



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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3rd Sunday of Advent –Year A – 11th December 2022

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10, Ps 145:6-10, St Paul 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Next Week —4th Sunday of Advent—Year A: Isaiah 7:10-14, Ps 23:1-6, St Paul 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### "MUST WE WAIT FOR ANOTHER?"

No one ever born was greater than John the Baptist, by Jesus' own admission. And yet even John found it hard to keep patient while Jesus wandered through the first season of his ministry. From prison, John heard the reports of Jesus teaching, healing, gathering crowds to hear the word of God. He didn't hear what he had expected: Jesus proclaiming his kingship, claiming Jerusalem as his capital, denouncing the Romans or the Temple leaders, and "laying the axe to the root of the tree," once and for all. John had preached the coming destruction, and Jesus seemed, well, more lamb than God. It was hard for John not to be disappointed, and to wonder for a moment if he had misread Jesus altogether.

Jesus doesn't chide John for lacking faith. Instead, he quotes prophecy to reassure John that God's time of favour has arrived. Then Jesus reminds the crowds that John's greatness in history is surpassed

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Our third Advent candle is the Shepherds' Candle or the Candle of Joy. The colour of the candle this week is rose, which symbolises joy, the joy that the Lord is near. We are also reminded that God sent the angels to proclaim His arrival to common folk, shepherds: The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."



"We acknowledge the Quandamooka People, Traditional Custodians of the lands, waters and seas where we stand today. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and future."

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## WEEKLY DIARY

### Daily (Mon, Tues, Fri)

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church

### Monday's

9:30am Pro Life Rosary—Chapel  
2:00pm St Rita's Primary Mass—  
St Rita's Church

### Tuesday's

7:00pm Prayer & Praise (returning Jan)

### Wednesday's

10:00am Art Group (returning Feb)  
4:00pm Choir - St Rita's Church

### Thursday's

Parish Priest Day Off (No masses)

### Friday's

9:00am Mass & Holy Hour—  
St Rita's Church

## MASS TIMES

### ST RITA'S CHURCH

Weekdays 9am (Except Thursday)

Saturday 5pm (Vigil)

Sunday 7am & 9am

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:30pm

HEALING MASS: 2nd Wednesday of

the Month 9am

MAREBELLO: 1st Wednesday of the

Month 9:30am

### BAY ISLAND MASS CENTRES

(NO MASS 5TH SUNDAY)

*Coochiemudlo Island*

Coochiemudlo Island Community Hall

345 Victoria Parade,

Coochiemudlo Island Q 4184

11:00am Saturday (Nov 5th, 19th)

*Macleay Island*

Church of the Holy Spirit

Scotts Road, Macleay Island Q 4148

5pm Sunday (1st & 3rd Sunday)

*Russell Island*

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm (2nd & 4th Sunday)

**Please take a moment to pray for:**

All those who are ill, especially Alfio Tomarchio, Angela Dodd, Edith Quilty, Julie Davey, Virginia Casinto, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Toby Bernal, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Doherty, Kay Grieve, Jela Cicak, and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them. We commend all the recently deceased.



We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Patricia O'Leary, Louie Vassallo and Sean Baudry.

If you wish to have a loved one's name mentioned in the Parish Newsletter for an anniversary, a remembrance or a prayer for the sick, please contact the Parish Office. Envelopes to request Masses to be offered for the sick, dying, deceased or for special intentions are available at the back of the church. Mass Cards are available from the Piety Stall.

## A Notice from Fr Ladu

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Recently in November the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, they heard from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSSE about the desperate situation in Ukraine. The Bishop thanked the Australian church for their prayerful support since the beginning of the war.

He also requested that Bishops hold a special collection to support refugees and people in Ukraine during this winter, which will be the most challenging for his country for decades of independence.

Therefore, in our Church, we will be holding a retiring collection in each of our Masses.

Your donation will be much appreciated.

Thank You.

God Bless, Fr Ladu Yanga



## Pope's Prayer Intention December 2022

### Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



### CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS SET UP

Are you available to help set up the Unitas Centre for the Christmas Vigil?

