



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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32nd Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A 12th November 2023

**This Week's Readings:** Wisdom 6:12-16, 8-10, Ps 62:2-8, Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

Next Week —33rd Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, Ps 127:1-5, Thessalonians 5:1-6, Matthew 25:14-30

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## Keeping Vigil

(Matthew 25:1-13)

For a few years I worked in downtown San Francisco. It's a lovely city by every standard, but it has one drawback that gives newcomers pause: it's located on an earthquake fault line. When you ask long-term residents how they cope with the idea that at any moment, without warning, their entire world could collapse under their feet, they look at you with the amusement of experience. "You get used to it," they tell you.

Most people who live on fault lines dismiss the odds. They don't have the emergency supplies on hand that local phone books recommend: enough bottled water for several days, torches, spare batteries, a transistor radio. To non-residents, this seems like madness. But consider all the things you may not be prepared for. How many people go through life without health insurance? Who prepare for divorce, disability, or unemployment? In some ways, we all go about without oil in our lamps, like the five in the story, playing the odds that we won't come up short.

One way to be prepared for any eventuality is to ground our lives, not in fluctuating circumstances, but in Christ. Though the earth shiver and crack open beneath us someday, we won't be lost if Christ is the bedrock upon which we stand.

What is the central truth upon which your life is grounded? Will that truth support you "come hell or high water"?

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## WEEKLY DIARY

**Daily (MON, TUES, WED, FRI)**

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church

**MONDAY'S**

9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church

9:30am Rosary Crusade Pro Life

**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 (4th & 18th Nov)

**MACLEAY ISLAND**—Church of the Holy

Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island

2pm Sunday Mass (5th & 19th Nov)

9am Liturgy (12th & 26th Nov)

**RUSSELL ISLAND**

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm Sunday Mass (12th & 26th Nov)

2pm Virtual (5th & 19th Nov)



**"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?

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Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698 [sa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au)

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

**All those who are ill, especially** Ross Cooper, Pauline Walker, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Bill Mellor, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, 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, Mario Collavino, Margaretha Croes and Maria Ney.**

**We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Max Kelly, Anthony & Annie Dunne and Ted Brown.**

**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.**



## Month of Remembering

November is the month in which we commemorate those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. During November, the Book of Remembrance will be placed in the Church. You are invited to write the names of those you wish to be included in the Book of Remembrance on the list provided. You will also find November Mass Offering envelopes to complete if you would like a commemoration Mass to be celebrated. Completed envelopes with offerings can be placed on the collection plates or returned to the Parish Office.



## Pope's Prayer Intention November 2023

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



## Cathedral Masses

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

## Yindi Reilly



Will be Baptised Sunday 12th November 2023.

We welcome Jindi and her family into our Parish Community.



Advent  
2023

\$5 each

Place money in the envelope provided then on the collection trays.

### 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 **29th October 2023** is **\$2 607.20**.

### WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – attended to OSHC sliding door track/rollers, outside walls of OSHC building pressure cleaned (by contractor).

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – repairs to corroded church/school gutters (repairs scheduled ??), polishing vinyl flooring in church, annual carpet deep clean in OSHC, paint OSHC verandah wall, repair, clean & paint inside walls of OSHC building, repairs to kitchen cupboards in OSHC, removal of mould and sanding/ painting of presbytery window sills doors and door frames (scheduled for 2024), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold).

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



## Sacramental News

### **FIRST PENANCE Youth Session #2**

5:00pm—6:30pm

Thursday 23rd November

- Please bring your child's My Sacramental journey Penance booklet
- Children can be dropped off and picked up by a parent at 6.30pm. Parents must sign children in and out and fill in emergency contact details.
- Session will be broken down in to 3 sections as below:

5:00 – 5.40pm - Christian Life

5.40 – 5.50pm – Break & drink

5.50 – 6:30pm – Choices

**Help prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas** by attending the following 4 week bible study course by

Dr Brant Pitre

Morning Session 9.00am

Evening Session 6.30pm

in the Ruby Room.

- 9 November: The Biblical Roots of Advent (1st Sunday of Advent)
- 16 November: John the Baptist and the Preparation (3rd/4th Sundays of Advent)
- 23 November: The First Coming of the Messiah (5th Sunday of Advent)
- 30 November: The Jewish Roots of Christmas

Any inquiries contact John or Grace (0450 063 408)

## Message Stick for the 150th Anniversary of St Stephen's Cathedral

The journey of the Message Stick is designed to herald the 150th Anniversary of the completion and opening of the Cathedral of St Stephen on the sacred lands of the First Nations Peoples of Meanjin Brisbane. This Message Stick, an ancient and culturally significant instrument of welcome and acceptance, is travelling around the Archdiocese of Brisbane. It will be in our parish on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November and the school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

The Message Stick holds an invitation for parishioners across the Archdiocese to come together on Pentecost Sunday, 2024, at the Cathedral to celebrate this momentous occasion.

## 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)

Bring your family and friends  
& come and enjoy a delicious  
Christmas lunch in the air  
conditioned  
Ginger Factory.



## St Rita's Christmas Bus Trip

**Tuesday, 21 November**

**Cost only \$50.00**

For further information, please ring Marie on 0411 459014.

Tickets on sale from the weekend of 29/30 October  
until 11/12 November at all masses.

The bus will leave at 8.00 a.m from St Rita's Benfer Road with  
a pick up at the Marina and return approximately at 4.00 pm.



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

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