



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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5th Sunday of Easter —Year A — 7th MAY 2023

This Week's Readings: Acts 6:1-7, Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, St Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12

Next Week —6th Sunday of Easter—Year A: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20, St Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*"How Can We Know the Way?"*

Thomas is the practical apostle. He had very little religious imagination. As we know, he couldn't invest himself in the resurrection of Jesus without hands-on experience of it. Here, we find that he isn't going to buy into the reign of God unless he can find it on MapQuest. And Jesus humours him by offering him something better than a roadmap: himself.

Jesus is the way. What does that mean? A generation ago, Christian bumper stickers read, "One Way," with an arrow pointing upwards. But maybe a more theologically accurate sign would point THROUGH - through the heart of the world, into the depths of humanity until we find the central spot where the Spirit dwells in us. It takes a lot of stillness, a lot of contemplation and quiet, to find that place. We can contemplate the world, in its beauty and suffering, or our own lives, or Scripture or the image of the cross. The mystery of the Kingdom is not "up" from here, but in our midst. We are the Body of Christ. If we're looking for Jesus, and the way, the yellow brick road starts right here.

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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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**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.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Kolorinda Juan Yanga, Kathleen Bieron, Dianne Thomas, Peggy Kelly, Madonna Jansen and Kathleen Bieron.

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

Brothers and sisters,

Archbishop Mark writes:

In responding to abuse and the abused, we need to move beyond considerations of law and finance... Of course, we need to attend to legal and financial matters, but the paramount concern needs to be the good of those abused. Not all victims and survivors look to the Church for spiritual and pastoral accompaniment and care, but some do and others may in time, if ever trust can be established. We can learn from experience elsewhere in seeking to respond more effectively to abuse and the abused. Unless we do, this will remain a gaping wound – certainly for victims and survivors but for the whole Church as well – which makes it hard for us to move in the future.

God Bless  
Fr Ladu

### Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023

1. TEACHING PRAYER
2. RESHAPING PARISH COMMUNITIES
3. BRINGING CULTURAL COMMUNITIES TO THE CENTRE
4. RESPONDING TO ABUSE AND THE ABUSED
5. ENGAGING ANEW WITH FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES
6. IMPLEMENTING INTEGRAL ECOLOGY
7. EMBEDDING SYNODAL GOVERNANCE



## Pope's Prayer Intention May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



## Cathedral Masses

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



## Feast of St Rita

### Mass

6:00pm  
Monday 22nd May  
St Rita's Parish Church  
Victoria Point

Finger food will be served following the Mass. Parishioners please bring a plate to share.

## 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 April 2023** is **\$2 637.75** .

## Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – no activities

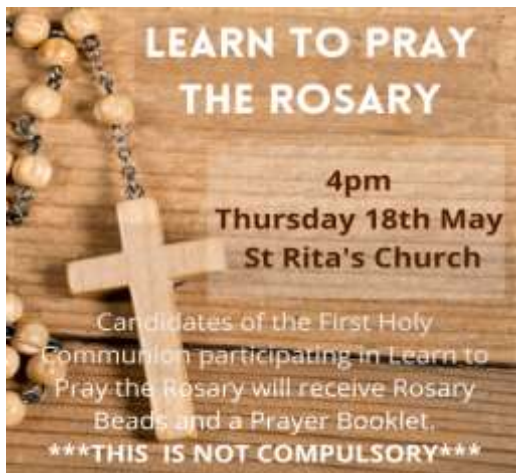
CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – repairs to Church Men's toilet (leaking), repairs to corroded church/school gutters (quote pending), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark, painting of presbytery gutters and eaves, removal of trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery (roots in 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.



## Sacramental News

### First Holy Communion



Family Sessions will be held in the Church  
Wednesday 24th May.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD'S ACTIVITY BOOK.**

Group 1 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Group 2 7:15pm-8:15pm

## Jamie Patricia Doherty



*Will be Baptised Sunday 7th May 2023.*

*We welcome Jamie and her Family  
into our Parish Community.*

# HEALING MASS

*Healing Mass will be held at  
9am*

*Wednesday 10th May at  
St Rita's Church*



## 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)*

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Our Parish is looking for more volunteers to assist as:- Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Liturgy Group, Music/Choir, Power Point Operators, etc.

If you would be able to help with any of these Parish duties please let the parish office know by registering at <http://archbne.org/welcome> and complete the relevant sections.

*Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

**The Fundraising Stall this weekend was held by parishioner Siobhan Wilson's Business 'Our Pixie Friends' to raise money to assist for shelter assistance. Shop at [ourpixiefriends.com](http://ourpixiefriends.com)**

# MASS COUNTING

Mass counting will commence this weekend and will continue for the next 4 weekends. Please make sure you have been counted as attending the Mass.

Please see Mass Coordinators for assistance.



## 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 May 1st & 15th  
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  
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