



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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24th Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A 17th September 2023

This Week's Readings: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7, Ps 102:1-4, 9-12, Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18:21-35

Next Week —25th Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A: Isaiah 55:6-9, Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, Philippians 1:20-24, 27, Matthew 20:1-16

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GOSPEL REFLECTION



“Tough Compassion”

If someone was locked in the embrace of sin, it's the servant in this parable about mercy. Though compassion is shown to him, he's incapable of returning it. Watch the way he treats his fellow servant! His unforgiveness imprisons him in the same way.

The spirit of unforgiveness lurks in Peter's question about 'how much' forgiveness is required. What he's really asking is: When can I reasonably refuse to forgive those who offend me? Surely there's a limit to how much forgiveness is strictly necessary.

Jesus won't play this game. Jesus paints God as a king willing to forgive an outrageous sum owed to him, not because it's necessary - a king has no obligation to forgive anything - but for compassion's sake. Peter, in the guise of the first servant, sees his anger against his brother as actually justifiable. In the world of gospel parable, that attitude is destined for destruction. Holding others bound to their sin poisons our love. Our unforgiveness reveals how far short we fall of the mercy God shows to us. When I'm in opposition to a sister or brother, I know it's for my sake, as much as for theirs, that I find my way to forgiveness.

To the extent that I choke my neighbour with my wrath, that's how far the embrace of sin has choked the love out of me.

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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 (2nd, 16th Sept)

Macleay Island—Church of the Holy

Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island

2pm Sunday Mass (10th, 24th Sept)

9am Liturgy (3rd, 17th Sept)

Russell Island

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm Sunday Mass (3rd, 17th Sept)

2pm Virtual (10th, 24th Sept)



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

Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698 sa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

<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 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 Margaret Berton, Nan and Michael McLennan and Fay Sturdy.

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

Cockere!

Behind most things at Nando's is an extraordinary story.

Once upon a time, a pilgrim was passing through the town of Bracelos in Portugal through an unfortunate turn of events, he was accused of theft, wrongly convicted and sentenced to death. Evening had fallen when he was brought to plead before the town's Judge.

The Judge was sitting down to feast on a roasted Cockerel which inspired a desperate plea from the pilgrim. If I am innocent, may that cockerel get up and crow! He cried just like that, the cockerel got up and crowed heartily. The Judge deeply surprised and filled with wonder and sent the pilgrim on his way.

From that day onwards, the story of the Bracelos Cockerel has symbolised *faith, justice* and good fortune- all of which we wish upon you in abundance.

I Love Nando's .

God Bless,
Fr Ladu



Pope's Prayer Intention September 2023

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



Cathedral Masses

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

Missionaries of the Poor: Timor Leste

September Collection 2023

- New clothing for children, girls and boys, sizes 2-14
- School supplies
- Adult toiletries, such as soap, toothpaste and brushes, anti-dandruff shampoo etc
- Medication such as paracetamol, aspirin, antifungal cream/ tincture/ powder/zinc powder, scabies treatment, calamine lotion, Betadine, hair lice treatment, Voltaren gel, cough medicines, cold and flu tablets, lip balm.
- Soccer Balls
- Volley balls
- Footy boots
- Guitar
- Keyboard
- Staple Gun
- Laptops
- Mobile Phones
- Boardgames



The last weekend to donate will be the weekend of the 16th & 17th Sept



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 **10 September 2023** is **\$2 615.50**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – re-gassed Air Conditioner in OSHC new section (warranty repair), put sliding door in OSHC back on rollers, glued down lifted vinyl flooring plank in OSHC.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – install additional power point in OSHC, install timers on light poles in school/parish carpark, removal of mould and sanding and painting of presbytery window sills (scheduled for 2024), doors and door frames, repairs to corroded church/school gutters (repairs scheduled for Sept school holidays, hopefully), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold), polishing vinyl flooring in church, 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.



Sacramental News

Congratulations to the children who renewed their Baptismal promises and received copies of the Apostles and Nicene Creeds on the weekend in preparation for their Confirmation next month. May you always stay firm in your Faith and belief.



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!

FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 18th September
Monday 2nd October



Ladies will get together again at the Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on Thursday 28th September 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.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

For more information call Elaine Pascoe 0429 925 989



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)

Spiritual Gifts Workshop

Saturday 23rd September
Saturday 30th September
9am - 11.45am
St Rita's Catholic Church

The workshop includes worship, listening to the Holy Spirit and presentations from Catholic teaching on each of the gifts.

To register, please contact Angela on 0407 674 373

Morning tea provided.



Let Justice and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023

SEASON OF CREATION 2023

First, let us join the might river by transforming out *hearts*. This is essential for any other transformation to occur; it is that "ecological conversion" which Saint John Paul II encouraged us to embrace: the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator. Furthermore, we should realize that an integral approach to respect for the environment involves four relationships: with God, with our brothers and sisters of today and tomorrow, with all of nature, and with ourselves.

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