



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time –Year A – 19th February 2023

This Week's Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18, Ps 102:1-4, 8,10,12-13,, Corinthians 3:16-23, Matthew 5:38-48
Next Week –1st Sunday of Lent—Year A: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7, Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Perfection 101
(Matthew 5: 38 - 48)

Full disclosure: I have never done this, offered myself to an enemy for a second round. The very idea of turning the other cheek is totally appalling. When Jesus says offer no resistance to one who is evil, I say: Lord, you've got to be kidding. Of course, I'm going to resist evil. I'm going to run from the near occasion of the bad guys the moment I see them on the horizon. Jesus wants me to surrender my coat along with my shirt, and work twice as long for someone who's already taking advantage of me. The capstone of the whole teaching is the most ludicrous: love your enemy. Is Jesus pulling our leg?

It's obvious from reading the gospels that Jesus has a sense of humour. But he doesn't simply clown around. Jesus says all of these preposterous things to bring us along to the bottom line on this way of thinking: Be perfect, as God is perfect. Because God does turn the other cheek, doesn't resist us even when we're evil, gives and gives, and loves us deeply. Maybe we won't do these things.
But thank heaven God will.

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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 (returning Feb)
4:00pm Choir - St Rita's Church

Thursday's

Parish Priest Day Off (No masses)

Friday's

9:00am Mass—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

PLEASE SEE MASS DATES PAGE

Coochiemudlo Island
Coochiemudlo Island Community Hall
345 Victoria Parade,
Coochiemudlo Island Q 4184
11:00am Saturday (Feb 4th & 17th)

Macleay Island
Church of the Holy Spirit
Scotts Road, Macleay Island Q 4148
2pm Sunday
Russell Island
Bay Islands Community Services
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island
2pm



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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

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

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

<https://tinyurl.com/Safeguarding-Incident-Report> <https://tinyurl.com/New-Protecting-Children-Laws>

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 Isabelle Scaullion, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Julie Davey, Virginia Casinto, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Toby Bernal, Helen Stockwell, Mrlie 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.

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

I wish to provide you with some updated guidance on liturgical practices especially with Lent and Easter approaching and given that at present there are low rates of community transmission of COVID.

During the season of Lent and for Easter ceremonies:

- On Ash Wednesday, parishes may resume making the sign of the cross on the forehead and are no longer restricted to sprinkling ashes over the head.
- Parishioners may touch the cross if they wish during Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday but it is recommended that they still refrain from kissing the cross.

God Bless
Fr Ladu



Pope's Prayer Intention February 2023

For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



PRIMARY SCHOOL MASSES

*We welcome back the Staff and Students of St Rita's Primary School for a new school year.
Class Masses resume 2pm Mondays.*

3K & 6T students will start off our class masses at 2pm Monday 20th February 2023.

Parents and Friends are welcome to attend.

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 **12 February 2023: \$ TBA**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – continued installation of side view panels either side of chapel doors.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – install new Parish letterbox in new location, repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark, repair to plaster wall in Chapel (caused by statue bracket), 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.

HAVE A CHAT Club!

The FIRST Have A Chat get together for 2023 will be held Thursday 23rd February at the Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club 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.



Lucky door prize.

For more information call Elaine Pascoe 0429 925 989



HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

“Wait for the: Lord be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.” Psalm 27:14

Come and experience a night of prayer, praise and songs as we develop a closer relationship with God.

All are welcome to join!

We meet at St Rita's Parish Chapel every Tuesday night from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm



Please call MAY RICHARSON 0435212787 EJ POLOTAN 0403658827

Bay Island Masses held 2:00pm Sunday

MONTH	DATE	MACLEAY	RUSSELL	SUNDAY	COLOUR
JANUARY	8TH	Liturgy of Word Fr Bavin Clarke		THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	WHITE
JANUARY	15TH	Fr Bavin Clarke	Liturgy of Word	2ND SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
JANUARY	22ND	Liturgy of Word Fr Ladu Yanga		3RD SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
JANUARY	29TH	Fr Ladu Yanga	Liturgy of Word	4TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	5TH	Liturgy of Word Fr Ladu Yanga		5TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	12TH	Fr Ladu Yanga	Liturgy of Word	6TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	2ND	Liturgy of Word Fr Ladu Yanga		7TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	26TH	Fr Ladu Yanga	Liturgy of Word	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	VIOLET

We invite everyone to the Festival Mass



Being held at St Rita's Catholic Parish 37-39 Benfer Road Victoria Point 4165

Monday 13th March 2023 at 7pm Followed by a light supper

RSVP Monday 6th March 2023 Email: Christine.neilson@svdp.org.au



Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations.**

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **"The future starts today, not tomorrow."**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



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