



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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## Transfiguration of the Lord—Year A 6th August 2023

This Week's Readings: : Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9, St Peter 1:16-19, Matthew 17:1-9

Next Week —19th Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A: Kings19:9, 11-13, Ps 84:9-14, St Peter 19:1-5, Matthew 14:22-33

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### " A Divine Design "

Jesus was changed before their eyes. Have you ever seen a transfiguration? Have you ever seen a simple thing become a holy thing, like bread become sacred flesh? Have you ever seen a plain face become a radiant beauty when seen through the eyes of love? Have you ever seen a timid person become a loin when circumstances required strength beyond fear? Transfiguration is not an isolated incident, a one-time deal in salvation history. Transfigurations happen around us in surprising places, for those who have eyes to see.

Sitting with my dying friend for many weeks, I watched how a weakened body can become a temple of great holiness. The spiritual strength of a failing mortal life was so much stronger than the physical vigour he once displayed. Before his illness, he scaled mountains for pleasure. In his last illness, he ascended to spiritual heights that astonished me with their breathtaking vistas. Once, he saw the view from the peaks of the Sierras and hoped to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Now, his vision is on higher places, and the things he sees are lovelier than all of earth's delights.

This is transfiguration, as surely as what Peter, James and John saw it on that fateful day.

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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)



**"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."**

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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.

**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

SU QLD chaplains, or 'chappies', provide spiritual and emotional support to school communities. They are in the prevention and support business: helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness, to friendships and mental health. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for children and young people in crisis, and those who just need a friend. They also provide support for staff and parents in school communities. More than 67% of Queensland State Schools have a chappy. That leaves around 400 state schools without a chappy! SU QLD has placed chappies in 63% of all Queensland state primary schools and in 88% of all Queensland state high schools. Right now, our chappies are serving more than 400,000 Queensland students.

God Bless, Fr Ladu



## Pope's Prayer Intention August 2023 For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



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

# HEALING MASS

There will NOT be a Healing Mass on Wednesday as Fr Ladu will be at Convocation.



## 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 **30 July 2023** is **\$2 566.30**

## Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – replacement of smashed window in OSHC building (3 other windows broken in school), replaced rollers in sliding glass door in OSHC and adjusted lock, clean-out garden bed alongside presbytery fence where trees removed.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – 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 – quote 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), plaster repairs to ceilings in presbytery.

## Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

### FAMILY SESSION #2

6:00pm

Tuesday 22nd August

St Rita's Church



\*\*\*Please bring your activity books\*\*\*

Please arrive by 5:50pm to be signed in.



Many thanks to those guys who were available to help out cleaning out the garden bed alongside the fence beside the presbytery – many hands make light(er) work as they say. Marilyn provide some tasty muffins straight out of the oven and Angela tea and coffee – it was a great social morning.



### HOSANNA PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP

*Celebrates!!!*

Hosanna Prayer & Praise Group is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year as a prayer group in St Rita's Parish.

Come and celebrate with us.

Thanksgiving Mass  
15 August (Tuesday, 7:30PM)  
St Rita's Parish

### The feast of ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

8TH AUGUST 2023



9AM MASS  
ST RITA'S CHURCH  
VICTORIA POINT



### 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

World Youth Day



Our Lady of the Visitation, you who arose and went with haste into the hill country to meet Elizabeth, lead us also to encounter all those who await us to deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord! We, too, will go in haste, without distraction or delay, but with readiness and joy. We will go with peace because those who bring Christ bring peace, and well-being comes from being generous and loving in our deeds.

Our Lady of the Visitation, through your inspiration, this World Youth Day will be a shared celebration of Christ, whom we bring to others, just as you did. Please make this a time of testimony and sharing, of fraternity and thanksgiving, with each of us looking for opportunities to give to those who are waiting to receive.

With you, we will continue on this path of encounter so that our world will join us, too, in fraternity, justice, and peace. Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation, to bring Christ to everyone, in obedience to the Father and in the love of the Holy Spirit! Amen

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

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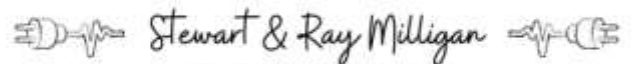
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