



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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6th Sunday of Easter —Year A— 14th MAY 2023

This Week's Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20, St Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21

Next Week —The Ascension of the Lord—Year A: Acts 1:1-11, Ps 46:2-3, 6-9, St Peter 1:17-23, Matthew 28:16-20

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

“ Love and Evidence ”

No lover is fooled by words of love that are not supported by actions. Love is in the evidence. Flowers and poems are good, but holding a feverish child is better. A candlelight dinner or an anniversary present helps, but what's worth more is constancy, fidelity, presence.

Jesus says knowing the commandments is not enough: lovers of God will be known by their observance of a faithful life. We can't fool divinity by ritual acts and pious looks. The One who sees into human hearts knows if our love is lip service or real passion.

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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?

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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.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Colleen Ashe and Thomas Berton.

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.

# A Notice from Fr Ladu

Brothers and sisters,

Archbishop Mark writes:

The injustice done to First Nations peoples in this country is a running sore at the heart of the nation. It is contemporary Australia's original sin... We need a genuinely new engagement of the Church with the First Nations peoples, especially in an Archdiocese like this where the Indigenous presence is strong. A new engagement will mean, first of all, listening to Indigenous voices, and believing that we can learn if we really listen. In the past, non-Indigenous Australia has struggled to believe that we could learn anything from First Nations peoples. They could learn from us, but not we from them. That has to change, both in the Church and in Australia more generally. Then the listening and learning need to lead to action.

God Bless  
Fr Ladu

### Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023

1. TEACHING PRAYER
2. RESHAPING PARISH COMMUNITIES
3. BRINGING CULTURAL COMMUNITIES TO THE CENTRE
4. RESPONDING TO ABUSE AND THE ABUSED
5. ENGAGING ANEW WITH FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES
6. IMPLEMENTING INTEGRAL ECOLOGY
7. EMBEDDING SYNODAL GOVERNANCE



## Pope's Prayer Intention May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



## Cathedral Masses

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



## Feast of St Rita Mass &

## Blessing of Stained Glass Window



Celebrated by  
Archbishop Mark Coleridge

6:00pm

Monday 22nd May  
St Rita's Parish Church  
Victoria Point

Light Refreshments following,  
please bring a plate to share.

## 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 **7 May 2023** is **\$2 831.90**

## Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – no activities

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – repairs to Church Men's toilet (leaking), repairs to corroded church/school gutters (quote pending), 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



Family Session 2 will be held in the Church  
6:30pm-7:30pm Wednesday 24th May.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD'S ACTIVITY BOOK.**

## Maverick Mark Knott



*Will be Baptised Sunday 14th May 2023.  
We welcome Maverick and his Family  
into our Parish Community.*



The Catholic Charity Aid to the Church in Need has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria?

These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit [www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal](http://www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal) or scan the QR code.



The second "A Morning's Prayer" for 2023 Saturday June 3rd from 9am to 12pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston.

The topic for the event will be "Knowing and Loving Our God." We will delve into understanding who God is for us and the mystery of the Trinity, through input, personal prayer, meditation and fellowship in a space designed to facilitate an encounter with God. Saturday 3 June, 9am-12pm. Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. \$20. Register [app.tickets.org.au/eb/amp23\\_2](http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amp23_2)



## 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)



Ladies will get together again at the  
Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on Thursday 27th April  
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.

Seniors Meals available.  
All Welcome.



For more information call  
Elaine Pascoe  
0429 925 989



Thank you very much to all the amazing people who supported the fundraising stall for Our Pixie Friends. The response was overwhelming. We raised \$1621 which will enable us to deliver packs to many children experiencing trauma as part of The Cozipal Project. We are currently working with Real Support Services to find out how many of each pack they require for their children who have been removed from their homes due to child safety concerns.

Thank you for your generosity. From Siobhan Wilson

*thank you*



## 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 May 1st & 15th  
Mondays June 5th & 19th  
Mondays July 3rd & 17th

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

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