



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A 16th July 2023

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11, Ps 64:10-14, Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23

Next Week —16th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

“ Blessed Eyes, Blessed Ears ”

My Dad's hearing started to fail. My vision has gotten to the point where I need two kinds of glass in my glasses. Our senses have a built-in obsolescence that we ignore till they balk and we find out there's no warranty.

Seeing and hearing are gifts not to be taken for granted, but understanding with the heart is greater still. Jesus never blames the blind man for his blindness, nor a deaf person for not responding. But he does have a lot to say about people who walk wide-eyed into episodes of sin. Jesus is blunt with religious people who refuse to change their hearts. They (we!) enjoy the advantage of having God's word sown like seed in our soil, and yet nothing is cultivated and nothing grows. No plot of ground is responsible for its barrenness if the seed never arrives there. But woe to the ground that's planted and yields dust! Far better to stop going to church and stop calling ourselves Christian, than to adopt the name and go on, deaf and blind to Jesus.

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WEEKLY DIARY

Daily (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri)

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church
9:30am Rosary Crusade Pro Life

Monday's

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 (June 17, July 15)
Macleay Island—Church of the Holy Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island
2pm Sunday Mass (June 18—1:45pm)
9am Liturgy (June 25, July 9)
Russell Island
Bay Islands Community Services
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island
2pm Sunday Mass (June 25, July 9)
2pm Virtual (June 18, July 2)

Readers for the weekend 29th & 30th July will be looked after by the 3rd Sunday of the Month Team.



“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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Do you want to ensure that the mission of the Catholic Church and your local parish continues well in to the future?

We need your support to sustain our faith and continue to provide parish facilities, programs and services for generations to come. Your gift, of any amount, will help carry forward the Gospel message to future generations. To find out how you can be an Eternal Guardian of your faith, please contact us on 07 3324 3632 or visit www.catholicfoundation.org.au

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STOPLine Service ☎ 1300 304 550 ✉ AOB@stopline.com.au 🌐 www.bneatholic.stoplinereport.com

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 Jim Sheppard.

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.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NETWORK



GRAND PLANS FOR GRANDPARENTS

Celebrating World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Calling all Grandparents!

Join us for a morning to celebrate your important role in sharing faith with the next generation. Be equipped, empowered and inspired to engage with renewed enthusiasm. Connect with fellow grandparents to share and build a supportive community of grandparents on mission together!

Saturday 22 July 9:15 -11:15 am
Hanly Room, 196 Charlotte St, Brisbane


Cost \$15
 Free parking available
 Attendees are invited to stay for 11:30am Mass and blessing at St Stephen's Cathedral



Guest Speaker
 Robert Falzon, MenAlive Founder



To register, scan or click here by 17 July



Pope's Prayer Intention July 2023

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



Cathedral Masses

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




The July Edition of the Catholic Leader is available to purchase for \$4 from the Catholic Leader Stand in the Church.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

For audit purposes, it is preferred that the amount you give is written on the envelope. The would be very helpful. Thank you.

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

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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 **9 July 2023** is **\$2 328.85**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – continued painting of Presbytery internal walls, replaced several curtains, grinding of tree stumps.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – clean-out garden bed alongside presbytery fence where trees removed, waterblast mouldy pathways leading to Parish Office, removal of mould and sanding and painting of presbytery window sills, doors and door frames, repairs to corroded church/school gutters (quote still pending), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold), polishing vinyl flooring in church, implement repairs to stop water leaks (wall in priest sacristy, ceiling above reconciliation facility, gutter outside toilets), replace rotted timber on archway leading into church verandah, clean second half of OSHC verandah wall and paint.

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.



Sacrament of Confirmation 2023 ENROLMENTS

Monday 17th July 2023

8 - 9am or 5 - 6pm

Ruby Room beside the St Rita's Parish office

(The building behind the Presbytery)

Important - Please bring:

- Completed Enrolment form
- Child's Birth and Baptism certificate copies
- Program payment



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

This month Aid to the Church in Need is raising money to build a parish house in Sierra Leone.

The parishioners of the parish of

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have been trying to help their priest who is living in a house that is decaying due to heavy rainfall and salt-laden sea air but they themselves are poor and have little to give. ACN has promised to help but we need your help to make this possible.

To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyprojector or scan the QR code.



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)



"A Morning's Prayer" for 2023 will take place on Saturday July 29th from 9am to 12pm. The morning will be facilitated by Shane Dwyer, Associate Director for Adult Faith at Evangelisation Brisbane, and held at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston.

The Catholic experience can be about liturgy, sacraments and responding to Church teaching. As valuable as these elements of our faith are. A Mornings Prayer is about locating something that sits underneath all that the profound engagement with God Father, Son and Holy Spirit who loves us and desires to walk with us in our lives as they are. Cost: \$25

When: 9am-12pm, Saturday 29 July

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre



PRIMARY SCHOOL MASSES

We welcome back the Staff and Students of St Rita's Primary School for Term 32.

Class Masses resume 2pm Mondays.

4K & PL students will start off our class masses

at 2pm Monday 17th July 2023.

Parents and Friends are welcome to attend.



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!

JULY MEETING

Monday 17th July

VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

Archbishop Mark Coleridge publicly endorsed the Uluru Statement *From The Heart* on behalf of the Archdiocese of Brisbane at an event at Ormiston. In July Star of the Sea Parish will be holding 4 sessions to reflect and discuss Archbishop Mark's endorsement. Pope Francis calls us to "discover Christ in the poor, to lend out voice to their cause". Over 4 sessions we invite all people to take this journey.

For more information, contact

Tony Moore
0409 025 595.

DATE & TIME	VENUE	THEME	
19 July, Wednesday 10 to 11am	Parish Meeting Room	<i>Voice Crying in the Wilderness</i>	Morning Sessions
26 July, Wednesday 10 to 11am	Parish Meeting Room	<i>A New Heart and a New Spirit</i>	
18 July, Tuesday 6.30 to 7.30pm	Parish Meeting Room	<i>The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor</i>	Evening Sessions
25 July Tuesday 6.30 to 7.30pm	Parish Meeting Room	<i>The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me</i>	

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