



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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4th Sunday of Advent –Year A – 18th December 2022

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14, Ps 23:1-6, St Paul 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24

Next Week —The Nativity of the Lord—Year A: Isaiah 9:1-7, Ps 95:1-3, 11-13, St Paul 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

"GOD WITH US"

All four candles on the Advent wreath are brightly shining. The anticipation for Christmas is growing more intense. As the shopping centres get busier, the parties become more frequent, and the carols are sung louder and louder, how do we stay grounded in the quiet waiting of this season?

One way to stay centred in the spirit of Advent is to reflect on a single word: Emmanuel, which literally means "God with us". In one night, in one small child, in a humble stable, God came among all people in the most intimate way possible – as one of us. God, right here in our midst!

Emmanuel in our joy. Emmanuel in our suffering. Emmanuel in our celebration. Emmanuel in our loneliness.

Emmanuel in our song. Emmanuel in our silence. Emmanuel in our work and school. Emmanuel in our home.

God is with us in everything and through everything!

In these final days of Advent, it can be very difficult to keep a sense of quiet and prayer with so much seasonal activity going on. Think about all the ways God is truly with you this week. Think about the ways you can make God's presence known to those around you. Think about the ways you can keep the spirit of Advent alive even as everything around you speaks of Christmas.

What puts me at arm's length from God? What keeps me from seeing and touching the goodness of God each day? What final preparations do I need to make within myself for the coming of Christmas? What can I do this week to let others know that God is with them?

How can you decorate your Christmas tree this year in a way that keeps Christ at the centre of all of the season's activity? Be creative as you think about the spiritual symbolism of your own tree.

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Our fourth Advent candle is called the Angels' Candle or the Candle of Love. Mary and Joseph were both visited by Angels to announce Jesus' coming and again to the shepherds upon Jesus' arrival. It was because of God's love for us, that He sent His only Son to save us. Through the love of God then, let us prepare our hearts as the Lord's coming draws near.



"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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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

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WEEKLY DIARY

Daily (Mon, Tues, Fri)

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church

Monday's

9:30am Pro Life Rosary—Chapel
NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday's

NO MORNING MASS

7:00pm Prayer & Praise (returning Jan)

Wednesday's

NO MORNING MASS

10:00am Art Group (returning Feb)

4:00pm Choir - St Rita's Church

Thursday's

Parish Priest Day Off (**No masses**)

Friday's

NO MORNING MASS

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

(NO MASS 5TH SUNDAY)

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)

Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are ill, especially Alfio Tomarchio, Angela Dodd, Edith 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 Michael Sullivan, Patricia O’Leary, Louie Vassallo and Sean Baudry.

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters

The collection for Ukraine will be this weekend.

If you would like to make a donation by bank deposit:

Account Name: Trustees of UCC in Au
BSB: 704-235 | Account Number: 00007183

If a receipt is required, please email the following details to office@catholicukes.org.au: Name of person seeking a receipt; Name of Church entity (e.g. parish name and suburb); Date the deposit was made; Amount of deposit; and Contact details – postal address or email account.

Thank You.
God Bless, Fr Ladu Yanga

Pope’s Prayer Intention December 2022



Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Extraordinary Ministry

Extraordinary Ministers were able to visit 15 elderly, sick or housebound people last week. The people visited were delighted to receive Holy Communion and partake in the communal life of the Church and said so. One mentioned how he missed the opportunity to participate in the Sacraments.

If you have a loved one who cannot attend Mass please let contact the Parish Office 3207 9177.



HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

“Behold, the Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, “God is with us” Mathew 1-18-24

All are welcome to join our Catholic Charismatic Group, which meets for praise and worship at St Rita Parish Chapel, every Tuesday night from 7:00pm till 9:00pm

Prayer Meeting will resume on 10 January 2023

Please call MAY RICHARSON 0435212787 OR
EJ POLOTAN 0403658827

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.

Collections and donations for the weekend of **11 December 2022: \$2 707.90.**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES: – started removing rotting timbers from garden edges and buildings (to reduce possible termite activity), repairs to presbytery external wall sheeting and installation of new quading to replace rotted timbers.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE: – painting of presbytery external wall sheeting and 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), obtain quote for Termite Management system renewal 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.

Bay Island Xmas Mass Times

Macleay Island

6:10pm

Saturday Vigil Mass

The Church Of the
Holy Spirit

24 Scotts Road

Russell Island

8:15am

Christmas Day Mass

Community Centre

55 Jackson Road



St Vincent De Paul
are selling 2023
Columban Calendars
and Christmas Cards
at the back of the
Church.
Prices are marked.
Thank You.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Vigil (Unitas) 5pm
Christmas Day (Church) 7am
Christmas Day (Church) 9am

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Summer Holidays



Fr Ladu will be on Annual Leave
Monday 19th December 2022 -
Sunday 15th January 2023.

We welcome Fr Bavin Clarke to St Rita's
Parish during this time.

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid our brothers and sisters who are suffering so deeply in Syria and Lebanon through our Christmas appeal Sharing Hope with Christians in Syria and Lebanon this Christmas. The support we are pledging to them is very much emergency relief to sustain the Christian population in hope. The projects we are supporting are projects such as medical aid, community help and gifts for children in Lebanon, as well as support for lay faithful and accommodation for families in Syria.

It is only with your help that ACN can support Christians in Lebanon and Syria this Christmas! To watch videos and read stories of the projects we are supporting visit www.aidtochurch.org/christmas2022 or scan the Qr code.



Festival of
Readings &
Carols

5pm
Sunday
18th December
The Cathedral of
St Stephen

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