

St Rita's Newsletter



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SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 5th April 2026 Year A

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN.

On this weekend we solemnly celebrate the joy and hope of Easter Sunday, the heart of our Christian faith. After journeying through the season of Lent - with its prayer, fasting, and almsgiving - we now rejoice in the victory of life over death, light over darkness, and hope over despair.

The Resurrection of the Lord is not just an event of the past; it is a living reality that continues to transform our lives today. The empty tomb reminds us that no suffering, no sin, and no burden has the final word. God's love is stronger than all things, and through Jesus, we are given new life.

Easter invites each of us to rise with Christ - to leave behind whatever holds us captive and to embrace a renewed life filled with faith, joy, and love. It is a time to deepen our trust in God, to rekindle our relationships, and to become witnesses of hope in our families and communities.

Let us carry the light of the risen Christ into the world. In our words and actions, may we reflect His compassion, mercy, and peace. As we celebrate with our loved ones, let us not forget those who are lonely, suffering, or in need, and reach out to them with kindness and care.

So, as the followers of Jesus we have great responsibilities to share the joy of Easter in three ways that is, to believe in the resurrection of Jesus, to share with others the good news of Jesus' resurrection and lead a life of joy whatever may be the circumstance in which we are placed. We can see that the members of the early Christian communities fulfilled these responsibilities and as a result they could attract many people to their fold. May the joy of the Resurrection fill your hearts and homes. May the peace of Christ remain with you always, guiding and strengthening you in the days ahead.

Wishing you and your family a blessed and joyful Easter!

May God bless you

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SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

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

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

Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 (JB)

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Event News

As we reach the end of Holy Week, we reflect with gratitude on our Palm Sunday celebration, where our parish community joyfully welcomed Jesus into our hearts as the crowds once welcomed Him into Jerusalem. What a sacred journey it has been since then, and how blessed we are to now stand on the threshold of Easter Sunday!



Easter Blessings from the St Rita's Parish

As Easter approaches, our parish family warmly wishes every student, family, and staff member at St Rita's Primary a truly blessed and joyful holiday season.

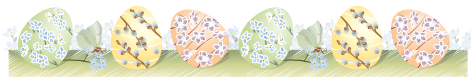
To our wonderful primary school students — you have worked so hard this term and made us incredibly proud. You have well and truly earned this break! As you celebrate with your families, may the joy and hope of Christ's Resurrection fill your hearts and homes.

Please take care of one another over the holidays, and know that our parish holds each of you in prayer.

On behalf of the entire St Rita's community — have a safe, happy, and holy Easter. We look forward to welcoming you back soon!

He is Risen. Alleluia!

— The St Rita's Parish Community



†Baptism Celebration†

We are overjoyed to welcome Isla, Jordan & Luca 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 this children as they begin her faith journey. May God's blessings be upon her always!

St Rita's Parish

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

Mass & Confession Times

SATURDAY
St Rita's Church
Confessions — 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 18th Apr
11am Mass Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Saturday at 11am

Macleay Island
Confessions before Mass
2nd 9am Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 9am

SUNDAY
St Rita's Church
Masses 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. 11th March

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** 

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will not be held this Easter Sunday. We invite all children to remain with their families to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection together. CLOW will resume the following week. **If you are interested in volunteering with CLOW, we would love to hear from you** — please reach out to Deb, Sacramental Coordinator, or Grace Fogarty to find out more.

HOSANNA PRAYER and PRAISE GROUP 
Meets on Tuesdays at 7pm in St Rita's Church All are welcome!

EASTER OFFICE CLOSURE
Just a reminder that the Parish Office will be **closed over the Easter Long Weekend — from Good Friday (3 April) through to Tuesday 7 April 26 inclusive.**
We'll be back and ready to assist you from Wednesday 8 April.
Wishing you and your loved ones a peaceful and joyful Easter celebration! 


DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Sunday 12 April 2026
St Rita's Church
Warmly invites all parishioners and visitors to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with Holy Mass at 9:00am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
All are welcome. Please bring your family and friends.
Mass: 9:00am
Adoration to follow

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
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Thank you for your continued support of our parish community.

NOTICE – MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP
Please be advised that the St Rita's Men's Social Group event scheduled for Thursday, 2nd April has been cancelled.
A replacement event will be held on Tuesday, 14th April – further details to be announced in due course.
We apologise for any inconvenience and look forward to seeing you on the 14th!


FAITH FORMATION GROUP
Thursday 9th April | 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 for purchase. Register your interest or purchase a copy from the Piety Stall or Parish Office.

A heartfelt thank you to all those who volunteered their time and skill in making palm crosses for our congregation this Palm Sunday. 

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 or scan the QR code below.

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

Congratulations to Our First Reconciliation Candidates
We congratulate the young people who recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. A big thank you to our sacramental team and families for their support. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith.


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 & Ronda Smith.
DECEASED: We commend our deceased to the loving care of the Lord. 

Feast Days of April

Monday, April 6

- Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday, April 7

- Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

Wednesday, April 8

- Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday, April 9

- Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday, April 10

- Friday within the Octave of Easter

Saturday, April 11

- Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Sunday, April 12

- Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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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