



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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22nd Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A 3rd September 2023

This Week's Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-9, Ps 62:2-6, 8-9, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27

Next Week —23rd Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A: Ezekiel 33:7-9, Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*"Duped by God"*

Peter must have felt duped by God when Jesus rebuked him. What did he say that was so bad? When Jesus foretold of his future suffering and death, Peter took what he considered an appropriate defensive stand. Not you, Lord! Never!

Only moments earlier, he had called Jesus the Messiah. Peter's understanding of that term meant conquering hero, not suffering servant of God's will. Peter liked to imagine victory achieved without a scratch. Victory gained at the cost of ultimate sacrifice was no victory in his mind. If Peter was duped, it was how own preconceptions about God and religion that betrayed him. Gaining the world at the price of the soul was no bargain. But losing everything for the sake of God's victory is the one purchase we all want to consider.

**For what are you willing to suffer (love, money, justice, peace, the truth)?  
How much are you willing to suffer for these things?**

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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 (2nd, 16th Sept)

*Macleay Island*—Church of the Holy

Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island

2pm Sunday Mass (10th, 24th Sept)

9am Liturgy (3rd, 17th Sept)

*Russell Island*

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm Sunday Mass (3rd, 17th Sept)

2pm Virtual (10th, 24th Sept)

**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 Margaret Berton, .

**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



Dear Parishioners,  
This weekend we honoured our earthy fathers. They are a source of strength, a teach and guide. The one his family looks up to with loving trust and pride. A father is a helper with a willing hand to lend. A partner, an advisor and the finest kind of friend. May the Heavenly Father bless and protect them always.  
God Bless,  
Fr Ladu



## Pope's Prayer Intention September 2023

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser



## Cathedral Masses

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

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## 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 **27 August 2023** is **\$2 706.25**

## Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – replaced rotted timber and repainted archway leading into church verandah, replaced three windows smashed by vandals in the OSHC building.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – annual servicing of air conditioners in OSHC, church, presbytery and parish office (scheduled for 7 Sept), removal of mould and sanding and painting of presbytery window sills (scheduled for 2024), doors and door frames, repairs to corroded church/school gutters (repairs scheduled for Sept school holidays), 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), clean second half of OSHC verandah wall and paint.

POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING – rreplace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval), plaster repairs to ceilings in presbytery.

# Meet & Greet

Meet & Greet will be held after all the Masses on **Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd August.**

## 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)

**A SINCERE THANK YOU FROM THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** for your generous response to our recent Winter Appeal.

To date we have received \$2 905.60 and we can assure all our fellow Parishioners that every cent donated will find its way to someone in need in our local area. On their behalf we thank you.

Your donations are much appreciated at any time of the year and can be made through the boxes at the Church doors. If you would like a receipt just make sure you leave your name and address.

If you would like to help us in this important work of Christian Charity, we meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the Ruby Room. Leave your name and number with the Parish Office and we will be in touch.



GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Saturday 23rd September  
God's Love  
Salvation  
The New Life  
Transformation in Christ.

### Spiritual Gifts Workshop

Saturday 23rd September  
Saturday 30th September  
(9:00am -11:45am)

Saturday 30th September  
Baptism of the Holy Spirit  
Transformation in Christ  
Spiritual growth

The workshop includes worship, listening to the Holy Spirit and presentations from Catholic teaching on each of the gifts.



To register contact Angela  
0407 674 373

Morning tea provided



St Rita's Catholic Church  
37-39 Benfer Rd  
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**Let Justice and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River  
Amos 5:24

## SEASON OF CREATION 2023

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (5:24).

The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God's children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival. This justice must flow forth where it is needed, neither remaining hidden deep beneath the ground nor vanishing like water that evaporates before it can bring sustenance. God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we "Seek first the kingdom of God" (Mt6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.

## St Rita's Men's Social Group

St Rita's Men's Social group will be meeting on Thursday 7th September at 10am to view a documentary about Clem Jones as the Lord Mayor of Brisbane in The Ruby Room. Along with new and improved sound quality and clarity, there will also be morning tea included.

Please advise Mike Duggan if you would like to attend 0429629211 or duggancasa@outlook.com especially for catering purposes.



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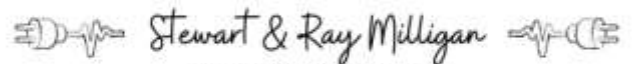
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