



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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## Pentecost Sunday—Year A 28th May 2023

This Week's Readings: Acts 2:1-11, Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34, St Paul 12:3-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

Next Week—*The Most Holy Trinity*—Year A: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9, Daniel 3:52-56, St Paul 13:11-13, John 3:16-18

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### "The Miracle of Language"

God created the world with a word, Scripture tells us. God spoke the word BE, and all that is came into being. In the same way, God spoke divinity into human form when Jesus the Word "became flesh and dwelt among us". Finally, the Spirit of Holiness becomes available to us when Jesus breathes the simple words, "Receive the Holy Spirit".

The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are defined by lists of words that school children memorise, but behind those words are powerful realities. Invoking the Spirit of joy, peace, patience, and love will create quite a different world than the one invoked by anger, bitterness, and indifference. Lives are bound together or drawn apart by words spoken or withheld. Stewardship over the power of words is a holy reality.

Look up the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5: 22 - 23.  
How many of these are expressed in your life?

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## WEEKLY DIARY

### Daily (Mon, Tues, Fri)

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church  
9:30am Rosary Crusade Pro Life

### Monday's

8:30am Pro Life Rosary—Chapel  
9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church

### 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 (May 6th & 20th)  
*Macleay Island*—Church of the Holy Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island  
2pm Sunday Mass (May 7th & 21)  
9am Liturgy (May 14th & 28th)  
*Russell Island*  
Bay Islands Community Services  
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island  
2pm (May 14th & 28th)  
9am Liturgy (May 7th & 21)



"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?

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

All those who are ill, especially 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 Ken Guimelli, Colleen Ashe and Thomas Berton.

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

Brothers and sisters,

Archbishop Mark writes:

We have begun the long and complex process of moving towards a synodal mode of governance in the Church, but the process is far from complete; and there is much to be done to embed synodal governance more securely at every level in the Archdiocese... Synodality implies inclusion, and therefore we will have to keep asking how we might at every level include women in the decision-making processes of the Archdiocese. So too synodality requires transparency and accountability, and we will have to keep asking what we need to do make the Archdiocese more transparent and accountable.

God Bless, Fr Ladu

**Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023**

1. TEACHING PRAYER
2. RESHAPING PARISH COMMUNITIES
3. BRINGING CULTURAL COMMUNITIES TO THE CENTRE
4. RESPONDING TO ABUSE AND THE ABUSED
5. ENGAGING ANEW WITH FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES
6. IMPLEMENTING INTEGRAL ECOLOGY
7. EMBEDDING SYNODAL GOVERNANCE



## Pope's Prayer Intention May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



## Cathedral Masses

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

# Meet & Greet

**On the FIRST Weekend of the Month, there will be a **Meet & Greet** held after the Masses.  
Please bring a plate to share on**

**Saturday 2nd &  
Sunday 3rd May 2023**

## 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 **21 May 2023** is **\$2 658.75**

## Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – continued painting Presbytery internal walls, inspected toilets in church (connection rubbers perished) and presbytery (roots in toilet bowl) - work scheduled for next week.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – repairs to corroded church/school gutters (quote still pending), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark, painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold), removal of trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery (roots in drains), polishing vinyl flooring in church, implement repairs to stop water leaks (wall in priest sacristy, ceiling above reconciliation facility, gutter outside toilets), renewal of Termite Management system around the church/school building (quote obtained), replace rotted timber on archway leading into church verandah, clean second half of OSHC verandah wall.

POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING – replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval).



## Sacramental News

### First Holy Communion

#### **Celebration of God's Mercy**

Wednesday 31st May at St Rita's Church

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Please arrive 10 minutes early to get settled.

Children will be able to collect their "My Sacramental Journey" activity book afterwards.



## 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)

## FR LADU LEAVE DATES

1st June 2023

returning for Mass

3rd July 2023

We welcome Mons John Butler to celebrate weekend Masses at Victoria Point with us. We welcome Fr Bavin Clarke to celebrate on the Islands.

## Weekday Mass Details

<b>Mon</b> 9am Liturgy of the Word	<b>Tue</b> 9am Liturgy of the Word	<b>Wed</b> 9am Liturgy of the Word
<b>Thu</b> NO SERVICE TODAY	<b>Fri</b> 9am Liturgy of the Word	<b>Weekend</b> Normal Weekend Masses

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## Missionaries of the Poor Brisbane Supporters

### Account Details for EFT Donations

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Reference: MOP Australia

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Thank you for your prayers and your financial support of the Missionaries of the Poor in Timor-Leste



The second "A Morning's Prayer" for 2023 Saturday June 3rd from 9am to 12pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston. The topic for the event will be

"Knowing and Loving Our God." We will delve into understanding who God is for us and the mystery of the Trinity, through input, personal prayer, meditation and fellowship in a space designed to facilitate an encounter with God. Saturday 3 June, 9am-12pm. Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. \$20. Register [app.tickets.org.au/eb/amp23\\_2](http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amp23_2)

## Arianna Hennessy & Hunter Coombes



*Will be Baptised Sunday 28th May 2023.*  
*We welcome Arianna, Hunter and their families into our Parish Community.*



## 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!

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Mondays June 5th & 19th  
Mondays July 3rd & 17th

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

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