



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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The Ascension of the Lord 2—Year A 21st May 2023

This Week's Readings: Acts 1:1-11, Ps 46:2-3, 6-9, St Peter 1:17-23, Matthew 28:16-20

Next Week —Pentecost Sunday—Year A: Acts 2:1-11, Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34, St Paul 12:3-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

“ Don't Just Stand There: Do Something ”

The Ascension of Jesus is an event recorded three times in the New Testament: at the end of Luke, the beginning of Acts, and here, in what's called the longer ending of Mark. (Early manuscripts record several different endings to his gospel.) In each version of the Ascension story, Jesus has different final instructions for the disciples – the ones in “longer Mark” being the most colourful. But in every account we have, Jesus tells the disciples to go and be witnesses of the gospel they have received. On this point, all three speak in one voice. It would seem this mission is non-negotiable.

How we do that is up to us. If we want to knock on doors or preach in the park, suit yourself. If you feel drawn to foreign missions, the prayer of the church will support you. Maybe the least missionized corner of the world is right where you are. Do you have good news to share?

When you show up, is it “good news” for those around you? How do you demonstrate the gift of faith that's been given to you?

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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
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 (May 6th & 20th)
Macleay Island—Church of the Holy Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island
2pm Sunday Mass (May 7th & 21)
9am Liturgy (May 14th & 28th)
Russell Island
Bay Islands Community Services
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island
2pm (May 14th & 28th)
9am Liturgy (May 7th & 21)



“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?

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@stoline.com.au www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are ill, especially 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 Colleen Ashe and Thomas Berton.

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

Brothers and sisters,

Archbishop Mark writes:

Natural and human ecology interact in mysterious and unmistakable ways. To interfere with one is to interfere with the other; to promote the good of one is to promote the good of the other. Fratelli Tutti (a recent Papal Encyclical) focuses more upon human ecology in speaking of the radical interconnectedness of all human beings at a moment when alienation and polarisation are making disconnectedness seem the norm. The Church is called in such a moment to be a sign of contradiction, speaking in a way that rises above politics and economics so that a genuinely biblical and Christian voice can be heard.

God Bless, Fr Ladu

Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023

1. TEACHING PRAYER
2. RESHAPING PARISH COMMUNITIES
3. BRINGING CULTURAL COMMUNITIES TO THE CENTRE
4. RESPONDING TO ABUSE AND THE ABUSED
5. ENGAGING ANEW WITH FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES
6. IMPLEMENTING INTEGRAL ECOLOGY
7. EMBEDDING SYNODAL GOVERNANCE



Pope's Prayer Intention May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



Cathedral Masses

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



Feast of St Rita Mass & Blessing of Stained Glass Window



Celebrated by
Archbishop Mark Coleridge



6:00pm
Monday 22nd May
St Rita's Parish Church
Victoria Point

Light Refreshments following,
please bring a plate to share.

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

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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 **14 May 2023** is **\$2 606.40**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – commenced painting Presbytery internal walls

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – repairs to Church Men's toilet (leaking), repairs to corroded church/school gutters (quote pending), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark, 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), replace rotted timber on archway leading into church verandah, clean second half of OSHC verandah wall.

POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING – replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval).



Sacramental News

First Holy Communion

Family Session 2 will be held in the Church

6:30pm-7:30pm Wednesday 24th May.

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD'S ACTIVITY BOOK.



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)

FR LADU LEAVE DATES

1st June 2023

returning for Mass

3rd July 2023

We welcome Mons John Butler to celebrate weekend Masses at Victoria Point with us. We welcome Fr Bavin Clarke to celebrate on the Islands.



Ladies will get together again at the Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on Thursday 27th April 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.

For more information call
Elaine Pascoe
0429 925 989



St Rita's Men's Social Group

St Rita's Men's Social group will be meeting on Thursday 25th May at 10.30 for a guided tour of the Brisbane City Hall and Museum, a significant heritage and cultural icon, followed by coffee, cake or lunch if so desired.

Transport to the city by train or carpooling. Please advise Mike Duggan if you would like to attend 0429629211 or duggancasa@outlook.com



Jamie Patricia Doherty



Will be Baptised Sunday 21st May 2023.

We welcome Jamie and her Family into our Parish Community.



St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul Meetings are held 7pm in The Ruby Room located at The Parish Office.

All are welcome to attend!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mondays June 5th & 19th

Mondays July 3rd & 17th



The second "A Morning's Prayer" for 2023 Saturday June 3rd from 9am to 12pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston. The topic for the event will be

"Knowing and Loving Our God." We will delve into understanding who God is for us and the mystery of the Trinity, through input, personal prayer, meditation and fellowship in a space designed to facilitate an encounter with God. Saturday 3 June, 9am-12pm. Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. \$20. Register app.tickets.org.au/eb/amp23_2

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