



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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## 26th Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A 1st October 2023

**This Week's Readings:** Ezekiel 18:25-28, Ps 24:4-9, Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32

Next Week —27th Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A: Isaiah 5:1-7, Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20, Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43

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'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is a marvel in our eyes.' South Africa is a country blessed by God in a great many ways. It is a large country, has a good climate, and is rich in agricultural land and minerals, especially gold and diamonds. But the country which should have been a haven for all the peoples of Southern Africa became instead a haven for a privileged white minority. Many people tried in vain to change South Africa's iniquitous apartheid system. Finally Nelson Mandela appeared on the scene. He too tried to bring about reforms. But like reformers before him, he was rejected. Worse, he was hounded by the government, and ended up spending twenty-seven years in prison. However, he not only survived prison, but came out of it with the respect of his enemies and of the entire world. Furthermore, he came out without bitterness. In fact, he came out smiling, and immediately sought reconciliation with the leaders of the regime that kept him in prison all those years. But even greater things were to follow. The man once rejected was to become the President of a new multi-racial South Africa. The stone which the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a new and better building. Mandela's is a marvelous story, one of the great stories of the century. What makes it so great is the fact that in it good finally triumphs over evil. Make no mistake about it, what was done to Mandela (and to others before him) was evil. He did not deserve to be treated like that. His only crime was to seek justice for his brothers and sisters. But in the end, good came out of this evil. A new, free society emerged. Mandela's story helps us to understanding Jesus' story of the vine-dressers. God had bestowed on his people the sort of love and care which a dedicated vine dresser bestows on a vineyard. But the vineyard failed to produce the fruits of right living. God sent messenger after messenger in the persons of the prophets. But far from listening to them, the people abused some of them and killed others. Finally he sent the Son and Heir -Jesus. But the tenants killed him in the hope of taking over the vineyard themselves. What the tenants did was ugly and sinful. Yet God did not abandon or destroy the vineyard. He handed it over to others, who would produce the fruits. Thus a new building came into being - the new people of God. Jesus, the one they rejected and killed, is the cornerstone of this new building (the Church). God never retaliated, never returned evil for evil. He was not vindictive in taking the vineyard from the Jews and giving it to the Gentiles. The tenants brought it on themselves. God never gave up on his people. Just as the rain ensures that the earth becomes fruitful, so God persists until he gets a response. The parable shows us that there is only one way to overcome evil, and that is with good. What happens in the story is both nasty and ugly. However, while there is much evil in the story, evil does not have the last say. In the end good triumphs. No one can say that Jesus didn't live in the real world. He did. He experienced its ugliness himself. But he didn't answer it with more ugliness. He triumphed over evil by good. He has become a model for all those who suffer unjustly in the cause of right. And he challenges us, his followers, the tenants of the new vineyard (the Church), to produce the fruits of justice, love and peace. It's a great privilege and a great challenge too.

SOURCE: New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, Flor McCarthy, SDB—Year A

## 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 (21st Oct)

MACLEAY ISLAND—Church of the Holy

Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island

2pm Sunday Mass (8th, 22nd Oct)

9am Liturgy (1st, 15th, 29th Oct)

RUSSELL ISLAND

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm Sunday Mass (1st, 15th, 29th Oct)

2pm Virtual (8th, 22nd Oct)



**"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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**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.**



**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.**



THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

20 September 2023

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Dear Fr Ross,

After consultation, I appoint you Administrator of St Rita's parish, Victoria Point, with effect from 9 October 2023 to 8 January 2024. I am sure the parishioners will welcome your appointment and I thank you for your generosity in accepting this new role.

I pray that the God of peace will bless you and those entrusted to your care.

As always in the Lord,

Archbishop of Brisbane



Notary

Principal Council  
Fr Ladu Yung PP



## Pope's Prayer Intention October 2023

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



## Cathedral Masses

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

## Timor Leste Missionaries of the Poor Brisbane Supporters

Many thanks for the generous donations to the Missionaries of the Poor Brisbane Supporters appeal for Timor Leste. They will go a long way in making a wonderful celebration for the children at Christmas 2023.

If you have additional donations, please contact Tony Harris 0487 166 710.

Marebello  
A Vacanti Residence

**The Eucharist will be taken Marebello  
9:30am Wednesday 4th October**

## Farewell Dinner for Fr Ladu

Please join us to farewell Fr Ladu.  
**6pm Friday 6th October in the Unitas.**

**The dinner is a POT LUCK. Please bring a dinner dish to share.**

Any questions contact the Parish Office.

### 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 **24 September 2023** is **\$2 505.85**

### **WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:**

**RECENT ACTIVITIES** – replaced lock/key on sink cupboard in OSHC, installed additional power point in OSHC for sign-in facility, installed timers on light poles in school/parish carpark, repairs to ceiling in chapel above leadlight windows, replaced filter in church data projector.

**CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE** – annual termite inspection and pest control spraying (scheduled 9 Oct), WH&S Audit by Archdiocesan Workplace Health & Safety Advisor (scheduled 10 Oct), removal of rotted-out back-up barriers in school/church carpark, night-time assessment of possible pole light upgrades/additional in school/church carpark, polishing vinyl flooring in church, clean second half of OSHC verandah wall & paint, clean & paint inside walls of OSHC building, repairs to corroded church/school gutters (repairs scheduled for Sept school holidays, hopefully), 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

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

\*\*\*PLEASE PRESENT AT YOUR APPOINTED GROUP TIME\*\*\*

Friday 6 October	St Rita's Church Group 1 5pm (for children being Confirmed at 9am)	Confirmation ceremony practise
	Group 2 6pm (for children being Confirmed at 11am)	

Saturday 7 October	St Rita's Church Group 1 9am	Confirmation Ceremony
	Group 2 11 am	

Contact Jennifer Fielding  
3207 9177  
sc.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

## 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)



Let Justice  
and Peace Flow  
Season of Creation 2023

## SEASON OF CREATION 2023

So too, like a river basin with its many tiny and larger tributaries, the Church is a communion of countless local Churches, religious communities and associations that draw from the same shared waters. Each source adds its unique and irreplaceable contribution, until all flow together into the vast ocean of God's loving mercy. In the same way that a river is a source of life for its surroundings, our synodal Church must be a source of life for our common home and all its inhabitants. In the same way that a river gives life to all kinds of animal and plant life, a synodal Church must give life by sowing justice and peace in every place it reaches.

## Saoirse Lynch



Will be Baptised Sunday 1st October 2023.  
We welcome Saoirse and her family  
into our Parish Community.



With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

## NOTICE

**READERS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS** for the weekend of 28th & 29th Oct  
Will be looked after by the 4th Sunday Roster Readers and Communion Ministers.

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

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