



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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1st Sunday of Advent –Year A – 27th November 2022

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5, Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9, St Paul 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44

Next Week —2nd Sunday of Advent—Year A: Isaiah 11:1-10, Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, St Paul 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### “ THE NIGHT IS FAR SPENT ”

We know for sure that Santa Claus is coming to town; and so is Snoopy, Peanuts, Frosty, the Grinch, Rudolph, and more seasonal visitors than we may care to name. We also know that Jesus is coming, but he doesn't advertise his arrival as relentlessly as these others so we aren't sure quiet when. Will he arrive in time for the holidays? Too late to stop the next war? Too soon for me to acquire all the things I'd like to have in this world? This is the Advent from which the season takes its name. Jesus is coming, and his advent is the one all these modern myths seek to recreate. Will Charlie Brown find the real meaning of Christmas? Only with a Scripture-quoting friend like Linus. With the Grinch get a life? Only if he opens his eyes to the world he's always had. Jesus is coming all the time, but we won't know it if we refuse to change. That is the purpose of Advent, to give us fair notice that it's time to take time seriously. For whom or what are you waiting? Be a friend like Linus to someone who has not heard the message of the story of Bethlehem. Share your faith with someone who is still waiting for love to come.

The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing.

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The first weekend of Advent means the blessing of the Wreath and Candles. The circle of the wreath, without and beginning or an end, symbolises God's unending love for us and reminds us of eternity. The evergreen leaves represented growth and hopes of eternal life. The symbol of evergreens is rather lost in our part of the world, so Australian gum leaves, nuts and flowers are sometimes substituted.



Our first Advent Candle is the Prophet Candle or the Candle of Hope because it reminds us of the prophets – those who spoke God's word to the people during the hundreds of years before Jesus was born. The prophets gave the people hope by telling them about God.

## WEEKLY DIARY

### Daily (Mon, Tues, Fri)

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church

### Monday's

9:30am Pro Life Rosary—Chapel

2:00pm St Rita's Primary Mass—  
St Rita's Church

### Tuesday's

7:00pm Prayer & Praise—Chapel

### Wednesday's

10:00am Art Group—Ruby Room

4:00pm 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

(NO MASS 5TH SUNDAY)

Coochiemudlo Island

Coochiemudlo Island Community Hall

345 Victoria Parade,

Coochiemudlo Island Q 4184

11:00am Saturday (Nov 5th, 19th)

Macleay Island

Church of the Holy Spirit

Scotts Road, Macleay Island Q 4148

5pm Sunday (1st & 3rd Sunday)

Russell Island

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm (2nd & 4th Sunday)



“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](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.au)

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**Please take a moment to pray for:**

All those who are ill, especially Edith Quilty, Julie Davey, Virginia Casinto, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Toby Bernal, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Doherty, Kay Grieve, Jela Cicak, 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 Baudry.



**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 from the Piety Stall.**

## A Notice from Fr Ladu

Dear Brothers and Sisters

In Western Christianity, the First Sunday of Advent is the start of the Christian year and begins a season of four Sunday's, culminating in the celebration of Christmas.

The word 'advent' means 'coming' and the main theme of the Season is preparing for the coming of Jesus the Christ: preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus and preparing for the coming of Christ in our lives. The First Sunday of Advent is marked in some churches by lighting of the first of five candles, held together by a wreath of greenery. The final candle is lit on Christmas Day representing Christ as the light of the world.

God Bless, Fr Ladu Yanga

## Pope's Prayer Intention November 2022



Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL MASSES

*The children are on School Holidays and will return in the second week of January 2023*



### HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

"...For our salvation is near now than when we first believed, the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light...".  
Romans 13: 11-14

All are welcome to join our Catholic Charismatic Group, which meets for praise and worship at St Rita Parish Chapel, every Tuesday night from 7:00pm till 9:00pm  
Gospel sharing.

Please call MAY RICHARSON 0435212787 OR  
EJ POLOTAN 0403658827

## Meet & Greet

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December, all are invited to stay after all the Masses and enjoy a drink and something to eat at our

Meet & Greet Sessions.

## 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.

Collections and donations for the weekend of **20 November 2022: \$2 256.40**

## Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

**RECENT ACTIVITIES:** commenced construction of OSHC building extension (approx. 4 month project).

**CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE:** – clean and paint presbytery walls on shady side of building, obtain quotes for removal of trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery (roots in drains), high-pressure water-blast pathway leading to church, polishing vinyl flooring in church, investigate evidence of water leaks (wall in priest sacristy, ceiling above reconciliation facility, gutter outside toilets), obtain quote for Termite management system renewal around the church building, fix/replace damaged fence railing at OSHC.

**POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING:** replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval), repaint inside walls of presbytery, replace rusted-out gutter at chapel end of church building.



## Sacramental News

### PENANCE

Wed 30th Nov 5:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Congratulations to the children who are receiving their Sacrament of Reconciliation! May you encounter God's love and mercy in this beautiful Sacrament!*



The Advent Reflection Book, "Incarnate" is now available at the back of the church.

The cost is \$5.

## COVID-19 ADVICE

When the traffic light is: Please follow this advice:

### RED (High Risk)

Wear a mask indoors

Wear a mask:

- In healthcare settings
  - Indoors, if you can't socially distance
  - On public transport
  - If you are older or medically at risk
  - If you're around people who are susceptible to COVID-19
- Take a rapid test (RAT) every 2 days if someone in your household has COVID-19

### AMBER (Medium Risk)

Stay home if you're sick

Keep up to date with your vaccinations  
Take a rapid test (RAT) if you get COVID-19 symptoms if you get COVID-19:

- Register your RAT result
- Stay home until you're well again
- Wear a mask for 7 days after your test
- Avoid visiting hospitals, aged care or disability care for 7 days after your test
- Ask household members to closely monitor for symptoms

### GREEN (Low Risk)

Wear a mask if required by the healthcare provider, venue or household

## Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards FOR SALE



St Vincent De Paul are selling 2023 Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards at the back of the Church. Prices are marked. Thank You.

## Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Vigil (Unitas)	5pm
Christmas Day (Church)	7am
Christmas Day (Church)	9am

[www.stritasparish.org](http://www.stritasparish.org)  
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### St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your help!

It's that time of year again when the Society needs your help in making up Christmas Hampers for the families who seek our assistance. This year we expect to need to cater for around 60 families in our Parish area (including the Bay Islands) and about 100 children.

We need donations of all manner of non-perishable groceries and especially tinned hams, Christmas cakes and Christmas puddings as well as all the usual Christmas goodies. We also need toys and gifts for children of all ages up to 16yrs.

If you would like to make a financial contribution - we'll be very happy to shop for you. Donation envelopes are available on the back table of the Church and can be left on any of the collection plates or dropped in the St. Vincent de Paul boxes at the Church doors. If you would like a receipt for taxation purposes, please give us your details and it will be mailed to you.

Help us make a difference and give a "lift" to the many families who are under even more pressure at this time of year to provide the basics, let alone any of the Season's luxuries. We are sure you will all be blessed for your generosity.

### DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY?

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