



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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33rd Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A 19th November 2023

**This Week's Readings:** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, Ps 127:1-5, Thessalonians 5:1-6, Matthew 25:14-30

Next Week —Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe —Year A: Ezekiel34:11-12, 15-17, Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, Corinthians 15:20-26, 28, Matthew 25:31-46

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## Faithful in Small Matters

(Matthew 25:14-30)

I was talking to a group of small children about the gifts God had given them. One girl seemed unconvinced. Her older sister, she told me with dewy-eyed admiration, had all the talent in the family: intelligence, athletic ability, and creativity. She herself, however, had none.

On the contrary, I assured her, she had many gifts of her own. She had a generous love for her sister, a pleasant personality, a warm smile, and a way of making people happy to talk with her. These were talents from God, too, and I urged her to name other things she was good at that were less obvious than these.

Some weeks later I was at home, having a bad spell of writer's block, and began to feel frustrated with the blank computer screen. Going to the mailbox to retrieve my letters, I noticed one printed in pencil. It was from the little girl I had spoken with, and inside the envelope was a crayon drawing with these simple words penciled alongside: You have talents. God created you to use your talents. NAME THEM. In a moment, my sense of failure was gone, replaced by a child's wonderful courage. She gave the story of the talents back to me multiplied, and I got back to work exhilarated.

What talents have you been given by God, and how have you invested them?

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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 (4th & 18th Nov)

MACLEAY ISLAND—Church of the Holy

Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island

2pm Sunday Mass (5th & 19th Nov)

9am Liturgy (12th & 26th Nov)

RUSSELL ISLAND

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm Sunday Mass (12th & 26th Nov)

2pm Virtual (5th & 19th Nov)



**“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.”**

### Be an Eternal Guardian of Your Faith

Do you want to ensure that the mission of the Catholic Church and your local parish continues well in to the 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](mailto:sa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au)

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Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are ill, especially Ross Cooper, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Bill Mellor, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, 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, Pauline Walker, Mario Collavino, Margaretha Croes and Maria Ney. We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Max Kelly, Anthony & Annie Dunne and Ted Brown.



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.



## Month of Remembering

November is the month in which we commemorate those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. During November, the Book of Remembrance will be placed in the Church. You are invited to write the names of those you wish to be included in the Book of Remembrance on the list provided. You will also find November Mass Offering envelopes to complete if you would like a commemoration Mass to be celebrated. Completed envelopes with offerings can be placed on the collection plates or returned to the Parish Office.



## Pope's Prayer Intention November 2023

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



## Cathedral Masses

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

## Luca Requillo Douglas



Will be Baptised Sunday 19th November 2023.

We welcome Luca and his family into our Parish Community.



Advent 2023

\$5 each

Place money in the envelope provided then on the collection trays.

## 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 **5th November 2023** is **\$3 194.15**

## WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – re-charged termite barrier system around OSHC building extension.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – repairs to corroded church/school gutters (repairs scheduled ??), annual carpet deep clean in OSHC, paint OSHC verandah wall, repair, clean & paint inside walls of OSHC building, repairs to kitchen cupboards in OSHC, re-oiling of OSHC verandah deck, removal of mould and sanding/ painting of presbytery window sills doors and door frames (scheduled for 2024), repair/ replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold).

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

### **FIRST PENANCE Youth Session #2**

5:00pm—6:30pm

Thursday 23rd November

- Please bring your child's My Sacramental Journey Penance booklet
- Children can be dropped off and picked up by a parent at 6.30pm. Parents must sign children in and out and fill in emergency contact details.
- Session will be broken down in to 3 sections as below:

5:00 – 5.40pm - Christian Life

5.40 – 5.50pm – Break & drink

5.50 – 6:30pm – Choices

**Help prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas** by attending the following 4 week bible study course by

Dr Brant Pitre

Morning Session 9.00am

Evening Session 6.30pm

in the Ruby Room.

- 9 November: The Biblical Roots of Advent (1st Sunday of Advent)
- 16 November: John the Baptist and the Preparation (3rd/4th Sundays of Advent)
- 23 November: The First Coming of the Messiah (5th Sunday of Advent)
- 30 November: The Jewish Roots of Christmas

Any inquiries contact John or Grace (0450 063 408)

## 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)

Bring your family and friends  
& come and enjoy a delicious  
Christmas lunch in the air  
conditioned  
Ginger Factory.



## **St Rita's Christmas Bus Trip**

**Tuesday, 21 November**

**Cost only \$50.00**

For further information, please ring Marie on 0411 459014.

Tickets on sale from the weekend of 29/30 October  
until 11/12 November at all masses.

The bus will leave at 8.00 a.m from St Rita's Benfer Road with  
a pick up at the Marina and return approximately at 4.00 pm.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**We are in need of additional volunteers to assist in the monthly Meet & Greet for the Saturday Vigil Mass.**

**If you are able to assist, please see John Evans (PPC Chairperson) or your Mass Coordinator.**

**Thank you.**



### **DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY?**

Please fill out the form below and place into the collections box or contact the Parish Office  
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