



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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20th Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A 20th August 2023

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7, Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8, St Paul 11:13-15, 29-32, Matthew 15:21-28

Next Week —21st Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A: Isaiah 22:19-23, Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8, St Paul 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

" Building a Bigger House "

Even dogs have hope! This is what the woman says to Jesus, when she asks him to heal her tormented daughter. She classifies her family with dogs, knowing the average Israelite would describe a Canaanite that way. Jesus is astounded by her faith and gives her the desire of her heart.

Some scholars claim Jesus was testing the woman by not responding to her request right away. Others say Jesus learned from her that his mission was larger than Israel. This seems strange to those of us who were taught that Jesus had the mind of God from the time Mary first laid him in the straw. But if Jesus is also fully human, he'd have to grow in wisdom and grace, as Luke says Jesus did.

This woman summoned up the courage to tell Jesus how to run his own ministry! The best of the prophets and saints showed this kind of spirit, sparring with God over matters of importance to them. Who knows what could happen if more people prayed with such confidence? Who knows how many of us could wrestle with God like Abraham, Jacob, Hannah, and the Canaanite woman - and win?

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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 (19 August)

Macleay Island—Church of the Holy

Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island

2pm Sunday Mass (August 13 & 27)

9am Liturgy (August 20)

Russell Island

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm Sunday Mass (August 20)

2pm Virtual (August 13 & 27)



**"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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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 sa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

<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 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 Sean Patrick.

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

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to ask you that if you tripped or fell over around the church's area, please report it immediately or contact the office so that the incident report can be done by the Office in Charge of Work Health and Safety (WHS) Mike Duggan.

The next thing that I would like to mention to you is this, if you had an accident along the church's fence, you need to report that also immediately to the office. I hope you all understand these two important issues.

Thank you
God Bless, Fr Ladu



Pope's Prayer Intention August 2023 For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



Cathedral Masses

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



Hosanna Praise and Worship have celebrated the 10th Anniversary in St Rita's Parish with Mass and light super.



Ladies will get together again at the Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on Thursday 31st August 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.
PRIZES TO BE WON



For more information call
Elaine Pascoe
0429 925 989



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 **13 August 2023** is **\$2 272.95**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – water blasted mouldy pathways leading to Parish Office.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – 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), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold), polishing vinyl flooring in church, implement repairs to stop water leaks (wall in priest sacristy, ceiling above reconciliation facility, gutter outside toilets), replace rotted timber on archway leading into church verandah, 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.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

FAMILY SESSION #2

6:00pm

Tuesday 22nd August
St Rita's Church



Please bring your activity books
Please arrive by 5:50pm to be signed in.

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)

Envelopes
for donations
are available
this weekend.

Please help
if you can.



20 August 2023

THE PRIESTS FOUNDATION

Your support helps our retired and infirm priests who have dedicated their lives to meeting human need with the merciful love of God. As their number grows greater, so too does the need to boost the Foundation which makes care for them possible.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL MASSES

*St Rita's Primary School
Class Liturgy will be held 2pm Mondays.
Parents and Friends are welcome to attend.*

St Rita's Men's Social Group

St Rita's Men's Social group will be meeting on Thursday 7th August at 10am to view a documentary about Clem Jones as the Lord Mayor of Brisbane in The Ruby Room. Along with new and improved sound quality and clarity, there will also be morning tea included.

Please advise Mike Duggan if you would like to attend 0429629211 or duggancasa@outlook.com especially for catering purposes.



CONFIRMATION STOLE

AVAILABLE FOR ORDER THROUGH ANGELA AT THE PARISH OFFICE

COST \$40.00 PER STOLE

ORDER & PAYMENT BEFORE TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST 2023 NO LATER THAN 9 SEPTEMBER

PLEASE SEE ORDER FORM FOR DETAILS

Stole orders and payment due before 22nd August at the Family Session #2.

Parish does NOT have eftpos Facilities.

Thank you.

Matthew McGowen & Brax Gooding



*Will be Baptised Sunday 20th August 2023.
We welcome Matthew, Brax and their families
into our Parish Community.*

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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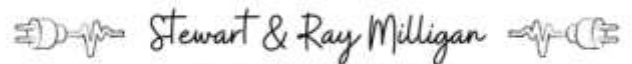
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