



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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Epiphany of the Lord – Year A – 8th January 2023

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

Next Week —2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6, Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10, Corinthians 1:1-3, John 1:29-34

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Book of Genesis, we hear these words dramatic words from God, 'Let there be light.' (1.3). In John's gospel, Jesus describes himself with these equally profound words, 'I am the light of the world.' (8.12). Today we celebrate the great festival of light, the Epiphany of the Lord. As the church, we remember and celebrate that Jesus who was born in the darkness of night in an animal shed is the light of and for the world. The word 'epiphany' means to make known or to reveal. The angels made known and revealed to the shepherds the joy of the birth of Jesus. In the same way, the star led these strangers from the East and revealed the same Jesus to them.

Our first reading from the Prophet Isaiah calls us to 'Arise, shine out because our light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising in us, though night still covers the earth and darkness the people. Through the birth of Jesus and today's wonderful feast, we are the people on whom a great light has shone.

Traditionally, we believe that the shepherds did not stay at stable after seeing Jesus, Mary and Joseph; they left glorifying and praising God. They left filled with the good news of this wondrous child. Just as the angels had proclaimed the good news to them, the shepherd in their turn shared their good news with others. In the same way, the visitors from the east, after they had given Jesus their gifts also left the stable. They didn't stay there either. We are only told that they did not back to Herod but went home another way. We can only assume, that they too told everyone what they had seen and heard in that small stable in Bethlehem.

As we look upon the crib, we cannot stay there. Like the shepherds and the magi, we too are called to move away and take the light of Jesus with us. We are asked not only to admire the light, but to be people of light. As Jesus himself tells us, 'you are the light of the world and your light must shine.' The light of the Epiphany is given to us as a gift, but we cannot keep it to or for ourselves. Through the quality of our daily lives and how we treat each other, we are called to make our families, homes, parish communities and the wider world a better and brighter place for all people, especially the poor and the marginalised.

May Christ the Light and the Light of Christ fill all our homes, families and our parish communities this day and always.

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WEEKLY DIARY

Daily (Mon, Tues, Fri)

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church

Monday's

9:30am Pro Life Rosary—Chapel
NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday's

NO MORNING MASS
7:00pm Prayer & Praise

Wednesday's

NO MORNING MASS
10:00am Art Group (returning Feb)
4:00pm Choir - St Rita's Church

Thursday's

Parish Priest Day Off (No masses)

Friday's

NO MORNING MASS

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 (Dec 17th)

Macleay Island

Church of the Holy Spirit

Scotts Road, Macleay Island Q 4148

2pm Sunday (1st & 3rd Sunday)

Russell Island

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm (2nd & 4th Sunday)



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Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are ill, especially 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, Marlie 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**, especially Sean Burkett. 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

Fr Ladu is currently on leave till the 16th of January 2023.

The Parish Office staff would like to you and your families a very Happy New Year!

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered upon us.

We beg your pardon in our many failings and trespasses. Make the new year a more fruitful and blessed one.

We also thank You for every test of time that has brought us stronger in faith and trust in You. Bestow upon us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Pope's Prayer Intention December 2022



For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

"this is how you bless... say to them "The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord looks upon you kindly and give you peace...." Number 6:22-27

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



Please call MAY RICHARSON 0435212787 OR EJ POLOTAN 0403658827

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.

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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 **Christmas 2022: \$3 571.35**

Collections and donations for the weekend of **1 January 2023: \$2 786.05**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES: – 6-monthly inspections of fire systems and equipment, further repairs to presbytery external wall sheeting and painting, replacement of rotted-out palings and painting of presbytery yard gate.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE: – painting of presbytery gutters, removal of trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery (roots in drains), high-pressure water-blast pathway leading to church, 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, fix/replace damaged fence railing at OSHC, investigate leaking ladies toilet in church, investigate malfunctioning light at entrance to ladies toilet, deep cleaning of carpets in presbytery.

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.



We are pleased to announce our first **bible study** of 2023 which will be a 6 session presentation on 'Why we Worship'.
 Leading up to Lent this will help us understand and appreciate how our Catholic mass is rooted in the old testament and the book of Revelation.
 The presenter is Dr Brant Pitre, Distinguished Research Professor of Scripture at The Augustine Institute. All are welcome, no homework and no previous study required.
Where: Ruby Room
When: Thursday mornings 9am to 10am
Thursday evenings 7pm to 8.15pm
Commencing: Thursday 12 January 2023
 Inquiries: Grace and John 0450063408

**NO
 HEALING MASS
 THIS MONTH
 DUE TO FR LADU
 BEING ON LEAVE**

ART GROUP

Returning Feb 2023

**WEDNESDAY 10AM
 THE RUBY ROOM**

- NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
- COME AND CREATE
- BYO SUPPLIES



Men's Ministry

6:30pm 11th January
 in the Ruby Room

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

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