



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time –Year A – 15th January 2023

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6, Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10, Corinthians 1:1-3, John 1:29-34

Next Week —3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A: Isaiah 8:23-9:3, Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14, Corinthians 1:10-13, 17, Matthew 4:12-23

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

I allow a sense of internal stillness to emerge by deliberately slowing down and letting go of my stream of thoughts and feelings. I ask the Holy Spirit to come to my aid, to create a space for my encounter with the Lord. When I am ready, I read the Gospel several times over. I note and attend to what draws me from within the passage. Like John, I, too, may look at Jesus ... really look, and see him for who he truly is. How would I describe him: a deeply trusted teacher, a friend or...? Maybe I do not know him well enough or even trust him yet? Or – again like John – I may want to ponder my sense of growing faith and the ways in which I recognise Christ in my life today. I reflect on who he is for me, in all aspects of my life. I beg the Lord that I might see him, love him, and follow him more fully, day by day. I spend time in prayerful attention, perhaps pondering my own baptism. What might God be asking of me now, as his witness? I speak to the Lord from the depths of my heart and mind. As we begin 2020, I pray for the Spirit to rest on the whole world, on the baptised and un-baptised; to bring healing, hope and a recognition of Christ in our midst.

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WEEKLY DIARY

Daily (Mon, Tues, Fri)

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church

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 (Dec 17th)

Macleay Island

Church of the Holy Spirit

Scotts Road, Macleay Island Q 4148

2pm Sunday (1st & 3rd Sunday)

Russell Island

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm (2nd & 4th Sunday)



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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 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, Marlie 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**
We pray for all those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time, especially Doris Falzon.



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.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God. In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.



Pope's Prayer Intention January 2023

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

"so, He said to them, be cautious and wary of all avarice. For a person's life is not found in the abundance of the things that he possesses." Luke 12:15

On Tuesday (7:00pm), 17 January 2023, Fr Ladu will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass for the blessing received in 2022 and prayers for Hosanna Prayer and Praise Group and its leadership and its 2023 activities.

All are welcome to attend



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Collections and donations for the weekend of **8 January 2023: \$2 870.75**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

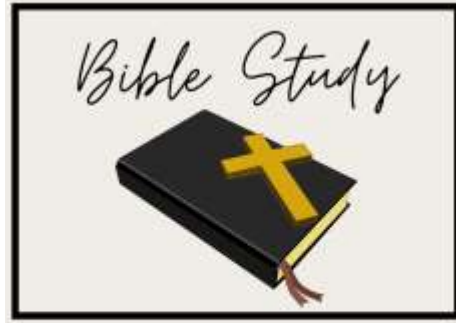
RECENT ACTIVITIES: – deep cleaning of carpets in presbytery.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE: – painting of presbytery gutters, removal of trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery (roots in drains), high-pressure water-blast pathway leading to church, 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, fix/replace damaged fence railing at OSHC, investigate leaking ladies toilet in church, investigate malfunctioning light at entrance to ladies toilet, deep cleaning of carpets in presbytery.

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.

Primary School Christian Religious Instruction (CRI)

Calling for people who love God and children to volunteer to give children Bible story lessons at Carbrook, Mt Cotton, Redland Bay and other local State primary schools. The lessons are 30 or 45 minutes once a fortnight. Curriculum is provided, you don't have to be a Teacher to do this but you will need Fr Ladu's approval, a Blue card and three short courses. Without people stepping up to do this some of these children may miss out entirely on hearing about our loving God and learning about Jesus. Other ways to help are by praying for all involved, assisting in classes or financially contributing to the cost of curriculum. For more information, please contact the CRI Coordinator Jennifer Fielding on 0412675440



We are pleased to announce our first bible study of 2023 which will be a 6 session presentation on 'Why we Worship'. Leading up to Lent this will help us understand and appreciate how our Catholic mass is rooted in the old testament and the book of Revelation. The presenter is Dr Brant Pitre, Distinguished Research Professor of Scripture at The Augustine Institute.

All are welcome, no homework and no previous study required.

Where: Ruby Room
When: Thursday mornings 9am to 10am
 Thursday evenings 7pm to 8.15pm

Commencing: Thursday 12 January 2023

Inquiries: Grace and John 0450063408

Great Characters in the Bible Podcast

Hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, this podcast series will focus on the Bible as a story filled with fascinating human characters from the old and new testament. We are going to meet these characters, as they tell us a lot about humanity, and they are coming to meet us, as they do in the stories of scripture. You can subscribe to this podcast on Apple Podcasts or Spotify streaming platforms to receive each episode directly to your device.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/podcast-series-on-great-characters-of-the-bible/>



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul meetings will be held at 7.00pm on a Monday night, the 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month in The Ruby Room. The next meeting is Monday 16th January.



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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