



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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28th Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A 15th October 2023

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10, Ps 22, Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20, Matthew 21:1-14

Next Week —29th Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6, Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10, Thessalonians 1:1-5, 19-20, Matthew 22:15-21

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Dining in God's House

(Matthew 22: 1 - 14)

This is a strange story: why should invited guests not come to a king's wedding feast? In our time, any celebrity who throws a party can expect everyone to come, the invited along with the uninvited. People want to see and be seen at notable occasions. Certainly, a royal wedding qualifies as a must-see event.

But in this story people do the remarkably inappropriate thing: they snub the king. And when the king practically begs them to come a second time, some of those invited do violence to the messengers. This is such an incredible response: we recognise that Jesus is referring to the response to himself and to prophets who came before him. No one would behave this way to a king, his son, and his servants,

Jesus is saying. And yet you behave this way to God, God's son, and the prophets.

As listeners to this story, we have a choice. We can be like those invited who don't bother to go, or who retaliate with rage. We can come without preparation. Or we can have something to say for ourselves if caught poorly clad at God's feast. "O God, have mercy on me, a sinner," is a good prayer to have on hand.

Which role do you see yourself playing in the parable of the wedding feast?

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STAR OF THE SEA 4TH PARISH MISSION

Led by Fr Ray Sanchez CP

From Sunday 22nd October to Friday 27th October 2023

There will be five (5) sessions:

1. Dealing with change in the world and in the Church: (Sun 22 Oct - Evening session only)
2. Pope Francis in a Time of Transition (Mon 23 Oct)
3. Eucharist as Communion Meal and Sacrifice (Tuesday 24 Oct)
(Wednesday 27 Oct - REST DAY - no session)
4. Transition and Solitude (Thursday 26 Oct)
5. The Church in a Time of Change & 2nd Rite of Reconciliation (Friday 27 Oct)

We conclude the Mission with a celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

MORNING SESSIONS: 9.15am to 12.15pm

EVENING SESSIONS: 7 to 9pm

All sessions are done in the morning and repeated that evening, with a morning Eucharist to precede the morning ones. No session on Wednesday. Tea and coffee available after the 9.15am Mass each day.
GRAB A BOOKLET FROM THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH FOR MORE INFORMATION

Calling all new and current Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (for Mass only)

Ministry Training:
MONDAY 30 OCTOBER
at 6.30pm in the church

Please RSVP to Grace Fogarty,
Madonna Hennessy or the
Parish Office

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 (21st Oct)

MACLEAY ISLAND—Church of the Holy

Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island

2pm Sunday Mass (8th, 22nd Oct)

9am Liturgy (1st, 15th, 29th Oct)

RUSSELL ISLAND

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm Sunday Mass (1st, 15th, 29th Oct)

2pm Virtual (8th, 22nd Oct)



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For safeguarding inquiries or to raise any concerns, disclosures or allegations please contact our

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Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are ill, especially Ross Cooper, Pauline Walker, Elaine Prestney, 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 Max Kelly.



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 Rony

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, Archbishop appointed me as the Administrator of this Parish Community. My name is Fr Rony Kalapurackal Chacko. I am from one of the Southern states of India, called Kerala, the same region from Fr Joseph, former parish priest.

At home I have my parents (Chacko and Rosamma) and 8 siblings. I am the 6 one among the 9. I belong to a religious order, called MCBS (Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament) which founded in Kerala in 1933. I am ordained as a priest in 2015. First four years of priesthood, I worked in one of our communications offices. In 2020 January, just before Covid, landed in Brisbane. First couple of years, I was appointed as the Associate Pastor at Jubilee Parish and from 2022 January as Parish priest at Star of the Sea Cleveland. I

ask your prayers and support to walk with you as a good shepherd. I am so blessed to have Fr Ravi with me. Let us work together to bring the Good news to everyone.



Pope's Prayer Intention October 2023

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



Cathedral Masses

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

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The total for both collections for the weekend of **1 October 2023** is **\$2 978.05**

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – annual termite inspection and pest control spraying for Parish Office, Presbytery, Church and OSHC building (9 Oct), WH&S Audit by Archdiocesan Workplace Health & Safety Advisor (10 Oct), repaired hinge on Holy Oils cabinet. Replaced Fire Blanket sign in kitchen of Presbytery.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – repairs to corroded church/school gutters (repairs scheduled ??), leak in cistern connection in church toilet, polishing vinyl flooring in church, clean second half of OSHC verandah wall & paint, clean & paint inside walls of OSHC building, 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), progressive upgrade of pole lights in school/church carpark.

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

Congratulations to all the newly **Confirmed** children at St Rita's Parish

**May God bless and keep you;
May God's face shine on you;
May God be kind to you and give you peace.**

The Ceremonies were truly beautiful, the children read the prayers so well. We thank all those whose efforts went into making it such a success, especially Bishop Tim Norton, Fr Ladu, the Sacramental team members Sylvia, Jeremy and Ashlea, Angela Dodd for making the lovely Stoles, the Choir for their beautiful singing, the Altar servers, all the volunteers who helped set up the Church and Deb and Tony for their hospitality at morning tea. God bless and thank you all from Jennifer Fielding, Sacramental Coordinator.

FIRST PENANCE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT **St Rita's Church, Wednesday, 18th October** **5.30-6.30pm**

- Children who have been Baptised, Confirmed and have made their First Holy Communion are eligible to make this Sacrament.
- Information for Parents about Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation in the First Rite will be provided on the night.
- Parents receive an enrolment form, schedule and Please pray for me page for children to do, on the night.

All Saints' Mass

Wednesday 1st November
at 9:00 am in St Rita's Church

and

All Souls' Mass

Thursday 2nd November
at 9:00 am in St Rita's Church

followed by a

Remembrance Ceremony

in St Rita's Garden of Remembrance
with
Morning Tea afterwards

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)

You're Invited to a Morning of Appreciation!

Join us as we thank our incredible sponsors and supporters. Your unwavering support has brought smiles to countless faces. It's time to celebrate YOU!

Date: November 10th

Time: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Location: My Horizon: 1-15A Runnymede Road, Capalaba. 4157

Hear about the pixie magic you've helped to sprinkle in our community, meet like-minded individuals, and enjoy a delightful morning tea.

Please RSVP by November 3rd to ensure we have enough sprizzletastic treats for everyone.

Let us know you'll be there to share this special moment with us by emailing ourpixiefriends@gmail.com. Please notify us of any dietary requirements.

If you would like to bring your team along, you're more than welcome! Your ticket is free, but anyone else you wish to invite will cost \$15 per person to cover the costs of catering.

We can't wait to celebrate with you and express our heartfelt gratitude. Together, we've made a difference, and together, we'll continue to shine!

-Siobhan and The Our Pixie Friends Team



A Special Invitation

*Family, Friends and Parishioners
of our Beloved Deceased
(including those interred in the Columbarium)*

are invited to attend

*The All Souls' Day Mass
at St Rita's Church*

followed by

*A Remembrance Ceremony
at St Rita's Garden of Remembrance*

to be held on

Thursday 2nd November at 9 am

with Morning Tea afterwards

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