



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

Incorporating Victoria Point, Thornlands South, Redland Bay, Mount Cotton, Coochiemudlo Island and the Southern Bay Islands. ABN: 25 328 758 007 105

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3rd Sunday of Easter —Year A— 23rd April 2023

This Week's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33, Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11, St Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

Next Week —4th Sunday of Easter—Year A: Acts 2:14, 36-41, Ps 22:1-6, St Peter 2:20-25, John 10:1-10

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

“ Friendship in the Bread ”

Church people use a lot of religious language to describe what we believe in: salvation, resurrection, communion. But in our rituals, we use very familiar signs to explain what we mean by all this. Eucharist is one of these. Oh, for the pleasure of a meal with friends!

Friendship is a kind of sacrament all its own. We share histories with our friends. We tell the story of our lives and find common ground. And when we come together, we share food. The warmth and comfort of a meal reflects the nature of our relationship with one another. We celebrate the union of our hearts around the table.

In the unique gathering of our Eucharist, we also acknowledge the great story of our God and our relationship with the Holy One through Jesus Christ. Our eyes are opened in this meal to recognise the common ground we hold with divinity: the reign of God itself. Our relationship with God through Christ is true yesterday, today, and forever. This is what our faith means. Everything we need to know about God is in this meal.

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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 (April 1st & 15th)  
*Macleay Island*—Church of the Holy Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island  
2pm Sunday Mass (April 23rd)  
9am Liturgy (April 16th & 30th)  
*Russell Island*  
Bay Islands Community Services  
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island  
2pm (April 2nd, 16th & 30th)  
9am Liturgy (April 23rd)



“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?

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**Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698**

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**STOPLine Service** 1300 304 550 AOB@stopline.com.au [www.bncatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bncatholic.stoplinereport.com)

**Please take a moment to pray for:**

All those who are **ill**, especially 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 Dianne Thomas, Peggy Kelly, Madonna Jansen and Kathleen Bierton.

**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

Brothers and sisters,

A note from Archbishop Mark Coleridge:

Reshaping Parish Communities

“Our current structures are based upon the facts of an earlier time and our current mode of provision is unsustainable. In the cities at least we have too many parishes and too many churches. Urban parishes were established on the assumption that people had to be able to walk to church and at a time when the numbers attending Mass were much larger. Many of our parishes are pressed financially and cannot provide the range of services which a missionary Church requires.

Therefore, we need—sensibly and overtime—to move towards larger configurations of a community of communities where the concentration of personnel and the sharing of resources would allow a greater range of services for the sake of the Gospel.”

Luke's account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus can help us understand how God might speak to us in ways we did not anticipate.

God Bless  
Fr Ladu



## Pope's Prayer Intention April 2023

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



## Cathedral Masses

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



## St Rita's Parish Bay Islands News

Ever thought of spending time on one of our beautiful Bay Islands? It is so simple to travel to the Bay Islands. Follow the links below for ferry services, a bay islands guide and a ferry trip planner.

Ferry Services:

<https://www.sealink.com.au/north-stradbroke-island/>  
You can call them to make a booking (07) 3488 5300

Bay Island Guide: <https://www.bayislandsguide.com/>

Trip Planner: <https://www.bayislandsinfo.com/ferry/>

## 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 **16 April 2023** is **\$2 704.50**.

## Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – installed First Aid kit on back wall of church

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).

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.



## Sacramental News

### First Holy Communion

Family Sessions will be held in the Church  
Wednesday 3rd May.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD'S ACTIVITY BOOK.**

Group 1 6:00pm-7:00pm

Group 2 7:15pm-8:15pm



## 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)



## HAVE A CHAT Club!

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



## Men's Ministry

*Men's Ministry Meeting will be  
held 6:30pm Wednesday 26th April  
in the Ruby Room.*



St Rita's Primary School  
welcomes you to attend a  
ANZAC Mass in the UNITAS  
MONDAY 24th APRIL (day before Anzac Day)  
at 2pm.



**CONNECTED YOUTH 2023**  
**UPCOMING EVENT DATES**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June (Social Night)  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

For youth aged 8 - 16  
Games, fellowship, food and getting closer to Jesus!

CONTACT SAM:  
sachse.sam24@gmail.com  
0499 024 309

6-8pm, Star of the Sea Catholic Parish, Cleveland



## 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**

Monday April 17th  
Mondays May 1st & 15th  
Mondays June 5th & 19th  
Mondays July 3rd & 17th

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

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