



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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The Most Holy Trinity—Year A 4th June 2023

This Week's Readings: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9, Daniel 3:52-56, St Paul 13:11-13, John 3:16-18

Next Week —The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—Year A: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, Ps 147:12-15, 19-20, St Paul 10:16-17, John 6:51-58

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*"How to Tell It's God"*

How can we tell it's God in the gospels? There are fewer incidents of fire and cloud there. Look for the sacrifice! Not the animal sacrifice offered in the Temple, but the divine one evident everywhere. Christ emptied himself of divine privileges and took on flesh. Jesus turned from temptations of wealth and power, and chose service. The King of Kings cast his lot among the poor and ignorant. What might easily have been the golden touch was used to heal lepers. Instead of a career, Jesus had a brief ministry. Sacrifice was spelled out in the silhouette of a cross on a hillside.

The signs of sacrifice are fewer in the world these days, though crosses abound on buildings and dangle from the ends of chains. If we want people to believe we come in the name of God, we'll have to produce the sacrifice.

What sacrifices have you made in the name of Christ?

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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 (May 6th & 20th)  
Macleay Island—Church of the Holy Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island  
2pm Sunday Mass (May 7th & 21)  
9am Liturgy (May 14th & 28th)  
Russell Island  
Bay Islands Community Services  
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island  
2pm (May 14th & 28th)  
9am Liturgy (May 7th & 21)



"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)

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

For safeguarding inquiries or to raise any concerns, disclosures or allegations please contact our

Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698

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STOPLine Service 1300 304 550 AOB@stopline.com.au www.bncatholic.stoplinereport.com

**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, Phillip Ellis.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Ken Guimelli, Colleen Ashe and Thomas 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.



Congratulations to Bishop Ken Howell on his appointment to Toowoomba Diocese. Fittingly on the Feast of Mary Help of Christians and its place in Australian church history, Pope Francis announced in Rome the appointment of Bishop Ken Howell as the seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Toowoomba.

In hearing the news, Bishop Robert McGuckin, retiring Bishop of Toowoomba said, I am very pleased to congratulate Bishop Ken Howell and wish him every blessing as he takes up his pastoral ministry in this vast and special Diocese.

The people of the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be sad at losing Bishop Ken but rest assured Bishop Ken will be warmly welcomed to Toowoomba.

Bishop Ken will conclude his service as the Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and was welcoming of the westward move.

The Catholic Community of the diocese of Toowoomba has been an active and dynamic presence on the Darling Downs and throughout South West Queensland for well over 100 years. I am deeply humbled to be called by Pope Francis to shepherd this local Church and I thank him sincerely, said Bishop Ken.

I realise that I have been given a great responsibility to care for the faithful and to engage in the life of broader community across the Diocese.

In leaving my home diocese where I have served as a priest for 40 years and for the last 6 years as Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane, I do so with both gratitude and a touch of sadness. The bishops, priests, deacons, religious and the people have greatly assisted me in my ministry, and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have served God's people in the Archdiocese.

"However, I do not come to Toowoomba as a stranger. The close links between Brisbane and Toowoomba have been long standing and I know many of the priests of the Diocese. I especially look forward to working with them and encouraging their ministry to the people in the many regions of the Diocese. I am also blessed to have several family ties with the Diocese. It will be good to deepen these wonderful bonds. I pay tribute to Bishops Robert McGuckin and William Morris for their faith filled ministry over the past 30 years and I very much look forward to seeking out their wisdom as I move into being Bishop of Toowoomba.

As I prepare to move to my new home, I come with a desire to listen to God's people and to understand and grow in love for the mission of this local Church. It is my firm hope that I may accompany the community of the Church of Toowoomba, as together we seek to live and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in the world.

Can I ask all the people of the Diocese to pray for me as I prepare to be with you. Your prayer will be my greatest support. "May our blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Southern Cross, pray for us all," Bishop Ken said.

Bishop Ken's installation as the seventh Bishop of Toowoomba will be held on 11 July 2023 at the Cathedral of St Patrick.



## Pope's Prayer Intention June 2023

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



## Cathedral Masses

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

**PARISH OFFICE  
CLOSED**



**Tuesday 6th June  
for staff training**

## 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 **28 May 2023** is **\$TBA**

## Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – continued painting Presbytery internal walls, running maintenance to toilets in church plus replacement of perished connection rubbers, removal of roots in toilet bowl in presbytery, re-installed OSHC sliding door back on rollers, temporary repairs to leaking sink tap in OSHC, framed and installed St Rita of Cascia plaque on Parish Office (presented to Parish by School), removed redundant presbytery furniture/fittings to the tip.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – 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 in June, 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).



## Sacramental News

### First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion Practise  
Wednesday 7 June

Group 1 for Sat 1st Holy Communion 6pm – 6.30 pm  
Group 2 for Sun 1st Holy Communion 6.45pm – 7.15pm

For the Children see what to do and to taste un-consecrated  
Communion wafer/bread.



## 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)



### FUNERAL NOTICE

A celebration of the life of

*Phillip Elliss*

will take place at 10am  
Wednesday 7th June 2023  
at  
St Rita's Parish Church  
Victoria Point

### Weekday Mass Details

<b>Mon</b> 9am Liturgy of the Word	<b>Tue</b> 9am Liturgy of the Word	<b>Wed</b> 9am Liturgy of the Word
<b>Thu</b> NO SERVICE TODAY	<b>Fri</b> 9am Liturgy of the Word	<b>Weekend</b> Normal Weekend Masses



## St Rita's Parish Bay Islands News

**Macleay Island Mass**  
**18th June 2023** will  
commence at **1:45pm**

**TIMOR  
LESTE**

## Missionaries of the Poor Brisbane Supporters

### Account Details for EFT Donations

Account name: QMHR  
BSB: 012 301  
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Reference: MOP Australia

To receive a **tax-deductible receipt**, please email the following details to  
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- the amount donated

Thank you for your prayers and your financial support of the Missionaries of the Poor in  
Timor-Leste



## 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!

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Mondays June 5th & 19th**  
**Mondays July 3rd & 17th**

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

Please fill out the form below and place into the collections box or contact the Parish Office  
Call 3207 9177 or email [victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au)

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