



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe —Year A 26th November 2023

This Week's Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, Corinthians 15:20-26, 28, Matthew 25:31-46

Next Week —1st Sunday of Advent—Year B: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8, Ps Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37

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Ultimate Power

(Matthew 25:31-46)

The church year ends this week. Our calendar is not far behind. These endings carry a certain finality about them. We've spent the year studying Matthew's gospel, with its emphasis on God's kingdom. We look forward to the start of a new cycle following Mark, who ponders the identity of Jesus and the meaning of his coming. We're always glad to get to Advent, the happy season of warmth and giving. But before we leap into tomorrow, this church year has one more lesson to teach us.

The liturgical calendar always ends with Christ the King (Jesus Christ, Heart of the Universe), but the readings for this feast are remarkably different each time. In Matthew's year, Christ's kingship is defined in terms of judgment. A ruler has the power to separate good from evil, lives worthy of reward from those deserving punishment. Rulers establish the rules and enforce them. But in Matthew's judgment scene, the rules turn out to be completely different from what everyone expected. The Son of Man doesn't quiz people about whether they went to church or obeyed the commandments. No one is asked about divorce or sexual purity or saying their prayers. What does concern the king is how the saddest members of society are being treated.

If we took the quiz today, how would we do? This is an appropriate reflection for the end of the year. It's also a good time to consider how we might prepare to pass this exam at the mother of all endings.

Ask yourself the questions that appear in the last judgment. Where do you stand today, with the sheep or the goats?

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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 (4th & 18th Nov)

MACLEAY ISLAND—Church of the Holy

Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island

2pm Sunday Mass (5th & 19th Nov)

9am Liturgy (12th & 26th Nov)

RUSSELL ISLAND

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm Sunday Mass (12th & 26th Nov)

2pm Virtual (5th & 19th Nov)



**“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

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Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are ill, especially Ross Cooper, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Bill Mellor, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, 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, Anthony & Annie Dunne and Ted Brown.

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.



Month of Remembering

November is the month in which we commemorate those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. During November, the Book of Remembrance will be placed in the Church. You are invited to write the names of those you wish to be included in the Book of Remembrance on the list provided. You will also find November Mass Offering envelopes to complete if you would like a commemoration Mass to be celebrated. Completed envelopes with offerings can be placed on the collection plates or returned to the Parish Office.



Pope's Prayer Intention November 2023

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



Cathedral Masses

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



SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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

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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 **12th November 2023** is \$3 133.55

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – installed concrete slabs over termite barrier system around OSHC for protection, repaired and adjusted bell ringer pole.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – repairs to corroded church/school gutters (repairs scheduled ??), annual carpet deep clean in OSHC, paint OSHC verandah wall, repair, clean & paint inside walls of OSHC building, repairs to kitchen cupboards in OSHC, re-oiling of OSHC verandah deck, 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).

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



Children will be making their First Penance on Wednesday 29th November 5.30 – 6.30pm

Parents, please arrive with your children 10 minutes early, to get settled prior.

Parishioners, your prayers for them and their Families are appreciated. Thank you

Help prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas by attending the following 4 week bible study course by

Dr Brant Pitre

Morning Session 9.00am

Evening Session 6.30pm

in the Ruby Room.

- 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

Any inquiries contact John or Grace (0450 063 408)

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)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of additional volunteers to assist in the monthly Meet & Greet for the Saturday Vigil Mass.

If you are able to assist, please see John Evans (PPC Chairperson) or your Mass Coordinator.

Thank you.

HAVE A CHAT Club!

Christmas Party!!!

Ladies will get together again at the Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on Thursday 30th November at 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.
Last one for 2023! Lucky Door Prize!
All Welcome!!!!

For more information call Elaine Pascoe 0429 925 989



and suddenly there was with an angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying
Glory to God
in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men
Luke 2 13-14

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY?

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