Parents stretched thin, hoping their efforts are enough. Grandparents longing to stay connected. People carrying private worries or past mistakes who wonder if God still sees them. The truth of the Gospel is that God remembers us – all of us – and invites us to remember one another.

Jesus doesn't judge the thief or list his failures. He simply sees him. This is our calling too. When we choose to listen with patience, forgive generously, check in on someone who's struggling, or show kindness when it costs us something, we make the compassion of Christ visible in everyday life.

This passage invites us to ask: Who in my family or parish needs to feel remembered today? How can I offer hope to someone who feels overwhelmed or unseen? Even small acts – a conversation, a smile, a moment of understanding – can become powerful signs of God's mercy.

Jesus' promise on the cross is meant for us too: You are not forgotten. You are deeply loved. And there is always room for new beginnings.



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First Reading: Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm: Ps 121:1-5

Psalm Response: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel Acclamation: *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!*

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

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.

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Mass & Confession Times

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Confessions — 4.15pm
Vigil Mass 5pm

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

Confessions before Mass
15 Nov & 6 Dec - 11am 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
23 Nov & 7 Dec- 1.45pm Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion — every other Sunday at 9am

RUSSELL ISLAND

Confessions before Mass
16 & 30 Nov - 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



DURING THE MONTH

MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month — Eucharist

HEALING MASS

Wed. 10th December

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on **1st and 3rd 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

If you would like to volunteer as an adorer - to stay and be present in the church for 1 or 2 hours or more, please write your name on the sign-up sheet. A minimum of two people is required for safety.

Thank you



Answer the Call to Mercy and Compassion

Do you have a heart for those on the margins?

We are seeking one or two **kind, empathic women of deep faith** to serve as **Pastoral Visitors** to join Centacare's teams of chaplains at a women's correctional centre.

Pastoral Visitors offer friendship, hope, and spiritual support to incarcerated women through weekly visits — being a living sign of God's love and mercy.

Training, mentoring, and ongoing support are provided.

If you feel called to accompany women in their journey of faith, healing, and transformation, we would love to hear from you.

"I was in prison and you visited me..." — *Matthew 25:36*

For more information or to express interest, please contact:

Centacare Pastoral Ministries:

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Help support St Vincent de Paul

helping members of our community in need. A selection of light catchers to chose from including Christmas Tree decorations, Celtic Crosses, Irish clover, and St Rita's Rose.

See forms at back of the church for prices. All proceeds to Vinnies.

Contact Mike Duggan for any enquiries.



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!

Thanksgiving Mass

In thanks of our Parish Volunteers

When:

**Saturday 29th November
at 9am in St Rita's Church**

Used Magazines needed

Magazines for Carmel College art department are required.

Please leave them at the back of the church or parish office and I will pick them up.

Thank you. Deb Harris



Reminder - Containers for change to go towards a parish ride on mower



Summer Holiday Program
For Primary Aged Children

Join us at one of 5 locations on the summer school holidays for "Catch the Wave" a day of fun, faith and friends.
From Wednesday 14th to Thursday 22nd Jan
Hosted at Birkdale, Redcliffe, Sunnybank, Petrie and Surfers Paradise.



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WWW.CATHOLICENCOUNTERKIDS.COM.AU/SUMMER-HOLIDAY-PROGRAM

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, 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

Bringing Hope This Christmas: St Vincent de Paul Society Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society at St. Rita's Parish, Victoria Point, is once again calling on our parish community to help bring Christmas joy to local families in need.

After successfully providing 66 Christmas hampers last year, the Society faces even greater demand this year as the cost-of-living crisis continues to impact more families across our parish and the Bay Islands.

How You Can Help:

The Society is seeking donations of non-perishable groceries, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings, and festive treats for hampers. Toys and gifts for children up to 16 years are also needed to ensure every child experiences Christmas morning joy.

Alternatively, financial contributions are welcome—volunteers are happy to shop on your behalf. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be placed on collection plates or in the St Vincent de Paul boxes at the church doors. Receipts for taxation purposes are available upon request.

Making a Real Difference:

Your donation will provide practical, immediate assistance and ongoing support, ensuring no family faces the impossible choice between going hungry or keeping the lights on.

Help us make a difference this Christmas. Your kindness and generosity will be a blessing to families doing it tough in our community.

St Vincent de Paul Society, St. Rita's Parish, Victoria Point



Welcome to Our Parish Family

We are filled with joy as we welcome new members into our St Rita's Parish community!

We celebrate **Gillian, Nicholas, Duncan, and Mario**, who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion, and warmly welcome **Vincent and Frederik**, who have received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Welcome home! Our parish family embraces you with open hearts and prayers. May the Lord bless you abundantly as you grow in faith within our community.

"You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."
- Ephesians 2:19



St Rita's Men's Social Group gathering

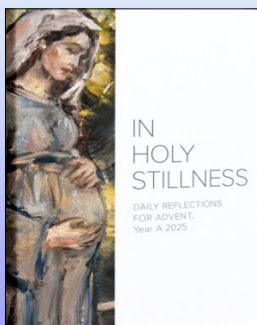
Gathering in the usual spot at Thompson's Beach for our annual Sundowner at 4:30pm on Friday 12th December, watching the tide come in or out. Bring chair, nibbles and drinks (and insect spray?).

Mike Duggan

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In Holy Stillness – Advent 2025



Advent Discussion Group

Advent Discussion Group – to be part of a discussion group, sign-up at the side table of the church.

The Group starts on **Thursday 27 Nov. at 10am** in the **Ruby Room**.

Come and join us for 'A CUPPA AFTER MASS'

at St Rita's Church on 6 & 7 December



FEAST DAYS OF NOVEMBER

- All Saints Day – November 1st
- All Souls Day – November 2nd
- St. Martin de Tours – November 3rd
- St. Gertrude the Great – November 16th
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary – November 17th
- St. Cecilia – November 22nd
- The Feast of Christ the King – The Last Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 23rd in 2025)
- Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – November 27th
- St. Catherine Laboure – November 28th
- St. Andrew the Apostle – November 30th

November is the Month of the Holy Souls

In November, we remember the souls in purgatory who need our prayers. This month we should make a special effort to pray for the souls in purgatory and meditate on the Church Suffering.

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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 NOVEMBER

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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