



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A 30th July 2023

This Week's Readings: : Kings 3:5, 7-12, Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52

Next Week —*Transfiguration of the Lord*—Year A: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9, St Peter 1:16-19, Matthew 17:1-9

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

" Kingdom Stories "

The last few weeks we've been treated with kingdom stories. Some are casual, like the woman kneading dough or the sower going out to plant a field. Some are loaded with suppressed excitement: the merchant finding the pearl, or the discovery of treasure in an unmarked field. What kind of kingdom can be glimpsed from a net cast lightly into the sea, emerging with the day's catch AND a year's worth of junk?

What's clear is that the kingdom of God isn't a simple idea. It's not the usual religious jaunt from a life of good works to a heavenly reward. The kingdom is known through fidelity to small tasks yet holds enormous surprises and can lead to high spiritual gambles. We may be willing to put a pinch or piety into the dough and watch the bread rise. But not all of us will sell everything, even to purchase the brightest pearl on earth. Gamble, with our nest egg?

In fact, every kingdom story has its own risk factor. Not every loaf will rise, not every field sown will produce a yield. The dragnet if human experience pulls up what's useful to spiritual growth and more garbage to haul around. We're choosing, in every minute, how much we will sacrifice, how much to risk.

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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 (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)



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Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are **ill**, especially *Pauline Walker, Elaine Prestney, 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 *Paul Litfin, Michelle Dunne and 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.



A Notice from Fr Ladu

The Rite of Enrolment is a ceremony in which the Candidates make their official commitment to enter into preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Prior to the Rite of Enrolment candidates are asked to seriously and prayerfully think about what will be required of them during this time of preparation.

This weekend at the Saturday 5pm and the Sunday 9am Masses, we support and pray for the candidates and their families, enrolled in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

May God hold them in his arms during this time.

God Bless
Fr Ladu



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>



**Communion at Marebello
(no Mass)
9:30am
Wednesday 2nd August**

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 **23 July 2023** is **\$2 662.15**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – continued painting of presbytery internal walls (13 rooms complete, 3 to finish)

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – clean-out garden bed alongside presbytery fence where trees removed (obtaining quotes), waterblast mouldy pathways leading to Parish Office, removal of mould and sanding and painting of presbytery window sills, doors and door frames, repairs to corroded church/school gutters (quote obtained – looking for alternative solutions), 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.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

FAMILY SESSION #1



6:00pm
Tuesday 6th August
St Rita's Church

Please bring your activity books
Please arrive by 5:50pm to be signed in.



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)

Meet & Greet

Meet & Greet will be held
after all the Masses on
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th August.

Please bring a plate to share.
All are welcome.

MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST

The artwork with this invitation is very special...



It was created by Lily, a Yr5 student at St Joseph's School in Nundah. It demonstrates how much St Mary MacKillop cared for others. When creating her artwork, Lily wanted to include tongues of fire, representing the Holy Spirit, as well as the Cross to represent the Resurrection.

This is such a wonderful demonstration of how St Mary of the Cross MacKillop still impacts Catholic education in Australia today.

To honour St Mary MacKillop's legacy and seek her intercession, Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to join him for Mass on Tues 8 August at 10am at the Cathedral of St Stephen.



PRIMARY SCHOOL MASSES

St Rita's Primary School
Class Liturgy will be held 2pm Mondays.
31st July will be 3L & PT
Parents and Friends are welcome to attend.



St Vincent de Paul

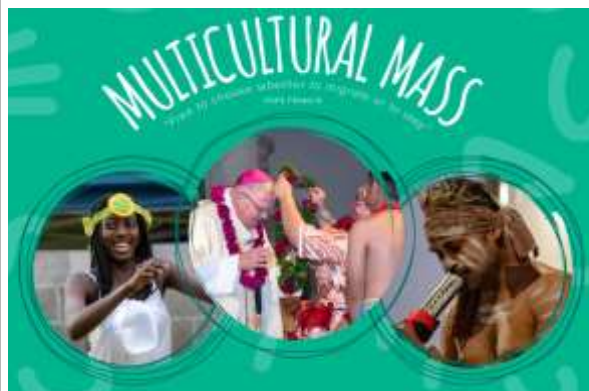
St Vincent de Paul Meetings are held
7pm in The Ruby Room located at
The Parish Office.

All are welcome to attend!

AUGUST MEETINGS

Monday 7th August

Monday 21st August



This year's annual **Multicultural Mass** will be held on Sunday 24th September in recognition of World Day of Migrant and Refugees, highlighting this year's theme, "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay".

Mass will be presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. Cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds will follow.

When: 2:30pm, Sunday 24th September 2023

Where: Cathedral of St Stephen (249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane)

RSVP: app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23

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