If you can, please contact the Parish Office 3207 9177



### HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

"therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people..." Galatians 6:10

All are welcome to join our Catholic Charismatic Group, which meets for praise and worship at St Rita Parish Chapel, every Tuesday night from 7:00pm till 9:00pm

Prayer Meeting will resume on 10 January 2023

Please call MAY RICHARSON 0435212787 OR EJ POLOTAN 0403658827

## Czarina Jones & Cameron Scott



Will be Baptised Sunday 11th December 2022.

We welcome Czarina, Cameron and Families into our Parish Community.

## 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.

Collections and donations for the weekend of **4 December 2022: \$2 956.40.**

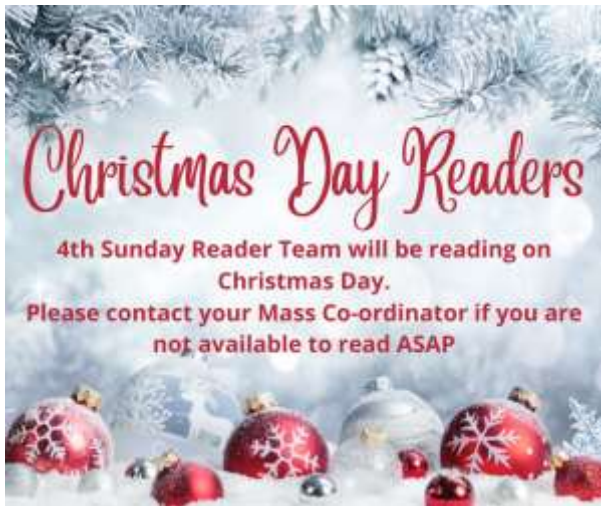
## Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

**RECENT ACTIVITIES:** cleaned walls on shady side of presbytery prior to timber repairs and painting, obtaining quote to remove dead/dying trees beside parish office, obtaining quote for removal of trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery (roots in drains), started removing rotting timbers from garden edges and buildings (to reduce possible termite activity), re-supported fence being blown over in wind (presbytery yard fence along side school oval).

**CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE:** – high-pressure water-blast pathway leading to church, polishing vinyl flooring in church, implement repairs to stop water leaks (wall in priest sacristy, ceiling above reconciliation facility, gutter outside toilets), obtain quote for Termite Management system renewal around the church building, fix/replace damaged fence railing at OSHC, remove dead/dying trees beside parish office (urgent), remove trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery (roots in drains), investigate leaking ladies toilet in church, investigate malfunctioning light at entrance to ladies toilet.

**POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING:** replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval), repaint inside walls of presbytery, replace/repair rusted-out gutter at chapel end of church building.





**Christmas Day Readers**

4th Sunday Reader Team will be reading on Christmas Day.

Please contact your Mass Co-ordinator if you are not available to read ASAP



St Vincent De Paul are selling 2023 Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards at the back of the Church. Prices are marked. Thank You.



**Christmas Mass Times**

Christmas Eve Vigil (Unitas) 5pm  
 Christmas Day (Church) 7am  
 Christmas Day (Church) 9am

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**St Rita's Men's Group**

The St Rita's Men's Social Group will be gathering for their annual Sundowner at Thompson's Beach at 5pm on Friday 16th December (rain permitting) to watch the tide come in (or out) - plenty of parking available.

Bring a chair to sit on and something to eat and drink. Insect spray a good idea. Be prepared to talk.

Please advise Mike Duggan 0429629211 or duggancasa@outlook.com if you are attending

**HEALING MASS**



Will be held Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 9am at St Rita's Catholic Church



**2nd Rite of Reconciliation**

6:30pm  
 Tuesday 13th December 2022  
 St Rita's Church



**Summer Holidays**

Fr Ladu will be on Annual Leave Monday 19th December 2022 - Sunday 15th January 2023.

We welcome Fr Bavin Clarke to St Rita's Parish during this time.

**DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY?**

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