



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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## The Nativity of the Lord –Year A – 25th December 2022

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 9:1-7, Ps 95:1-3, 11-13, St Paul 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

Next Week —Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—Year A: Numbers 6:22-27, Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### "DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE DARK"

Fights with friends. Conflicts with parents. Struggles for grades. Fear of failure. Loneliness. Gangs and violence. So many things can beat us down and darken our days.

Thank God Christmas Day reminds us that nothing can overcome us because Jesus, God's promise of hope, came into our world. Christ's light can calm our darkest fears and guide us through overwhelming problems. Christ's strength and peace can fill us if we face rejection for doing the right thing. Remember, Christ also faced those things that beat us down, especially rejection, conflict, and loneliness.

But this isn't automatic. We must choose to let Christ's light in. Pray daily. Take at least fifteen minutes each morning or night to talk with Jesus. Or just sit quietly, imagining him with you. Follow Jesus' life in the Sunday Gospel readings. Take twenty minutes each week to read the Sunday Gospel and think about what it offers your life. Compare the priest's homily to what you think is important.

Learn to live like Jesus. Make your life an example of hope and goodness for others. Apologise when you hurt someone. Be patient with your Christian growth. Share your Christian successes and failures with people you trust. Reach out to fellow Christians for Christ's love when times get dark.

Ask them to help you find Christ when God seems hard to find.

The world changed when Jesus entered it. Fear and despair lost their power.

Remember, when times get tough, you can bask in "the true light".

Happy Christmas and blessings for 2023.

**Where do you need Christ's light, or where can you offer his light right now?**

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## Parish Office Christmas Closure

Midday Friday 23rd December

We will reopen on  
9am Tuesday 3rd January



Parish office staff would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Safe Happy New Year.

## Macleay & Russell Island Mass Times

MONTH	DATE	MACLEAY	RUSSELL
JANUARY	8TH	Liturgy of Word	Fr Bavin Clarke
JANUARY	15TH	Fr Bavin Clarke	Liturgy of Word
JANUARY	22ND	Liturgy of Word	Fr Ladu Yanga
JANUARY	29TH	Fr Ladu Yanga	Liturgy of Word

### 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 Q 4184

11:00am Saturday (Feb 2023)

*Macleay Island*

Church of the Holy Spirit

Scotts Road, Macleay Island Q 4148

Sunday 2pm

*Russell Island*

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

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