



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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Devine Mercy Sunday —Year A — 16th April 2023

This Week's Readings: Acts 2:42-47, Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, St Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

Next Week —3rd Sunday of Easter—Year A: Acts 2:14, 22-33, Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11, St Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### " The Imperishable Inheritance "

Thomas' challenge to his friends was graphic and harsh. If Jesus had indeed returned, he wanted to see the marks of his crucifixion. And Thomas got his wish, though he certainly hadn't counted on it.

Many bear the marks of crucifixion as they make their way through the world. The abused child, the jaded adult, the dying elder all show signs of the suffering they endure. We can, like Thomas, reach out and finger these wounds in others if we doubt their existence. But more useful is the healing touch Jesus demonstrated on so many occasions in his ministry. We may not have a miraculous gift for healing, but we do have within our grasp the capacity to kiss; hold a hand; spend some time; speak a word of kindness. The sheer amount of suffering in the world can overwhelm us and lead to inaction. But a Christian has a clear calling to the signs of suffering in others. With the cross as our inheritance, we know even wounds can be glorified.

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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 (April 1st & 15th)  
*Macleay Island*—Church of the Holy Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island  
2pm Sunday Mass (April 23rd)  
9am Liturgy (April 16th & 30th)  
*Russell Island*  
Bay Islands Community Services  
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island  
2pm (April 2nd, 16th & 30th)  
9am Liturgy (April 23rd)



"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."

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**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, 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 Dianne Thomas, Peggy Kelly and Madonna Jansen.

**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,

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

God Bless  
Fr Ladu



## Pope's Prayer Intention April 2023

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



## CATHEDRAL MASSES

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

### 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 **Easter** weekend of **9 April 2023** is **\$3 164.35**.

### 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

Learn the Rosary will be held at the Church at 4pm on Thursday 20th April 2023. We look forward to seeing you there!



## 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)

## HELP—Raffle Prizes Please PLEASE HELP

St Rita's bus trips are some of the cheapest, if not the cheapest, around. This is thanks to the superb raffle prizes and generosity of all those who buy tickets which help us keep the costs down.

We are in desperate need of more prizes. All donated prizes, no matter how big or small, are very helpful to us and are very greatly appreciated.

If you can help out, please let Jill Welldon 0412702593, Marie & Tom Pearson 0408459054 or Dorothy & Michael Byrnes 0431262044.

They would love to hear from you.



## HAVE A CHAT Club!

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!



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*Project Compassion Donations must be returned by next Sunday 23rd April at the latest.*



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