



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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25th Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A 24th September 2023

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9, Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, Philippians 1:20-24, 27, Matthew 20:1-16

Next Week —26th Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A: Ezekiel 18:25-28, Ps 24:4-9, Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32

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In today's Gospel reading (cf Mt 20:1-16) there is the parable of the day labourers in the vineyard, which Jesus recounts in order to explain two aspects of the Kingdom of God: the first is that God wants to call everyone to work for his Kingdom; the second is that, in the end, he wants to give everyone the same reward, that is, salvation, eternal life. The owner of the vineyard who represents God, goes out at dawn and hires a group of workers, agreeing with them on the day's wages. It was a fair wage. Then he goes out again [several times] later in the day — he goes out five times on that day — until the late afternoon to hire other unemployed labourers whom he sees. At the end of the day, the landowner orders that a denarius be paid to everyone, even to those who had only worked for a few hours. Naturally, the labourers who were hired first complain because they see that they are paid as much as those who worked for fewer hours. The landowner however, reminds them about what had been agreed: if he then wants to be generous with the others, they should not be envious. In reality, this "injustice" of the owner serves to provoke in those listening to the parable a qualitative leap because here Jesus does not want to speak about the issue of work or of a fair wage, but about the Kingdom of God! And this is the message: there are no unemployed people in the Kingdom of God. With this parable, Jesus wants to open our hearts to the logic of the Father's love which is free and generous. It is about allowing oneself to be astonished and fascinated by the "thoughts" and the "ways" of God which, as the Prophet Isaiah recalls, are not our thoughts and not our ways (cf Is 55:8). Human thoughts are often marked by selfishness and personal advantages, and our narrow and contorted paths are not comparable to the wide and straight streets of the Lord. He uses mercy — do not forget this: He uses mercy —, he forgives broadly, is filled with generosity and kindness which he pours forth on each of us. He opens for everyone the boundless territory of his love and his grace, which alone can give the human heart the fullness of joy. Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the labourers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard. It is a gaze which is filled with attention, kindness. It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us; he wants a full, committed life, safe from emptiness and inertia.

God excludes no one and wants each of us to achieve his or her fullness.

This is the love of our God, of our God who is Father.

SOURCE: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20170924.html

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)



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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**, especially *Eddie Dunne*.

We pray for all those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time, especially *Margaret Berton, Nan and Michael McLennan and Fay Sturdy*.

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

A letter from the Archbishop of Brisbane.

To the people of God of the Parish of St Rita, Victoria Point.
After consultation, I have appointed Fr Ladu Yanga Parish Priest of St Paul's parish, Woodridge from 9 October 2023.

In the coming weeks I plan to seek Expressions of Interest from the clergy of the Archdiocese for the role for Parish Priest of St Rita's parish, Victoria Point.

In the meantime, you are invited to a parish gathering with representatives from the College of Consultors who will take time to listen to parishioners' thoughts on the mission, vision, and unique charism of St Rita's parish, Victoria Point.

The gathering will take place at St Rita's church on Thursday 28th September at 6:30pm. I hope you can attend. In the meantime may the God of peace bless you in every way.



Pope's Prayer Intention September 2023

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



Cathedral Masses

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

Meet & Greet

Meet & Greet will be held after all the Masses on **Saturday 30th August & Sunday 1st September.**

Please bring a plate to share.

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:

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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 **17 September 2023** is **\$2 583.55**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – replaced broken latch on sink cupboard in OSHC, trimming of trees and shrubs in school/parish carpark.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – annual termite inspection and pest control spraying, install additional power point in OSHC, install timers on light poles in school/parish carpark, removal of mould and sanding and painting of presbytery window sills (scheduled for 2024), doors and door frames, repairs to corroded church/school gutters (repairs scheduled for Sept school holidays, hopefully), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold), polishing vinyl flooring in church, 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.



Sacramental News

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

PLEASE PRESENT AT YOUR APPOINTED GROUP TIME

Friday 6 October	St Rita's Church Group 1 5pm (for children being Confirmed at 9am)	Confirmation ceremony practise
	Group 2 6pm (for children being Confirmed at 11am)	

Saturday 7 October	St Rita's Church Group 1 9am	Confirmation Ceremony
	Group 2 11 am	

Contact Jennifer Fielding
3207 9177
sc.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

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)

Spiritual Gifts Workshop

Saturday 23rd September
Saturday 30th September
9am - 11.45am
St Rita's Catholic Church

The workshop includes worship,
listening to the Holy Spirit and
presentations from Catholic
teaching on each of the gifts.

To register, please contact Angela
on 0407 674 373

Morning tea provided.



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!

FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 18th September
Monday 2nd October



Let Justice
and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023

SEASON OF CREATION 2023

Second, let us add to the flow of this mighty river by transforming our *lifestyles*. Starting from grateful wonder at the Creator and his creation, let us repent of our "ecological sins", as my brother, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, has urged. These sins harm to the world of nature and our fellow men and women. With the help of God's grace, let us adopt lifestyles marked by less waste and unnecessary consumption, especially where the processes of production are toxic and unsustainable.



Ladies will get together again at the
Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on
Thursday 28th September 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.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

For more information call
Elaine Pascoe
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