



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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30th Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A 29th October 2023

**This Week's Readings:** Exodus 22:20-26, Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51, Thessalonians 1:5-10, 19-20, Matthew 22:34-40

Next Week —31st Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10, Ps 130, Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13, Matthew 23:1-12

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## The Bottom Line

(Matthew 22:34-40)

Moses drew the bottom line for the people of God when he presented the stone tablets to them at the base of Sinai: Here are ten things you must, and must not do. **Love God, honour your parents; don't steal, kill.** Most of us know the commandments well enough to know when we break them, without peeking back at Exodus.

To ask - which commandment of God is the greatest? - is a bit like asking for a hierarchy of evil for future reference. The popularity of lists of sins is that they give us guidelines as to how far we can go in sin before we're over our heads. As Robert Orbin says, most of us would like to be delivered from evil - but would like to keep in touch. The great commandment of Jesus doesn't give us that option.

Loving God with heart, soul, and mind is a pretty exclusive commitment.

When it comes to monogamy, even it a little infidelity is too much.

How does your commitment to God measure up against the Ten Commandments? How does it measure against the love command of Jesus?

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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 (21st Oct)

**MACLEAY ISLAND**—Church of the Holy

Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island

2pm Sunday Mass (8th, 22nd Oct)

9am Liturgy (1st, 15th, 29th Oct)

**RUSSELL ISLAND**

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm Sunday Mass (1st, 15th, 29th Oct)

2pm Virtual (8th, 22nd Oct)



**"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 Ross Cooper, Pauline Walker, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, 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, Margaretha Croes and Maria Ney.**

**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.**



## St Rita's Men's Social Group

The St Rita's Men's Social group will be gathering in the Ruby Room on Tuesday 31st Oct at 10:30 for morning tea and viewing of a documentary on the Pike River Coal Mine disaster in NZ and the lessons learnt. Please advise Mike Duggan if you would like to attend. Duggancasa@outlook.com or 0429629211



## Pope's Prayer Intention October 2023

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

## Cathedral Masses

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



## Spencer Mulder



*Will be Baptised Sunday 29th October 2023.*

*We welcome Spencer and his family  
into our Parish Community.*

### Calling all new and current Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (for Mass only)

Ministry Training:  
MONDAY 30 OCTOBER  
at 6.30pm in the church  
Please RSVP to Grace Fogarty,  
Madonna Hennessy or the  
Parish Office

### 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 **15th October 2023** is **\$2 613.40**

### **WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:**

RECENT ACTIVITIES – replaced waste water pump in kitchen sink at OHSC.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – repairs to corroded church/school gutters (repairs scheduled ??), polishing vinyl flooring in church, clean second half of OSHC verandah wall & paint, clean & paint inside walls of OSHC building, 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), progressive upgrade of pole lights in school/church carpark.

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

### FIRST PENANCE



Please pray for the children as they prepare for their 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of Penance

## 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)

Bring your family and friends & come and enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch in the air conditioned **Ginger Factory.**



## St Rita's Christmas Bus Trip

**Tuesday, 21 November**

**Cost only \$50.00**

For further information, please ring Marie on 0411 459014.

Tickets on sale from the weekend of 29/30 October until 11/12 November at all masses.

The bus will leave at 8.00 a.m from St Rita's Benfer Road with a pick up at the Marina and return approximately at 4.00 pm.

## THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Dear Fr Ladu

**Subject: The end of bulk delivery and the digital paper. A subscription for home delivery is the way to go.**

You will probably know by now that from 2024 The Catholic Leader will move to an individual subscription distribution model. If your Parish previously received a bulk delivery of the paper, this will stop after the Christmas 2023 delivery. The production of the digital online edition of the paper will also stop at this time.

A subscription-only model means we will print and distribute on tighter margins with less excess and with a streamlined distribution method for all readers. It means all readers will receive the newspaper to their door.



*All Saints' Mass*  
Wednesday 1st November  
at 9:00 am in St Rita's Church

and

*All Souls' Mass*  
Thursday 2nd November  
at 9:00 am in St Rita's Church

followed by a  
*Remembrance Ceremony*  
in St Rita's Garden of Remembrance  
with  
Morning Tea afterwards

**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)

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