



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

Incorporating Victoria Point, Thornlands South, Redland Bay, Mount Cotton, Coochiemudlo Island and the Southern Bay Islands. ABN: 25 328 758 007 105

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A 2nd July 2023

This Week's Readings: Kings 4:8-11, 14-16, Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19, Romans 6:3-4, 8-11, Matthew 10:37-42

Next Week —14th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A: Zechariah 9:9-10, Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14, Romans 8:9, 11-13, Matthew 11:25-30

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*" Welcome, Prophet "*

Something needs to be said about the flip side of receiving a prophet into your home. Yes, you may receive a prophet's reward. But you also have to listen to the prophet and the prophecy. This may be why prophets aren't swamped with invitations when they come to town.

When Jesus came to town, sinners and religious folks alike vied for his presence in their homes – at first. But Jesus had a way of criticising his hosts, even berating the manner in which he was received by them, that made a second invitation unlikely. Only those willing to take his words to heart and repent were glad that Jesus came under their roof.

Prophecy is by its nature a challenge to the way things are. If we don't want to change, then prophets will always seem like threatening characters. They don't come to affirm us, but to invite us to come closer to the will of God. Receive a prophet if you dare but be prepared to do more than rearrange the furniture in your world.

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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 (June 17, July 15)  
*Macleay Island*—Church of the Holy Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island  
2pm Sunday Mass (June 18—1:45pm)  
9am Liturgy (June 25, July 9)  
*Russell Island*  
Bay Islands Community Services  
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island  
2pm Sunday Mass (June 25, July 9)  
2pm Virtual (June 18, July 2)



"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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**Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698**

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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 Jim Sheppard.

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.



## Planned Giving Envelopes

The new packs of planned giving envelopes for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, are available at the back of the Church.

You are encouraged to collect your new pack of envelopes as soon as you are able.



## Pope's Prayer Intention July 2023

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



## Cathedral Masses

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



## BUS TRIP—Tuesday 11th July 2023

Join us as we travel to Esk to experience good old country style entertainment of music, singing, jokes and bush poems with **The Esk Bush Bashers**. This band is comprised mostly of men playing piano, accordions, bass guitar, mouth organ, bush bass (an old tea chest) and lagerphone.

**Cost is only \$45 p/person. Gluten Free is \$5 extra (\$50).**

The bus leaves 8am from Benfer Rd school bus stop and returns home at 4:15pm. This show is very popular, so get in early to purchase your tickets.

St Rita's Bus Trips and Outings are organised for the enjoyment of all.

However, if you wish to come but suffer from any serious health issues that could impact on your enjoyment, please see Angela at the Office or call 3207 9177. This does not necessarily mean you cannot come on the trip - rather it is to ensure the well being of all.

This is a Workplace Health and Safety and Insurance requirement.

## 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 **18 June 2023** is **\$2 576.95**

The total for both collections for the weekend of **25 June 2023** is **\$3 107.60**

## Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – no activities.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – replacement of faded and rotted (and unhealthy) curtains in presbytery, removal of mould and sanding and painting of window sills, doors and door frames in presbytery, removal of trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery - to be scheduled in June, renewal of Termite Management system around the church/school building – to be scheduled 6 July, repairs to corroded church/school gutters (quote still pending), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold), polishing vinyl flooring in church, implement repairs to stop water leaks (wall in priest sacristy, ceiling above reconciliation facility, gutter outside toilets), replace rotted timber on archway leading into church verandah, clean second half of OSHC verandah wall and paint.

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

### Confirmation

Confirmation Program Dates	Venue: Time	Details	Information & Who else will be present
Thursday 13 July	St Rita's Church 6.30 – 7.30pm	Parent information/ Formation	Sacramental team Parents receive information envelopes, with enrolment forms and schedule details



## 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)*

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL

St. Rita's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be holding its Annual Winter Appeal at all Masses on the weekend of 8th and 9th July 2023.

Funds are urgently needed to assist our local Members in their work with the many families and individuals living in our Parish area, who turn to us for help on a daily basis.

Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated.



Rev Fr Ladu Yanga.

Congratulations on the 10th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood. God bless you and all you have achieved and will continue to achieve.

Enjoy your special day. Warm and loving congratulations on your anniversary in the priesthood.



## 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!

### JULY MEETINGS

Monday 3rd and 17th July

# Marebello

A Vacanti Residence

*Mass at Marebello will be  
9:30am Wednesday 5th July*

*A new life in Christ...*



**Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Sunday**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023



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

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