



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A — 5th February 2023

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10, Ps 111:4-9, Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16

Next Week —6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20, Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34, Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37

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### GOSPEL REFLECTION

The disciples are called “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world”. Consequently, their success will rest on not drawing attention to themselves. As salt is used for preservation and purification, the disciples are called to preserve what is good and purify what hinders God’s reign. They cannot allow themselves to become “tasteless salt” that is diluted or dissolved by the cares and worries of the world. As light moves beyond itself and illumines objects in a room, the disciples are called to look beyond themselves by doing good works. This will lead others to glorify God, whom Matthew, for the first time, refers to as “your heavenly Father”.

Pray— Lord of all creation, you call us to be salt and light. As salt, we are called to draw out and enhance God’s love in the world. As light, we are called to live for the sake of others. As salt and light, may we never draw attention to ourselves. Amen.

Ponder- How will I live out my vocation as salt and light?

**Kids' Corner**—You are called to let your light shine with the love of Jesus. Your words and actions show others who Jesus is. If you are kind and caring, others will see Jesus as kind and caring. In this way, we bring hope to the lives of other people.

Look for ways to let the light of Jesus shine through you. You might tell someone that Jesus loves them. You could invite a new child to play a game at lunch. Or you might spend time with someone who is sad. What is one way you can let your light shine? Pray about it today. Jesus, help me shine my light so others can see your love. Amen

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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 (returning Feb)  
4:00pm Choir - St Rita's Church

### Thursday's

Parish Priest Day Off (No masses)

### Friday's

9:00am Mass—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

*\*PLEASE SEE MASS DATES PAGE\**

*Coochiemudlo Island*  
Coochiemudlo Island Community Hall  
345 Victoria Parade,  
Coochiemudlo Island Q 4184  
11:00am Saturday (Feb 4th & 17th)

*Macleay Island*  
Church of the Holy Spirit  
Scotts Road, Macleay Island Q 4148  
2pm Sunday

*Russell Island*  
Bay Islands Community Services  
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island  
2pm

**Please take a moment to pray for:**

All those who are ill, especially Terry Latchford, Isabelle Scaullion, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Julie Davey, Virginia Casinto, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Toby Bernal, Helen Stockwell, Mrlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Doherty, Kay Grieve, Jela Cicak, 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.

**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

### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORD OF GOD

In fact, there were two documents about Scripture released by the Holy See on 30 September – one in 2019 and the other in 2020. They mark the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, the great Scripture scholar who prepared the definitive translation of the Bible into Latin. The first document institutes the Sunday of the Word of God, intended to help people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. The second gives an account of St Jerome, his scholarship, his faith and his “living and tender love” of the Word of God. Jerome is proposed as a model for enculturating the Gospel and discovering Christ for our time.

Most are no doubt familiar with the saying of Vatican II: “the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body ... offering people the bread of life from the one table of the Word of God and the body of Christ (Dei Verbum 21).” In the same vein, the second document quotes St Jerome: “We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: ‘whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood’ (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [eucharistic] Mystery, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching.”

God Bless  
Fr Ladu



## Pope's Prayer Intention February 2023

For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL MASSES

We welcome back the Staff and Students of St Rita's Primary School for a new school year.  
Class Masses will resume 2pm Mondays.

6K & 2L students will start off our class masses at 2pm Monday 13th February 2023.

Parents and Friends are welcome to attend.

## 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.

Collections and donations for the weekend of **29 January 2023: \$ 2 331.70**

## Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

**RECENT ACTIVITIES:** – Installation of chapel leadlight windows.

**CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE:** – repair to plaster wall in Chapel (caused by statue bracket), repair/replace malfunctioning light at entrance to ladies toilet, 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.

Primary School Christian Religious Instruction (CRI)

Calling for people who love God and children to volunteer to give children Bible story lessons at Carbrook, Mt Cotton, Redland Bay and other local State primary schools. The lessons are 30 or 45 minutes once a fortnight. Curriculum is provided, you don't have to be a Teacher to do this but you will need Fr Ladu's approval, a Blue card and three short courses. Without people stepping up to do this some of these children may miss out entirely on hearing about our loving God and learning about Jesus. Other ways to help are by praying for all involved, assisting in classes or financially contributing to the cost of curriculum. For more information, please contact the CRI Coordinator Jennifer Fielding on 0412675440

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

*"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1Thessalonians 5:16-18*

All are welcome to join our Catholic Charismatic Group, which meets for praise and worship at St Rita Parish Chapel. Tuesday night from 7:00pm till 9:00pm

This Tuesday will be Gospel sharing.

All are welcome to attend



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The Catholic Leader  
February 2023

- 11-page memorial feature remembering the life of Pope Benedict XVI
  - Cardinal Geroge Pell remembered in Australia and across the world
  - Super siblings eager to explore St Kevin's new Prep playground as thousands of students return to school across the archdiocese
  - Our Lady's College, Annerley students take to learning Auslan
  - Archbishop Mark Coleridge reflects after the death of Pope Benedict XVI
- Evangelisation is the 'oxygen' of Christian life, Pope Francis says
- Brisbane seminarians meet Pope Francis at the Vatican
  - The hidden faces of domestic violence in Queensland homes
  - The Bible is 'key to evangelisation' and soul of theology, US Bishop says
  - Brisbane mum joins Gospel mission evangelising on the streets of Adelaide
  - Columnist Pat Keady speaks on Christian hope in climate of discouragement
  - Paul Desuara's search for meaning led to him saying, 'Jesus, I want you'



**St Rita's Men's Social Group**

St Rita's Men's Social group met for their annual Australia Day BBQ under the Presbytery trees on Friday 27th Jan 2023.

A good turnout, who enjoyed the discussion on a wide range of topics and life experiences. Also enjoyed sharing Wim Van Schlie's Boerewors sausage - very tasty.

Keep your eye out for next month's event!



**Bay Island Masses  
held 2:00pm Sunday**

MONTH	DATE	MACLEAY	RUSSELL	SUNDAY	COLOUR
JANUARY	8TH	Liturgy of Word Fr Bavin Clarke		THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	WHITE
JANUARY	15TH	Fr Bavin Clarke	Liturgy of Word	2ND SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
JANUARY	22ND	Liturgy of Word Fr Ladu Yanga		3RD SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
JANUARY	29TH	Fr Ladu Yanga	Liturgy of Word	4TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	5TH	Liturgy of Word Fr Ladu Yanga		5TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	12TH	Fr Ladu Yanga	Liturgy of Word	6TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	2ND	Liturgy of Word Fr Ladu Yanga		7TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME	GREEN
FEBRUARY	26TH	Fr Ladu Yanga	Liturgy of Word	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	VIOLET

**HEALING MASS**



9am

Wednesday 8th February 2023

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