



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—Year A 11th June 2023

This Week's Readings: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, Ps 147:12-15, 19-20, St Paul 10:16-17, John 6:51-58

Next Week —11th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A: Exodus 19:2-26, Ps 99:2-3, 5, St Paul 5:6-11, Matthew 9:36-10:8

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

" True Food "

We live in an age that invented junk food: food that is not real food because it supplies no nourishment and can be harmful to eat. It's not surprising, then, that we also consume volumes of reporting that is mostly opinion, and inform ourselves from sources we can't even identify. Our cultures popular stories are thin, recycled, and not transformative. A lot of what we take in – to our bodies, our minds, our hearts – is just junk.

Some people awaken to that reality and try to make changes. They train themselves to walk past the processed food aisle in the market. They turn off the TV, forsake pre-packaged options, seek out stories which lead beyond romance or cynicism. They look for people engaged in vital living, who go beyond the existence loop that many of us have crawled into: work, eat, entertain, sleep. Some people are looking for true food.

Jesus offers true food to those who believe. Eucharist is how we express that, but the sacrament takes us beyond the sacred elements to the flesh-and-blood avenues of our lives. Jesus gave us the Eucharist to open our eyes to the words he spoke, the stories he told, the transformative action of Spirit that helps us break out of the existence loop and into lives that matter. When we've had enough junk food, the true food is on the table.

What nourishes your body and your spirit? How much cultural junk do you consume, in proportion to the true food of faith?

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WEEKLY DIARY

Daily (Mon, Tues, Fri)

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church
9:30am Rosary Crusade Pro Life

Monday's

8:30am Pro Life Rosary—Chapel
9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church

Tuesday's

9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church
7:00pm Prayer & Praise

Wednesday's

9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church
10:00am Art Group
3:30pm 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

Coochiemudlo Island - Coochiemudlo Island Community Hall,
345 Victoria Parade,
Coochiemudlo Island
11:00am Saturday (May 6th & 20th)
Macleay Island—Church of the Holy Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island
2pm Sunday Mass (May 7th & 21)
9am Liturgy (May 14th & 28th)
Russell Island
Bay Islands Community Services
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island
2pm (May 14th & 28th)
9am Liturgy (May 7th & 21)



"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."

Be an Eternal Guardian of Your Faith

Do you want to ensure that the mission of the Catholic Church and your local parish continues well in to the future?

We need your support to sustain our faith and continue to provide parish facilities, programs and services for generations to come. Your gift, of any amount, will help carry forward the Gospel message to future generations. To find out how you can be an Eternal Guardian of your faith, please contact us on 07 3324 3632 or visit www.catholicfoundation.org.au

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. For safeguarding inquiries or to raise any concerns, disclosures or allegations please contact our

Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698

<https://tinyurl.com/Safeguarding-Incident-Report> <https://tinyurl.com/New-Protecting-Children-Laws>

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Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are ill, especially Bill Mellor, Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Toby Bernal, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, Kay Grieve, Jela Cicak, Matthew Scott and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

We commend all the recently **deceased**, Phillip Ellis.

We pray for all those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time, especially Michael Steves.

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.



The **Ministry to the Sick** team are in urgent need of a **volunteer** to join them in providing a service to fellow parishioners who are unable to attend mass.

Your services will only be required for a couple of hours once each month plus the occasional extra weekend.

The office staff will assist with the required paperwork.

For additional information speak to Angela in the office or Danny Gablonski



Pope's Prayer Intention June 2023

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



Cathedral Masses

<https://tinyurl.com/St-Stephens-Cathedral-Masses>



BUS TRIP—

For our next bus trip, we travel to Esk for some good old country style entertainment. Tickets will go on sale next week for this very popular day out. Cost is only \$45 per person and includes morning tea, lunch and entertainment. Gluten free lunch is \$5 extra (\$50 per ticket). The bus will leave promptly from the school bus stop on Benfer Road at 8am and then will head to the Redlands Marina on our way to Esk. We should return home around 4.15pm approx. St Rita's Bus Trips and Outings are organised for the enjoyment of all. However, if you wish to come but suffer from any serious health issues that could impact on your enjoyment, please see Ange at the Office 3207 9177. This does not necessarily mean you cannot come on the trip - rather it is to ensure the well being of all. This is a recent Workplace Health and Safety and Insurance requirement.

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.

The total for both collections for the weekend of **28 May 2023** is **\$2 392.45**

The total for both collections for the weekend of **4 June 2023** is **\$2 903.20**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – continued painting Presbytery internal walls, replaced swivel nozzle in OSHC kitchen sink.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – removal of trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery - to be scheduled in June, renewal of Termite Management system around the church/school building – to be scheduled 6 July, repairs to corroded church/school gutters (quote still pending), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold), polishing vinyl flooring in church, implement repairs to stop water leaks (wall in priest sacristy, ceiling above reconciliation facility, gutter outside toilets), replace rotted timber on archway leading into church verandah, clean second half of OSHC verandah wall and paint.

POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING – replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval).



Sacramental News

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all those who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend. May you feel the warmth and comfort of the Lord's love with you every day.

Thank you to all who helped during the program, we appreciate your assistance.
From The Sacramental Team



HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

Come and experience God's presence,
as we develop our relationship with Him.
All are welcome to join our praise and worship group,
which meets at St Rita's Parish Chapel,
Tuesday nights, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

(Supper provided)



Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection. The collection is to be taken at the Masses the weekend around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul. Therefore, this year's collection will be taken up on the **25 June 2023** 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time).

The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.

Some talking points on this collection include:

- The Peter's Pence Collection is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world.
- The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.
- In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we take this collection up as a retiring collection.

Weekday Mass Details

Mon 9am Liturgy of the Word	Tue 9am Liturgy of the Word	Wed 9am Liturgy of the Word
Thu NO SERVICE TODAY	Fri 9am Liturgy of the Word	Weekend Normal Weekend Masses



St Rita's Parish Bay Islands News

Macleay Island Mass
18th June 2023 will
commence at 1:45pm

Parish Secretary—**Manly Parish (St John Vianney's)**
Brisbane East and Bayside Suburbs—Permanent - Part Time
Part-time (flexible hours on offer)

To apply for this position, please apply online <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=704660> attaching your current resume and a covering letter addressing your suitability for the position.

For any enquiries, please contact Seamus Baldwin (People & Culture) at baldwins@bne.catholic.net.au

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.



St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul Meetings are held
7pm in The Ruby Room located at
The Parish Office.

All are welcome to attend!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mondays June 5th & 19th
Mondays July 3rd & 17th

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY?

Please fill out the form below and place into the collections box or contact the Parish Office
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