



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time –Year A – 12th February 2023

This Week's Readings: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20, Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34, Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37

Next Week –7th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18, Ps 102:1-4, 8,10,12-13,, Corinthians 3:16-23, Matthew 5:38-48

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

What's in Your Heart?

Years ago, New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd interviewed former President Jimmy Carter during a book tour. At the time, an East Coast political candidate was under fire for her unfortunate comments taken from scripture on sexuality. For Dowd it brought back memories of Carter's notorious confession in a Playboy magazine interview in 1976. "While he had always been faithful to soul (and sole) mate Rosalynn," Dowd wrote, he acknowledged that he had committed adultery "in his heart," a frank and humble admission with this week's gospel in mind.

Carter might have been naïve in answering the interviewer's question so honestly using terms of his own Christian faith. His candour about sinning in his heart earned a flurry of Tonight Show jokes on the one hand and the disdain of the sanctimonious on the other. "I dropped 15 percentage points," Carter said, "and I almost lost the election". Pointing to Carter's continuing frankness even today, Dowd says several times in her column, "It's not easy being Jimmy".

But then it's not easy for anyone to be a Christian, and it shouldn't be. Jesus' words about the gravity of anger and adultery are meant to take us more deeply into our own hearts to examine not only how well we keep rules and laws but to be sure that we understand that merely "looking good" to others is not the same as being good or doing good – and it is the latter that matters to God.

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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 (returning Feb)
4:00pm Choir - St Rita's Church

Thursday's

Parish Priest Day Off (No masses)

Friday's

9:00am Mass—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

PLEASE SEE MASS DATES PAGE

Coochiemudlo Island
Coochiemudlo Island Community Hall
345 Victoria Parade,
Coochiemudlo Island Q 4184
11:00am Saturday (Feb 4th & 17th)

Macleay Island
Church of the Holy Spirit
Scotts Road, Macleay Island Q 4148
2pm Sunday
Russell Island
Bay Islands Community Services
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island
2pm



"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.

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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>

STOPLine Service 1300 304 550 AOB@stopline.com.au www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are ill, especially Isabelle Scaullion, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Julie Davey, Virginia Casinto, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Toby Bernal, Helen Stockwell, Mrlie 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**, especially Terry Latchford.

We pray for all those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time.

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

The Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita – the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking is celebrated on 8th February. On this day Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people that volunteer and work to eradicate this crime.

St Josephine Bakhita, also known as 'Mother Moretta' was kidnapped at the age of nine and sold into slavery. Such was the trauma experienced that she forgot her birth name and her kidnappers gave her the name Bakhita meaning 'fortunate'. Flogging and maltreatment were part of her daily life. She experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery.

It was only in 1882 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul. This event was to transform her life. In this family and, subsequently in a second Italian home, she received from her masters, kindness, respect, peace and joy.

A change in her owner's circumstances meant that she was entrusted to the Canossian Sisters and her next fifty years were spent witnessing God's love through cooking, sewing, embroidery and attending to the door. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. As she grew older she experienced long, painful years of sickness, but she continued to persevere in hope, constantly choosing the good. During her last days she relived the painful days of her slavery and more than once begged: 'Please, loosen the chains... they are heavy!'. Surrounded by the sisters, she died on 8 February 1947. February 8 has been designated as a day of prayer, reflection and action to end the injustice of human trafficking.

God Bless
Fr Ladu



Pope's Prayer Intention February 2023

For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



PRIMARY SCHOOL MASSES

*We welcome back the Staff and Students of St Rita's Primary School for a new school year.
Class Masses resume 2pm Mondays.*

6K & 2L students will start off our class masses at 2pm Monday 13th February 2023.

Parents and Friends are welcome to attend.

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 **5 February 2023: \$3 203.25**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES: – Repaired malfunctioning light at entrance to ladies church toilet, installed external power outlet for gardeners at back of chapel, commenced installation of side view panels either side of chapel doors, removed unwanted items in garden/storage shed and cleaned up.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE: – repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark, repair to plaster wall in Chapel (caused by statue bracket), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves, removal of trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery (roots in drains), polishing vinyl flooring in church, implement repairs to stop water leaks (wall in priest sacristy, ceiling above reconciliation facility, gutter outside toilets), renewal of Termite Management system around the church building (quote obtained).

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.

HAVE A CHAT Club!

The FIRST Have A Chat get together for 2023 will be held Thursday 23rd February at the Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club 11:30am.

Our club is for ladies who like to get out of the house and meet other ladies, have a laugh and a nice meal.



Lucky door prize.

For more information call Elaine Pascoe 0429 925 989



HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

"Alleluia, Praise the Lord, children, Praise the name of the Lord. Blessed is the name of the Lord, from this time forward and even forever. From the rising of the sun, even to its setting, praiseworthy is the name of the Lord." Psalms 112:1-3

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



This Tuesday will be Gospel sharing.

All are welcome to attend

Please call

MAY RICHARSON 0435212787

EJ POLOTAN 0403658827

Available after weekend Masses, see Mass Coordinator.

Available at Parish Office during the week.

\$8.00 Each



LENTEN PROGRAM 2023



Hannah Maree Davies

Will be Baptised Sunday 12th February 2023.

We welcome Hannah and her Family into our Parish Community.

We invite everyone to the Festival Mass



Being held at St Rita's Catholic Parish 37-39 Benfer Road Victoria Point 4165

Monday 13th March 2023 at 7pm
Followed by a light supper

RSVP Monday 6th March 2023
Email: Christine.neilson@svdp.org.au

Bay Island Masses held 2:00pm Sunday

MONTH	DATE	MACLEAY	RUSSELL	SUNDAY	COLOUR
JANUARY	8TH	Liturgy of Word Fr Bavin Clarke		THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	WHITE
JANUARY	15TH	Fr Bavin Clarke	Liturgy of Word	2ND SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
JANUARY	22ND	Liturgy of Word Fr Ladu Yanga		3RD SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
JANUARY	29TH	Fr Ladu Yanga	Liturgy of Word	4TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	5TH	Liturgy of Word Fr Ladu Yanga		5TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	12TH	Fr Ladu Yanga	Liturgy of Word	6TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	2ND	Liturgy of Word Fr Ladu Yanga		7TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	26TH	Fr Ladu Yanga	Liturgy of Word	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	VIOLET

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