



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A — 29th January 2023

This Week's Readings: Zephaniah 2:3-; 3:12-13, Ps 145:7-10, Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 5:1-12

Next Week —5th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A: Isaiah 58:7-10, Ps 111:4-9, Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Certain pieces of music have had an incredible impact on my life. The first time I heard Pachelbel's "Canon in D Major," I was brought to tears. I felt the same way when I heard Ralph Vaughn William's "Adagio for Strings" and the Righteous Brothers' "Unchained Melody". These three pieces remain favourites of mine and still have a huge impact on me. But nothing can replace the very first time I heard them.

Our gospel this weekend is one of the most important passages in all of scripture. The Beatitudes are the sum total of the meaning of salvation that Jesus came to share with us. They were destined to become the guideposts of who we are, even more than what we do, as Christians. They are radical in their outlook, challenging those who hear them to look at the world and all they value in new and different ways.

Imagine the very first time the Beatitudes were heard by the crowd and the disciples sitting on the side of the hill. Most probably fled, some in disgust, others laughing at Jesus' naïveté, and some in fear of the power of his message. The disciples must have felt something stir within them that would be dormant until the Spirit anointed them on the first Pentecost.

We've heard these words at weddings, at funerals, at Sunday Mass, and at prayer services. So perhaps they have lost some of their impact. Can we try to hear them as though we've never heard them before? Maybe not. But let's listen more closely the next time the words "Blessed are ..." are proclaimed to our ears and hearts.

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WEEKLY DIARY

Daily (Mon, Tues, Fri)

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church

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 (returning Feb)

4:00pm Choir - St Rita's Church

Thursday's

Parish Priest Day Off (No masses)

Friday's

9:00am Mass—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

PLEASE SEE MASS DATES PAGE

Coochiemudlo Island

Coochiemudlo Island Community Hall

345 Victoria Parade,

Coochiemudlo Island Q 4184

11:00am Saturday (Feb 4th & 17th)

Macleay Island

Church of the Holy Spirit

Scotts Road, Macleay Island Q 4148

2pm Sunday

Russell Island

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm



"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."

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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

<https://tinyurl.com/Safeguarding-Incident-Report> <https://tinyurl.com/New-Protecting-Children-Laws>

STOPLine Service 1300 304 550 AOB@stopline.com.au www.bncatholic.stoplinereport.com

Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are ill, especially Isabelle Scaullion, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Julie Davey, Virginia Casinto, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Toby Bernal, Helen Stockwell, Mrlie 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 Chris Smith and Doris Falzon.



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 Parishioners,

All the extraordinary ministers of the Communion at Mass need to register their names with their Mass Coordinators.

For our new Parishioners, the history of our Parish has been put together by the late Jim Shephard, and is in a folder at the back of the Church.

If you are interested to know more about this Parish, feel free to borrow it.

God Bless
Fr Ladu



Pope's Prayer Intention January 2023

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear what man can do to me."
Hebrews 13:6

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

This Tuesday will be teaching video



All are welcome to attend

Please call
MAY RICHARSON 0435212787
EJ POLOTAN 0403658827

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 **22 January 2023: 2 335.25**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES: – completed painting of presbytery external fibro walls, completed assembly of chapel leadlight windows, investigated malfunctioning light at entrance to ladies toilet (replaced tube but still not working – need an electrician).

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE: – installation of chapel leadlight windows (scheduled 1st Feb), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves, 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 building (quote obtained), 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/repair rusted-out gutter at chapel end of church building.

Primary School Christian Religious Instruction (CRI)

Calling for people who love God and children to volunteer to give children Bible story lessons at Carbrook, Mt Cotton, Redland Bay and other local State primary schools. The lessons are 30 or 45 minutes once a fortnight. Curriculum is provided, you don't have to be a Teacher to do this but you will need Fr Ladu's approval, a Blue card and three short courses. Without people stepping up to do this some of these children may miss out entirely on hearing about our loving God and learning about Jesus. Other ways to help are by praying for all involved, assisting in classes or financially contributing to the cost of curriculum. For more information, please contact the CRI Coordinator Jennifer Fielding on 0412675440

Meet & Greet

On the **FIRST Weekend of the Month**, there will be a Cuppa Tea & Biscuit held **after** the Masses.

Please bring a plate to share on



Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th February 2023.



At the heart of the new Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation's offerings are the four core modules entitled "Catholic Foundations". Catholic Foundations is designed to draw Catholics into the fullness of the Catholic life and provide formation for those considering ministry roles. The experience will engage both the head and the heart, so participants grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith. Each module includes 10 sessions supported with individual reflection and a certificate awarded for completion. The modules will be spread across four semesters in 2023 and 2024.

The first module, Catholic Theology in Context, led by Shane Dwyer (Evangelisation Brisbane Associate Director, Adult Formation) will commence on Monday night 20 February 2023 at Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary.

This module introduces some key principles of the Catholic faith as we seek to understand more deeply who God is and who we are called to be in response to God. It will cover themes including:

- The person of Jesus Christ
- Understanding our baptism
- A Catholic response to Scripture
- Our life in the Trinity
- Living our faith today
- The Eucharist
- Prayer

acc@bne.catholic.net.au

All parishes should have received mail in late 2022 containing the promotional video and a handful of prospectuses. If you did not receive this, please reach out to the team at Evangelisation Brisbane (acc@bne.catholic.net.au).

To find out more, head to catholicformation.au

ART GROUP

Returning Feb 2023

**WEDNESDAY 10AM
THE RUBY ROOM**

- NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
- COME AND CREATE
- BYO SUPPLIES

Bay Island Masses held 2:00pm Sunday

MONTH	DATE	MACLEAY	RUSSELL	SUNDAY	COLOUR
JANUARY	8TH	Liturgy of Word Fr Bavin Clarke		THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	WHITE
JANUARY	15TH	Fr Bavin Clarke	Liturgy of Word	2ND SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
JANUARY	22ND	Liturgy of Word Fr Ladu Yanga		3RD SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
JANUARY	29TH	Fr Ladu Yanga	Liturgy of Word	4TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	5TH	Liturgy of Word Fr Ladu Yanga		5TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	12TH	Fr Ladu Yanga	Liturgy of Word	6TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	2ND	Liturgy of Word Fr Ladu Yanga		7TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	26TH	Fr Ladu Yanga	Liturgy of Word	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	VIOLET



**Marebello Mass
9am
Wednesday 1st February 2023**

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