



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A 23rd July 2023

This Week's Readings: *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43*

Next Week —17th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A: *Kings 3:5, 7-12, Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52*

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

“ Might and Mercy ”

Just as power is used for good or harm, not all seeds are created equal. Jesus tells a story of good seed and bad, and how they grow up together in the harvest of the world. We experience this reality in the contents of our own hearts. We have wonderful, generous impulses; and also cruel, petty thoughts. We may be heroic in our love one day, and selfish the next. We forgive and withhold forgiveness. Our fields are waist-high in grain and thistles.

No wonder that good and bad grow up together in families; parishes are a mixture of charity and snobbery; politics is full of high-minded ideals and crude scandal. If we were surprised when nice people do things that are not nice, we have to look no further than this parable for the reason. Reasons are not excuses, of course. Jesus says even a tiny seed of good can create immense goodness. A bit of yeast makes the whole dough rise. The existence of evil is no reason to view it as inevitable. If I find within myself both good and evil, I have a responsibility to grow the grain and invite the Spirit to uproot the thistle in me.

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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 (June 17, July 15)

Macleay Island—Church of the Holy

Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island

2pm Sunday Mass (June 18—1:45pm)

9am Liturgy (June 25, July 9)

Russell Island

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm Sunday Mass (June 25, July 9))

2pm Virtual (June 18, July 2)

**Readers for the weekend 29th & 30th July will be
looked after by the
3rd Sunday of the Month Team.**



**“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 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 *Paul Litfin and Jim Sheppard*.

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

SCAM ALERT!!!

Please be aware that scam SMS text messages are supposedly being sent from the priests of our Archdiocese (including Fr Ladu). If you receive one, please don't reply. The priests don't need Amazon gift cards or anything else that they are supposedly requesting. It's a scam. If you are unsure, please contact the Parish Office 3207 9177



Pope's Prayer Intention July 2023

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



Cathedral Masses

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

**For audit purposes,
it is preferred that the
amount you give is written
on the envelope.
That would be very helpful.**

Thank you.

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 July 2023** is **\$2 441.00**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – no activities.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – clean-out garden bed alongside presbytery fence where trees removed (obtaining quotes), waterblast mouldy pathways leading to Parish Office, removal of mould and sanding and painting of presbytery window sills, doors and door frames, repairs to corroded church/school gutters (quote still pending), 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

RITE OF ENROLMENT MASS

Saturday 29th July 5pm *or*

Sunday 30th July 9am

St Rita's Church

Please bring your child's

"Please Pray For Me" card.



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)



"A Morning's Prayer" for 2023 will take place on Saturday July 29th from 9am to 12pm. The morning will be facilitated by Shane Dwyer, Associate Director for Adult Faith at Evangelisation Brisbane, and held at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston.

The Catholic experience can be about liturgy, sacraments and responding to Church teaching. As valuable as these elements of our faith are. A Mornings Prayer is about locating something that sits underneath all that the profound engagement with God Father, Son and Holy Spirit who loves us and desires to walk with us in our lives as they are. Cost: \$25

When: 9am-12pm, Saturday 29 July

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre

HAVE A CHAT Club!

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



PRIMARY SCHOOL MASSES

We welcome back the Staff and Students of St Rita's Primary School for Term 3. This week is Catholic Education Week/ Grandparents Day Morning Liturgy. Parents and Friends are welcome to attend.



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!

AUGUST MEETINGS

Monday 7th August

Monday 21st August

MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST

The artwork with this invitation is very special...



It was created by Lily, a Yr5 student at St Joseph's School in Nundah. It demonstrates how much St Mary Mackillop cared for others. When creating her artwork, Lily wanted to include tongues of fire, representing the Holy Spirit, as well as the Cross to represent the Resurrection.

This is such a wonderful demonstration of how St Mary of the Cross Mackillop still impacts Catholic education in Australia today.

To honour St Mary Mackillop's legacy and seek her intercession, Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to join him for Mass on Tues 8 August at 10am at the Cathedral of St Stephen.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL

Thank You to all the very generous people who have donated to SVDP Winter Appeal. Envelopes are near the poor boxes for those still hoping to donate.

We are tabulating the amount received and will give a total later when we have finalised our figures."

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