



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A — 22nd January 2023

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 8:23-9:3, Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14, Corinthians 1:10-13, 17, Matthew 4:12-23

Next Week —4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A: Zephaniah 2:3-; 3:12-13, Ps 145:7-10, Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 5:1-12

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil.

When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/third-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a-sunday-connection/>

WEEKLY DIARY

Daily (Mon, Tues, Fri)

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church

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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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, Marlie 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, especially Chris Smith and Doris Falzon.



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

Dear Parishioners,

Good to be back home after 4 weeks away in Cairns. It is a beautiful place and I did enjoy my time there, visiting the Great Barrier Reef and many other sites.

Secondly, I would like to thank Fr Bavin Clarke for supplying in our Parish while I was away.

Sadly, with my arrival back to the Parish, I got news of my Uncle Elia Nyarsuk Maring's death in South Sudan. He came after my late father. Died at the age of 74. He is survived by 6 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

His funeral was this passing Tuesday
17th January 2023.

May he rest in peace.

Gold Bless,
Fr Ladu



Pope's Prayer Intention January 2023

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD. Isaiah 54:17

All are welcome to join our Catholic Charismatic Group, which meets for praise and worship at St Rita Parish Chapel. Tuesday night from 7:00pm till 9:00pm

This Tuesday is Gospel sharing please bring bible.

All are welcome to attend



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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.

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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.

Collections and donations for the weekend of **15 January 2023: \$2 672.65**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES: – further repairs to presbytery external walls.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE: – 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), fix/replace damaged fence railing at OSHC, investigate malfunctioning light at entrance to ladies toilet.

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.

READING TEAMS for 5TH SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH in 2023

28/29 JANUARY – 1st Sunday of the Month Team
29/30 APRIL – 2nd Sunday of the Month Team
29/30 JULY – 3rd Sunday of the Month Team
28/29 OCTOBER – 4th Sunday of the Month Team
30/31 DECEMBER – Readers to volunteer



CHRISTMAS APPEAL THANKS FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Sincere thanks firstly to our fellow Parishioners for your support, both large and small, to our Christmas Appeal. This enabled us to assemble and deliver 66 Hampers containing food, toys and gifts to some disadvantaged and very appreciative families and individuals living in our Parish area, including the Bay Islands.

We wish to make special mention of some very generous donations of finance and large quantities of toys and food and those who gave up their time to help with sorting, making up and distributing the hampers.

We would also like to acknowledge ongoing support from the Management, Staff, Retailers and customers of the Victoria Point Shopping centre, BOQ in particular; the Staff, Students and families of Carmel College and St Rita's School and the Staff at Redlands Hospital.

We received cash donations totalling \$3854.45 which not only helped supplement donated goods, but will also assist with School uniforms and stationery for the coming year, as well as enabling us to carry on with our work in 2023.

We are, of necessity, a very active and busy group and if you feel you would like to investigate joining us in this important work of Christian Charity, you can reach us through the Parish Office or come to one of our Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7.00pm in the Ruby Room.

Please remember the Society in your prayers and God Bless you all and keep you safe in 2022!



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

*Angelika Lorei Portillo
Will be Baptised Sunday 22nd January 2023.
We welcome Angelika and her Family
into our Parish Community.*



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