



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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31st Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A 5th November 2023

This Week's Readings: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10, Ps 130, Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13, Matthew 23:1-12

Next Week —32nd Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A: Wisdom 6:12-16, 8-10, Ps 62:2-8, Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

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Knowing who's Boss

(Matthew 23:1-12)

Rabbi, father, master. In the time of Jesus, there were terms of respect reserved for people in authority. Jesus was a controversial figure precisely because of his power to command. He seemed to have a natural authority expressed in his words and extraordinary works, whereas the leaders with lofty titles often failed to demonstrate any real signs of leadership. We can safely say this is a modern problem as well. The titles and trappings of leadership do not necessarily identify people with the ability to lead. Someone may be a president, prime minister, priest, or professor, but authority has to be earned personally and not simply academically or electorally.

We have to be careful in deciding whom to follow and how to lead. We choose the leaders, thinkers, and do-ers who will serve as our moral guides. Some we will outgrow, and some will continue to inform our consciences. In turn, we have authority over others around us – the young, the voiceless – and we have to use our power for their benefit. The way to make both choices well is to reflect on how Jesus is our ultimate master and teacher. Jesus is anointed with God's authority. All legitimate leadership imitates his example.

What kind of authority does Jesus wield in your life?

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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 (4th & 18th Nov)

MACLEAY ISLAND—Church of the Holy

Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island

2pm Sunday Mass (5th & 19th Nov)

9am Liturgy (12th & 26th Nov)

RUSSELL ISLAND

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm Sunday Mass (12th & 26th Nov)

2pm Virtual (5th & 19th Nov)



Meet & Greet

Held after each Mass this weekend



**“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

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

Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698 sa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

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STOPline Service ☎ 1300 304 550 ✉ AOB@stopline.com.au 🌐 www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are ill, especially Ross Cooper, Pauline Walker, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, 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, Mario Collavino, Margaretha Croes and Maria Ney.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Max Kelly, Anthony & Annie Dunne and Ted Brown.

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.



Month of Remembering

November is the month in which we commemorate those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. During November, the Book of Remembrance will be placed in the Church. You are invited to write the names of those you wish to be included in the Book of Remembrance on the list provided. You will also find November Mass Offering envelopes to complete if you would like a commemoration Mass to be celebrated. Completed envelopes with offerings can be placed on the collection plates or returned to the Parish Office.

St Rita's Men's Social Group

A large gathering of the St Rita's Men's Social group on 31 October in the Ruby Room to view and discuss the documentary on the Pike River coal mine disaster in NZ in 2010. The documentary explored what happened in this incident and the lessons learnt, and the lessons known from previous mine accidents in NZ and Australia and elsewhere in the world that weren't brought to bear on this operation.



Pope's Prayer Intention November 2023

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



Cathedral Masses

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



**Advent
2023**

\$5 each

**See Mass
Coordinator
for payment**

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 **22nd October 2023** is **\$3 564.40**

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – replaced missing carpet tile in OSHC, repairs to lifting vinyl planking in OSHC, upgrade two pole lights in school/church carpark.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – repairs to corroded church/school gutters (repairs scheduled ??), polishing vinyl flooring in church, annual carpet deep clean in OSHC, paint OSHC verandah wall, repair, clean & paint inside walls of OSHC building, repairs to kitchen cupboards in OSHC, removal of mould and sanding/ painting of presbytery window sills doors and door frames (scheduled for 2024), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold).

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

FIRST PENANCE



Please pray for the children as they prepare for their 1st Rite of Penance

Help prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas by attending the following 4 week bible study course by

Dr Brant Pitre

Morning Session 9.00am

Evening Session 6.30pm

in the Ruby Room.

- 9 November: The Biblical Roots of Advent (1st Sunday of Advent)
- 16 November: John the Baptist and the Preparation (3rd/4th Sundays of Advent)
- 23 November: The First Coming of the Messiah (5th Sunday of Advent)
- 30 November: The Jewish Roots of Christmas

Any inquiries contact John or Grace (0450 063 408)

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)

Bring your family and friends & come and enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch in the air conditioned

Ginger Factory.



St Rita's Christmas Bus Trip

Tuesday, 21 November

Cost only \$50.00

For further information, please ring Marie on 0411 459014.

Tickets on sale from the weekend of 29/30 October until 11/12 November at all masses.

The bus will leave at 8.00 a.m from St Rita's Benfer Road with a pick up at the Marina and return approximately at 4.00 pm.



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YEAR 7 2024



HEALING MASS



9am

Wednesday 8th November



Jewel Kiepe

Will be Baptised Sunday 5th November 2023.

We welcome Jewel and her family into our Parish Community.

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
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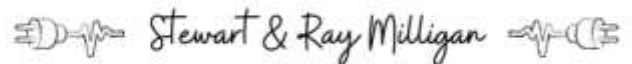
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