



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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3rd Sunday in Lent —Year A — 12th March 2023

This Week's Readings: Exodus 17:3-7, Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42

Next Week —4th Sunday of Lent—Year A: Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13, Ps 22, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### Come Back to the Well

A while back, a young youth minister came to our parish to help out on weekends. He loved coffee, the stronger the better. And if he wasn't drinking coffee, he had a large bottle of Diet Coke in his hands. So I was surprised on the night before Ash Wednesday when he announced he had decided to give up caffeine for Lent.

The next day after four services and blessings of people with ashes, I settled in my room to relax. The young guy buzzed me on the intercom and asked if I would come to his room. He was sick. He told me that he had the worst headache in his life. With no caffeine in his system, he had gone into serious withdrawal. I gave him some painkillers, and they almost immediately made a difference. I didn't tell him that the brand I used had caffeine as one of the ingredients. I figured he needed to be weaned from it rather than go cold turkey.

Why do we thirst and long for living water like the chosen people thirsted for water in the desert? It is because it has been taken from us, not by anyone else, but because of our own sinfulness. We have been blessed to have been drinking the same water that Jesus offered to the Samaritan woman in the gospel. But we have inexplicably, through our own sinfulness, chosen to go without it, cold turkey, and we realise now that we cannot live without it. So we need to admit our sinfulness and come back to the well of life, to be once again refreshed and renewed. It is a well that will never run dry.

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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

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

\*PLEASE SEE MASS DATES PAGE\*

Coochiemudlo Island

Coochiemudlo Island Community Hall

345 Victoria Parade,

Coochiemudlo Island Q 4184

11:00am Saturday (March 4th & 18th)

Macleay Island

Church of the Holy Spirit

Scotts Road, Macleay Island Q 4148

2pm Sunday (March 12th & 26th)

Russell Island

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm (March 5th & 19th)



"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](http://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>

STOPline Service 1300 304 550 AOB@stopline.com.au www.bncatholic.stoplinereport.com

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

All those who are **ill**, especially 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, 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 Anna Kwiatkowski and Jean Sheppard.

**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

Brothers and sisters,

Our Catechumens, Luke & Brooke, are currently in the period of Purification and Enlightenment.

At this time it is for reflection and prayer and a time to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus.

This is a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more in interior reflection than catechetical instruction.

This weekend, Luke & Brooke, will at the 7am Mass on Sunday, participate in the First Rite of Healing & Strengthening and Presentation of the Creed.

Please join me them prayer and reflection at this time.



God Bless  
Fr Ladu



### Pope's Prayer Intention March 2023

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



### 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.*

*5K & 2L students will start off our class masses at 2pm Monday 13th March 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.

The total for both collections for the weekend of **5 March 2023** is **\$2 941.00**.

### **Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:**

**RECENT ACTIVITIES** – no activities.

**CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE** – repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark, 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.



## Sacramental News

### First Holy Communion

Primary school children who are in year 4, turning 9 this year or older, and have made their Confirmation, are eligible to make their First Holy Communion this year. If you live in our Parish area and are wanting your child to make their first Holy Communion at **St Rita's Parish** please see the details below about the Parent information night, enrolment sessions and Rite of enrolment Masses we will be having. You will need to attend one of each of these. A full timetable will be given out in the parent information envelopes on the Information night. First Holy Communions are planned to take place in June for the children who join us for their Sacramental preparation.

#### Enrolment Session (children need not attend)

Wednesday 15 March

Place & time: **Ruby room beside the St Rita's Parish office.**

(The Building behind the Presbytery)

8am-9 am or 5.30pm-6.30pm

**Please ensure you have all items on your check list which you'll receive on the Parent Information night.**

#### Rite of Enrolment Masses

(Bookings essential)

Saturday 25 March or

Sunday 26 March

Place and Time: **St Rita's Church**

5pm Saturday Mass or 9am Mass

Children receive their workbooks to start on at home.

\*Please note: The Parish has a Piety Stall (Memorabilia Items) available to you where you are able to purchase religious items to commemorate this time in your child's life.

## 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)



### St Rita's Men's Social Group



St Rita's Men's Social group will be meeting on **Friday 17 March at 10:30** in the Ruby Room for a morning tea and viewing of the **Black Knights – the story of RAAF Catalinas in the Battle for Australia.**

**Please advise Mike Duggan if you would like to attend 0429629211 or [duggancasa@outlook.com](mailto:duggancasa@outlook.com)**

## Ryder Brian Laws



*Will be Baptised Sunday 12th March 2023.  
We welcome Ryder and her Family  
into our Parish Community.*



### Third Sunday of Lent 11 & 12 March



Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

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

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