

# St Rita's Newsletter



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## Second Sunday of Easter 12 April 2026 Year A

### THE RISEN CHRIST OFFERS GIFT OF PEACE.

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Church invites us to rejoice in the Risen Lord while also celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday - a day that beautifully reveals the heart of God's love and compassion for each one of us.

In the Gospel (John 20:19–31), we see the disciples gathered in fear behind locked doors. Into this fear, Jesus comes and stands among them, offering peace: "Peace be with you." He does not come with judgment for their failures, but with mercy. He shows them His wounds—the very signs of His suffering—now transformed into signs of love and forgiveness. This reminds us that no matter our past, Christ meets us not with condemnation, but with healing mercy.

Thomas, often remembered for his doubt, represents many of us. He longs for proof, for certainty. Yet when he encounters the Risen Jesus, his doubt turns into a profound act of faith: "My Lord and my God!" Jesus gently leads him from doubt to deeper belief. Divine Mercy invites us to trust, even when we struggle, and to open our hearts to God's presence.

Divine Mercy Sunday, inspired by the revelations to St. Faustina, calls us to trust in Jesus and to become instruments of His mercy. The message is simple yet powerful: "Jesus, I trust in You." Trust opens our hearts to receive God's grace and enables us to extend forgiveness, kindness, and compassion to others.

As we continue our Easter journey, let us move beyond fear and doubt. Let us encounter the Risen Christ, receive His peace, and become witnesses of His mercy in our families, workplaces, and communities. May we truly believe that God's mercy is greater than our weaknesses, and may we share that mercy generously with all.

May God bless you

Fr. Joseph Kanatt mcbs

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm: Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Psalm Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. or Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

# Event News

What a blessed and sacred time our parish has shared together! From the joy of Palm Sunday, through the solemn and moving celebrations of Holy Week, and culminating in the glorious feast of Easter Sunday, we have truly walked the journey of our faith together. We hope all our parishioners were filled with joy and renewal as we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – INFORMATION NIGHT CANCELLED

Please note that the Information Night scheduled for 27th April has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled to the last quarter of the year, with details to follow. We apologise for any inconvenience. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

*Thank you!*

**To everyone who volunteered to make our Holy Week and Easter Masses come together so beautifully. Your time and dedication mean the world to our community.**

## 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](mailto:sc.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Mass & Confession Times

SATURDAY

**St Rita's Church**

Confessions — returns 25<sup>th</sup> April 4:15pm  
Vigil Mass 5pm

**Russell Island**

Confessions before Mass  
11th Apr 7:30am Mass Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 10am

**Coochiemudlo Island**

Confessions before Mass 18<sup>th</sup> Apr  
11am Mass Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Saturday at 11am

**Macleay Island**

Confessions before Mass  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 9am Mass  
Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 9am

SUNDAY

**St Rita's Church**

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MONDAY

**St Rita's Church**

Liturgy of the Word 9am

TUESDAY

**St Rita's Church**

No Mass or Rosary

WEDNESDAY **St Rita's Church**

Liturgy of the Word 9am

THURSDAY

**St Rita's Church**

Liturgy of the Word 9am

FRIDAY **St Rita's Church**

Liturgy of the Word 9am

DURING THE MONTH

Estia Health 1st Wed of Month

Eucharist Healing Mass Wed. 13th May

## NOTICE

**Please be advised that there will be no Mass from Monday 13th to Friday 17th and on Monday 20th. Liturgy of the Word will be held in place of Mass on these days. There will also be no Confession on Saturday 18th. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.**

## 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.

# Community Highlights

**St Vincent de Paul** meet on **1st and 3rd Mondays** of the month, at **10am in the Ruby Room. Next meetings: 20th April**



## HOSANNA PRAYER and PRAISE GROUP



VISION: Hosanna is to be vibrant Holy Spirit-guided prayer and praise group serving the church through evangelisation, worship and healing prayer.  
Meets on Tuesdays at 7pm in St Rita's Church All are welcome!

## Craft & Chat Afternoon

Next Session: **Saturday, 2nd May 2-4pm** Ruby room Join us!  
Bring your own projects.  
Looking forward to seeing you there!

**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.-3:30p.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

**Join us for our weekly Art group every Wednesday morning at 10am in the Ruby room—all skill levels and creative spirits welcome!**

## Supporting St Rita's

Dear Parishioners,  
Our beloved St Rita's needs your help. We are seeking donations for essential church maintenance and upgrades to ensure our sacred space remains welcoming and functional for years to come.  
Your generosity, no matter the amount, makes a real difference in preserving our spiritual home.

**How to Donate:**  
**Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church**

**Direct bank transfer:**  
**BSB: 064-786**  
**Account: 100027374**  
**Account Name: Parish Donation**  
**Reference: Your surname**  
Thank you for your continued support of our parish community.

## PARISH BUS TRIP TO KILCOY – Thursday 7th May 2026

A great day out through the Somerset Dam Region — morning tea, sightseeing in Kilcoy, and lunch at the Exchange Hotel.  
**Departs Saint Rita's at 8:00am.**  
**\$45pp including lunch.**  
**Tickets after Mass: 18th/19th & 25th/26th April, 2nd/3rd May.**  
**Enquiries: Marie – 0411 459 014**

## 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

**FAITH FORMATION GROUP Every Thursday | Ruby Room | 10:00am**  
Join us as we reflect together using **The Little White Book. Copies available for \$5.00 each.** Unable to attend? The book is still available to buy. Purchase a copy from the Piety Stall or Parish Office.

## St Rita's Men's Social Group Thursday, 16th April 2026

Guided tour of Redland Bay Coast Guard facility Cake & coffee at a nearby café. **Meet at the Parish Office at 9:15am (ETA 10:00am)** or make your own way there.  
Host: Parishioner John Jofeski  
Interested? Can you offer a car for carpooling? **Contact Mike Duggan – 0429 629 211**

## 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](http://stritasparish.flocknote.com/register) or scan the QR code below.



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

## Have a Chat Club – Ladies' Social Group

Join us for a friendly catch-up on the last Thursday of every month!  
**We meet at the Shark's Sporting Club, Victoria Point at 11:30am** — a relaxed setting with seniors meals available.  
Come along, meet some wonderful ladies, share a laugh, and enjoy great company.  
All welcome!

**For more information, contact:**  
**Elaine Pascoe – 0429 925 989**  
**Sylvia Vassallo – 0414 692 203**

**Prayers For all those who are ill**, especially Br. Ray Ryan FSC, 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 especially Peggy Kelly & Rhonda Smith.

**DECEASED:** We commend our deceased to the loving care of the Lord.



## Feast Days of April

Sunday, April 12

- Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) (SOLEMNITY)

Monday, April 13

- St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
- Monday of the Second Week of Easter

Tuesday, April 14

- Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter

Wednesday, April 15

- Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter

Thursday, April 16

- Thursday of the Second Week of Easter

Friday, April 17

- Friday of the Second Week of Easter

Saturday, April 18

- Saturday of the Second Week of Easter

Sunday, April 19

- Third Sunday of Easter

## Pope's Monthly Intention for April

### For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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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