



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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29th Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A 22nd October 2023

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6, Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10, Thessalonians 1:1-5, 19-20, Matthew 22:15-21

Next Week —30th Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A: Exodus 22:20-26, Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51, Thessalonians 1:5-10, 19-20, Matthew 22:34-40

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Tax Time

(Matthew 22:34-40)

What is a tax? In the best of circumstances, it's a private payment for the public good. It's how individuals contribute to the interests of the community of which they're a part. In the time of the Roman empire, taxation among the occupied provinces was a troubling matter. It could be argued that what went into the pocket of Rome went out of the province for good.

Those who questioned Jesus about taxes, of course, weren't asking for a moral decision. They wanted him to betray himself by being politically incorrect in front of the people. And Jesus, of course, was above politics, framing his answer in larger terms than the Pharisees cared to consider. Those who were obliged to Caesar should certainly make payment in the coin of the realm. But those who are obliged to God - and who isn't - owe a debt to be paid in the province of the human spirit. It is this larger obligation that should capture our concern.

Do we commit more of our time, energy, and resources to Caesar or to God? What do we currently give to Caesar that belongs to God?

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STAR OF THE SEA 4TH PARISH MISSION

Led by Fr Ray Sanchez CP

From Sunday 22nd October to Friday 27th October 2023

There will be five (5) sessions:

1. Dealing with change in the world and in the Church (Sun 22 Oct - Evening session only)
2. Pope Francis in a Time of Transition (Mon 23 Oct)
3. Eucharist as Communion Meal and Sacrifice (Tuesday 24 Oct)
4. Transition and Solitude (Thursday 26 Oct)
5. The Church in a Time of Change & 2nd Rite of Reconciliation (Friday 27 Oct)

We conclude the Mission with a celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

MORNING SESSIONS: 9.15am to 12.15pm

EVENING SESSIONS: 7 to 9pm

All sessions are done in the morning and repeated that evening, with a morning Eucharist to precede the morning ones. No session on Wednesday. Tea and coffee available after the 9.15am Mass each day.

GRAB A BOOKLET FROM THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH FOR MORE INFORMATION

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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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

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Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are ill, especially Ross Cooper, 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 Max Kelly.

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 Ravi

Dear Parishioners,

Most of you might have seen me last two Sundays. My name is Ravikumar which means Raising Sun. I am from the state of Telangana, which is one of the southern states of India. I born in Bhimanapalli, District of Nalgonda.

My father, Francis is a farmer and my mother, Theresa is a housewife. They are healthy, hardworking, and happy by the grace of loving God. I am the eldest of three in the family. I got two younger brothers- Balaswamy and Arogyam.

I have two nieces and two nephews. I belong to Indian province of Holy spirit fathers which is known as OPUS SPRITUS SANCTI (OSS). I was ordained as a priest on 18th of May 2010. I have served the church in various capacities like formator, Parish priest and school principal. I enjoy Cricket, Basketball, cooking. Thank you everyone for welcoming me to your community. Please pray for me as I do for you all.

Fr. Ravikumar



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>



Ladies will get together again at the Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on Thursday 26th October 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



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Our faith will sustain us through challenging times.

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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 **8 October 2023** is **\$2 821.65**

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – repaired leak on cistern piping joint church ladies toilet, removed roots for toilet in Presbytery (again).

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – repairs to corroded church/school gutters (repairs scheduled ??), polishing vinyl flooring in church, clean second half of OSHC verandah wall & paint, clean & paint inside walls of OSHC building, 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), progressive upgrade of pole lights in school/church carpark.

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

Please drop your child's enrolment form to St Rita's Parish Office (situated behind the Presbytery) on or before the 25th October.

Purchase of a Penance My Sacramental journey Booklet is necessary \$2.50 each

Enrolment administration

Parish office hours 9am to 2pm
Office is unattended on Thursday's

Enrolments close 25/10/23

Completed enrolment forms - please ensure both birth Parents have signed it, this is needed.

Please purchase with cash your child's booklet at the Parish Office or via the direct deposit to the Parish Piety account BSB: 064786 ACC: 100024171.

There is a locked drop box attached to the wall beside the Parish office door. If you are unable to drop your form off during office hours please place it in an envelope in the box prior to the 25th October.

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
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St Rita's Men's Social Group

The St Rita's Men's Social group will be gathering in the Ruby Room on Tuesday 31st Oct at 10:30 for morning tea and viewing of a documentary on the Pike River Coal Mine disaster in NZ and the lessons learnt. Please advise Mike Duggan if you would like to attend. Duggancasa@outlook.com or 0429629211



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.



All Saints' Mass
Wednesday 1st November
at 9:00 am in St Rita's Church

and

All Souls' Mass
Thursday 2nd November
at 9:00 am in St Rita's Church

followed by a
Remembrance Ceremony
in St Rita's Garden of Remembrance
with
Morning Tea afterwards

DATE CLAIMER.....DATE CLAIMER..... DATE CLAIMER!!!

Help prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas by attending the following 4 week bible study course by Dr Brant Pitre 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Ruby Room.
Any inquiries contact John or Grace (0450 063 408)

- 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



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