

# St Rita's Newsletter



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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14th June 2026 Year A

### CALLED TO BE THE PEOPLE AND DISCIPLES OF GOD

On this eleventh Sunday of ordinary time, the Church reminds us of our call by God. This call can be understood in two ways; first, through God's covenant with Israel. God chose and called us to be his people. Second, through Jesus Christ the new covenant, God called us to be his disciples. So, God made us his people and reconciled us in Christ Jesus. God called us, each by name, to be a people consecrated to him.

In the First Reading (Exodus 19:2-6), God reminds the people of Israel how He carried them "on eagle's wings" and brought them to Himself. He calls them to be His treasured possession, a holy nation set apart for His purpose. We are chosen not because of our perfection, but because of God's love and mercy.

In the Second Reading (Romans 5:6-11), St. Paul beautifully reminds us of the depth of God's love. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. God did not wait for us to become worthy; He loved us first. This unconditional love is the foundation of our faith and the source of our mission.

In the Gospel (Matthew 9:36—10:8), Jesus looks upon the crowds with compassion because they are "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Moved by their needs, He sends out the twelve apostles to proclaim the Kingdom of God, heal the sick, and bring hope to those in need. Before sending them, Jesus reminds His disciples that the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.

These words remain relevant today. The world continues to hunger for compassion, truth, peace, and hope. Jesus calls each of us to be His disciples in our families, workplaces, schools, and communities. We may not all be called to preach from a pulpit, but we are all called to witness to Christ through acts of kindness, forgiveness, service, and prayer.

Let us pray for more labourers in the Lord's vineyard and ask God to help us recognise our own role in His mission. May we respond generously to His call and become instruments of His love and mercy in the world.

May God bless you and your families abundantly.  
Fr. Joseph Kanatt mcbs

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### ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6

Psalm: Ps 99:2-3, 5

Psalm Response: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 1:15 Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

# Event News

Dear Families,  
We warmly invite families to attend the First Eucharist Information Night, which will be held on **Wednesday 19th August at 5.30pm in St. Rita's Church.**

This evening will provide important information about the First Eucharist program and outline the steps involved in preparing your child for this Sacrament.

Families wishing to commence the enrolment process may do so by scanning the QR code below.



Please note that the **Rite of Enrolment Masses** will take place on **Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September.**

To ensure your child can participate, we strongly encourage families to **complete enrolments by the end of August.**

We look forward to journeying with you and your child during this special time in their faith development.  
Kind regards,

Debra Nye  
Sacramental Coordinator



## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE HOLDERS

Our 2026 planned giving envelopes have arrived and will be distributed to parishioners in the coming weeks.

If you donate through registered planned giving envelopes, we kindly ask that you take a moment to register your envelopes in Flocknote, our parish communication system. To do so, please complete the questionnaire using the link or QR code below.

<https://stritasparish.flocknote.com/signup/261000>



Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**The Earn to Learn campaign - Shop at Victoria Point Shopping Centre and help our school win a share of \$12,000!** The Earn to Learn campaign runs from 1 June – simply keep your receipts, upload them at [victoriapointshoppingcentre.com.au](http://victoriapointshoppingcentre.com.au), and nominate St Rita's. Every \$1 spent earns us a point toward prizes of \$6,000, \$4,000, or \$2,000!

## Mass & Confession Times

**SATURDAY**  
**St Rita's Church**  
Confessions — 4:15pm  
Vigil Mass 5pm

**Russell Island**  
Confessions before Mass  
13th June 7:30am Mass Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 10am

**Coochiemudlo Island**  
Confessions before Mass 20<sup>th</sup> June  
11am Mass Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Saturday at 11am

**Macleay Island**  
Confessions before Mass  
4<sup>th</sup> July 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**  
8:30am Rosary, 9am Mass  
Pro-Life Rosary after Mass

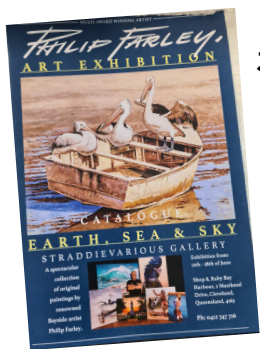
**TUESDAY**  
**St Rita's Church**  
No Mass or Rosary

**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. 10<sup>th</sup> June



**Coffee, Cake & Art Mens Group — You're Invited!**  
**Join us on Thursday 18 June for a lovely social morning out.**

We'll start at 9:30 am at Finlandia Café (337–341 Cleveland-Redland Bay Rd, Victoria Point) for coffee and cake, followed by a visit to the Philip Farley Art Exhibition at the Straddievarious Gallery, Raby Bay Harbour, Cleveland — featuring art, woodwork, crafts and more.

**All welcome! Please advise if you'd like to attend.**

**Mike Duggan**  
**0429629211**

## 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: 15th June**



## HOSANNA PRAYER and PRAISE GROUP

Mission

- Facilitate the experience of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit
- Encourage people to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Empower people to use the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives

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



## Craft & Chat Afternoon

Next Session: Saturday TBA July  
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.

## Ministers for Masses

Volunteers are needed for our Mass Ministry in the roles of Readers, Communion Ministers, Data Projector Operators, and Mass Coordinators. Please consider and pray about being involved in one of these roles. Training will be given for all new ministers.

If you are interested or need more information, please write your name and contact details on the Mass Ministry Forms at the back table. Then place it in the locked box at the back table.

We ask everyone to please pray for our parish - that people with the gifts and skills required, may hear God's call to serve our community at Mass and respond generously.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – WINTER APPEAL 13th/14th June**  
**Annual Winter Appeal at all Masses this weekend, running through to the end of July.**  
**Funds raised support locals in need. Envelopes and donation boxes at the Church doors.**

## 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.

**Volunteers needed to help set up for weekday Mass. If you're able to assist, please reach out to Fr. Joseph. Your time and support are greatly appreciated.**

## PIETY STALL

**Our Piety Stall is open after 5pm Mass (Saturday) and 9am Mass (Sunday). Come along and browse our range of religious goods.**

**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, 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 Paul Trubody & Erlinda Andrada-Sumblingo.



## Feast Days of June

Monday, June 15

- Monday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, June 16

- Tuesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday, June 17

- Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday, June 18

- Thursday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Friday, June 19

- St. Romuald, Abbot
- Friday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 20

- Saturday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time
- Blessed Virgin Mary

## Pope's Monthly Intention for June

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

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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