



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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21st Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A 27th August 2023

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23, Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8, St Paul 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20

Next Week —22nd Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A: Jeremiah 20:7-9, Ps 62:2-6, 8-9, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

"A Peg in a Sure Spot"

One day soon, Peter will deny he ever knew Jesus. But at this moment, he's chosen to be the foundation upon which the future church will rest. Peter, in a sure spot? He was a nail driven into spackle! Is Jesus being ironic when he calls him a rock? In just a few more verses (see vs, 23), Jesus will call Peter the devil.

Jesus is Lord - but also a realist. Human nature is soft, like the flesh that contains it, and there truly is no better choice among the Twelve than Peter. From this impulsive, unschooled, self-preserving fisherman, God will raise up the rafters of a church that will see twenty centuries more. Not because Peter is great, but because God is. Not much can be built on flesh, as frail and uncertain as human beings are. But through the Spirit which gives the church its breath, the reign of God keeps on coming, on earth as it is in heaven.

What part of your Christian commitment is like rock? What part is flesh?

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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 (19 August)

Macleay Island—Church of the Holy

Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island

2pm Sunday Mass (August 13 & 27)

9am Liturgy (August 20)

Russell Island

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm Sunday Mass (August 20)

2pm Virtual (August 13 & 27)



"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 Sean Patrick and Kenneth Carroll.

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

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support.

If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or leave it here on your way out after Mass.

Your tax deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community.

Thank you again for your time and generosity.

God Bless,

Fr Ladu



Pope's Prayer Intention August 2023

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



Cathedral Masses

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



Ladies will get together again at the Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on Thursday 31st August 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.

PRIZES TO BE WON



For more information call Elaine Pascoe 0429 925 989



SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 27th August 2023

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2023-24

Listen, Learn, Love

A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples



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 **20 August 2023** is **\$2 513.65**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – replaced door lock mechanism on OHSC sliding door, safety incident investigation/report in school/church carpark.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – 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), 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.

Meet & Greet

Meet & Greet will be held after all the Masses on **Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd August.**

Please bring a plate to share

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)

VOLUNTEER OF THE PARISH?

DO I NEED A BLUE CARD?

DO I NEED A POLICE CHECK?

DO I HAVE TRAINING TO COMPLETE?

Please check the **MATRIX** provided or contact the Safeguarding Coordinator in the Parish Office 3207 9177



MATRIX Volunteer Safeguarding Accreditation Requirements

APPENDIX

**** IMPORTANT ****
The below matrix **does not** provide an exhaustive list of volunteer roles and is to be read in conjunction with Standard Volunteer Safeguarding Accreditation Requirements.

ROLES	Blue card	Police check	Prior Conduct Declaration	Safe Conduct Standards	Safeguarding Training
(Renewed/validance period):					
1. Acolyte, Altar Server Co-ordinator/Trainer, Altar Server (Adult interacting with child Altar Servers)	2 years	2 years	2 years	Clear/0	2 years
2. Adult Care or Nursing Home Ministry (including Extraordinary Communion Ministers)	•	•	•	•	•
3. Care & Concern, Sick & Frail, Home Communion, Hospital Ministry (including Extraordinary Communion Ministers)	•	•	•	•	•
4. Catechist (offering religious instruction in State schools)	•	•	•	•	•
5. Church Guide (e.g. Cathedral Guide)	•	•	•	•	•
6. Chaplain (Jail)	•	•	•	•	•
7. Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator/Leader/Worker	•	•	•	•	•
8. Choir Member (Adult), Music/Choir Conductor or Coordinator (interacting with children or children's choir)	•	•	•	•	•
9. Cleaner (with keys)	•	•	•	•	•
10. Counter	•	•	•	•	•
11. Finance Council or Board Member	•	•	•	•	•
12. Grounds-keeper, Gardener, Maintenance Worker (with keys)	•	•	•	•	•
13. Homeless Outreach Coordinator/Leader/Worker	•	•	•	•	•
14. Local Safeguarding Representative	•	•	•	•	•
15. Medician or Organist (Adult - interacting with children)	•	•	•	•	•
16. Office Administrator	•	•	•	•	•
17. Parish Pastoral Council or Leadership Team member	•	•	•	•	•
18. Photographer or Video Operator (including live-streaming)	•	•	•	•	•
19. Pity Store Conveyor	•	•	•	•	•
20. RICA Coordinator/Leader/Worker (including those attending schools for religious instruction)	•	•	•	•	•
21. Religious Institute Trainee, Aspirant or Postulant	•	•	•	•	•
22. Religious Brother, Sister, Nun	•	•	•	•	•
23. Sacramental or Pastoral Programs Coordinator/Leader/Worker	•	•	•	•	•
24. Sacristan or Altar Coordinator	•	•	•	•	•
25. Seminarist	•	•	•	•	•
26. Transport Ministry (e.g. Bus Driver)	•	•	•	•	•
27. Young adult group Coordinator/Leader/Worker	•	•	•	•	•
28. Youth Group Coordinator/Leader/Worker	•	•	•	•	•

Child/Children - Any person under 18 years of age.

Adult - Any person 18 years of age or older.

PRIMARY SCHOOL MASSES



St Rita's Primary School
Class Liturgy will be held 2pm Mondays.
Parents and Friends are welcome to attend.

Please vote for Siobhan Wilson in the Westfield Local Heroes Awards. Siobhan is a finalist and now goes into the draw to win \$20 000 towards more pack for kids of trauma.

<https://tinyurl.com/Vote-for-Siobhan>

St Rita's Men's Social Group

St Rita's Men's Social group will be meeting on Thursday 7th August at 10am to view a documentary about Clem Jones as the Lord Mayor of Brisbane in The Ruby Room. Along with new and improved sound quality and clarity, there will also be morning tea included.

Please advise Mike Duggan if you would like to attend 0429629211 or duggancasa@outlook.com especially for catering purposes.



Gwendolyn Thomas & Savannah Nicolosi



Will be Baptised Sunday 27th August 2023.
We welcome Gwendolyn, Savannah and their families into our Parish Community.

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY?

Please fill out the form below and place into the collections box or contact the Parish Office Call 3207 9177 or email victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

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