

# St Rita's Newsletter



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## PENTECOST SUNDAY 24th May 2026 Year A

### I AM SENDIN YOU WITH THE POWER OF SPIRIT

This weekend the Holy Church joyfully celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is a feast which occupies a very important and prominent position in the Church's history and liturgical calendar. This is because it serves as the bridge between Easter Season and Ordinary Time of the year.

As we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, we remember the powerful moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles gathered in prayer with the Blessed Virgin Mary. Fearful and uncertain disciples were transformed into courageous witnesses of Christ. Pentecost is often called the "birthday of the Church," because from that day onward the apostles went out to proclaim the Good news to the whole world.

In the Gospel of this Sunday, Jesus breathes His Spirit upon the disciples and says, "Peace be with you." The Holy Spirit is God's gift of peace, strength, wisdom, and courage. The Spirit guides us when we are confused, comforts us when we are troubled, and inspires us to live with faith and love. Even today in our time, the same Holy Spirit continues to work in our lives and in our parish community. We receive the Spirit through the Sacraments, through prayer, through the Word of God, and through acts of kindness and service. Pentecost reminds us that we are never alone; God's Spirit walks with us every day.

Let us ask ourselves: Are we allowing the Holy Spirit to guide our words, decisions, and relationships? Do we bring peace, forgiveness, and joy to others? The gifts of the Spirit are not meant to remain hidden within us. Like the apostles, we are called to share the love of Christ with courage and enthusiasm. May this feast renew our hearts and fill our families and parish with the fire of God's love.

Let us pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our Church, our world, and each one of us. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Happy Pentecost to you all!

May God bless you

Fr. Joseph Kanatt mcbs

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### PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

Psalm Response: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth or Alleluia

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-23

## Event News

### *Feast Day of St Rita of Cascia*

Join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of St Rita of Cascia on **Sunday, 31st May at 9:00am Mass**. St Rita's Church, Victoria Point

We are delighted to welcome Archbishop Shane Mackinlay as he joins us for this special celebration. All are welcome. Come and share in this joyful occasion with our community.

(Please be aware that on the 31<sup>st</sup>, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am only. There will be no 7:00am Mass.)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT – No Mass 25th–29th**

**Please note that Mass will not be celebrated from the 25th to the 29th (inclusive) while new flooring is being installed in the church.**

We thank you for your understanding and look forward to seeing you when we reopen!

### **Church of the Holy Spirit – Macleay Island** *21st Anniversary Celebration Mass*

**Sunday, 24 May 2025 at 3:30 pm**

Please join us for a special Sunday Mass to celebrate the 21st Anniversary of the opening of the Church of the Holy Spirit on Macleay Island.

All are most welcome!

Ferry times  
Russell Island departs 2:35 pm  
Redland Bay departs 2:45 pm  
Return ferry (both) 4:50 pm

A cuppa will follow Mass

#### **We Need You!**

Volunteers are warmly welcome to assist with hospitality on Sunday, 31st May. We also invite everyone to bring a shared plate to enjoy together.

Contact Deb Harris to register.  
**Ph: 0403113227**

#### **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

6<sup>th</sup> June 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. 13th May



We are overjoyed to celebrate our wonderful group of young parishioners who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation! A huge thank you to our coordinator Deb, whose dedication and love made this all possible, and to our generous volunteers and families who supported the candidates every step of the way. Congratulations to our newest Confirmands – may the gifts of the Holy Spirit guide you always!

#### **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: 1st June**



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> June  
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 Collection Volunteers Needed

With the Parish Finance Services team at the Archdiocesan offices taking over our recording and reporting functions, we need volunteers to count the weekly collections and bank them in Cleveland — tasks that can be performed separately if needed. Both take place each Monday: counting should take around an hour, followed by banking (including travel to and from Cleveland) within another hour. With enough volunteers, a roster will ensure no one is called on more than a couple of times a month.

If you are available most Monday mornings and would like to help, please contact our Parish Secretary, Hayley, to get started.

## PIETY STALL

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

A volunteer is needed to run the stall after the 7am Sunday Mass — please contact Geraldine if you can help.

## 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.

**A huge thank you to Holy Cross Funerals Redcliffe, Fly World, and the Hossana Group, as well as all others who so kindly donated towards our new PA system. Every contribution made a difference and your generosity is deeply appreciated. God bless you all! 🙏**

**The following groups are cancelled this week due to the installation of new flooring:**  
Choir Practice – Wednesday 27th  
Adoration – Saturday 30th  
Both will resume as normal the following week.

**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.

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



## Feast Days of May

**Sunday, May 24**

- Pentecost Sunday (SOLEMNITY)

**Monday, May 25**

- St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- St. Gregory VII, Pope
- St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

**Tuesday, May 26**

- St. Philip Neri, Priest

**Wednesday, May 27**

- St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

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## Pope's Monthly Intention for May

**That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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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