



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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Palm Sunday – Year A – 2nd April 2023

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 50:-7, Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 27:11-54

Next Week – Resurrection of the Lord – Year A: Acts 10:34, 37-43, Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

"Face Your Tough Choices"

One day a few years back, during a trip to Israel, I sat on the Mount of Olives, looking across the valley at Jerusalem, wondering what Jesus thought on that Palm Sunday, two thousand years ago, as he sat on the Mount of Olives. He must have known that although many people would cheer him when he entered the city, the authorities would eventually arrest him. He must have known that death waited for him across that valley. And yet, he also must have known that he couldn't live with integrity without proclaiming his message in Jerusalem, the home of religious and political leaders who had corrupted God's message of hope and peace.

Regardless, the Gospels tell us that one day, he decided to cross that valley and enter Jerusalem. You know the rest of the story. How about you? What decisions face you that call for sacrifice and courage? Do you have friends whose destructive behaviour you should challenge? Are there people at school or work you should stick up for? Are there broken relationships you're afraid to repair? Holy Week is the time to face those decisions. Watch Holy Thursday as Jesus shows you how to drop your pride and put others first. Don't miss Good Friday, where he courageously suffers and dies for what he believes. Celebrate Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, where his Resurrection provides proof that death, violence, and fear have no ultimate power. Pray about your hard decisions as you watch Jesus make his. You'll find him walking beside you, offering the courage and wisdom you need.



What decisions face you now that call for courage?

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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 (April 1st & 15th)
Macleay Island—Church of the Holy Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island
2pm Sunday Mass (April 23rd)
9am Liturgy (April 16th & 30th)
Russell Island
Bay Islands Community Services
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island
2pm (April 2nd, 16th & 30th)
9am Liturgy (April 23rd)

Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are **ill**, especially 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 Dianne Thomas and Peggy Kelly.



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

Brothers and sisters,

We will reintroduce communion from the chalice from **Holy Thursday, 6 April**.

If you are unwell in any way please refrain from using the chalice.

Also, the presider is no longer required to wear a face mask at Communion.

People may choose to shake hands or embrace when giving the Sign of Peace.

Please note that at Veneration of the Cross there is to be **NO KISSING OF THE CROSS.**

God Bless Fr Ladu



Pope's Prayer Intention April 2023

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Parish Pastoral Council Members 2023



Back Row: Fr Ladu Yanga (**Priest**), Justin Ball.
Middle Row: Sarina Tomarchio, Veronica Fogarty, Vivien Flemming (**Secretary**), Deslee Ball.
Front Row: John Evans (**President**), Lucy Maguire (**Vice President**), Anne-Maree Reed.

Peyton E louise Murray



Will be Baptised Sunday 2nd April 2023.

*We welcome Peyton and her Family
into our Parish Community.*

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 **26 March 2023** is **\$2 654.55**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – assessment made of extent of repairs required to corroded church/school gutters (quote pending), measured up OSHC building for screens and roller blinds, Church Men's toilet placed out of service (leaking).

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – install security screens and roller blinds on OSHC building extension (scheduled 4th April), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark, 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).

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.



Sacramental News

First Holy Communion

We hope the children enrolled to prepare for their First Holy Communion enjoy their Easter holidays and remember praising our risen Lord during this time.

Have fun checking out your workbooks over the school holidays and we look forward to seeing you at the Learn the Rosary on Thursday 20th April at 4pm in the Church.

Thank you to the Rosary group members who are planning to join us.

God Bless



2nd Rite of Reconciliation

6:30pm

Tuesday 4th April 2023

St Rita's Church



Palm Sunday
1st April - 5pm Saturday
2nd April - 7am Sunday
9am Sunday



Holy Thursday

6th April - 6pm
Mass of Last Supper
followed by



Easter Vigil

8th April - 6pm
Saturday



2nd Rite of Reconciliation

4th April - 6:30pm
Tuesday



Good Friday

7th April - 9am
Stations of the Cross
7th April - 3pm
The Lord's Passion



Easter Sunday

9th April - 7am Sunday
- 9am Sunday



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul meetings will be held at 7.00pm on a Monday night, the 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month in The Ruby Room. The next meeting is Monday 3rd April.

St Rita's Bay Islands EASTER CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	6:00pm Macleay Island
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	8:00am Macleay Island
	Stations of the Cross	9:45am Russell Island
	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	3:15pm Macleay Island
Holy Saturday	The Easter Vigil	6:00pm Macleay Island
Easter Sunday	Mass	9:00am Russell Island



Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) 1 & 2 April



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting or by calling 1800 024 413.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St Rita's, 37 Benfer Rd, Victoria Point on Sunday 16th April with 9am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Reconciliation and ending with Benediction.

A Novena to Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday 7th April for nine days. Novena Leaflets are on the back table of the Church.

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