



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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## Resurrection of the Lord—Year A—9th April 2023

This Week's Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43, Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10

Next Week—2nd Sunday of Easter—Year A: Acts 2:42-47, Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, St Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### "Everybody's a Winner"

A parish in which I once served holds an annual egg hunt on Easter morning in the park behind the church. It is a delight to watch hundreds of toddlers filling their baskets with plastic eggs, each with a lolly inside. It used to be that a dozen of the eggs had a number inside of them corresponding to a giant Easter basket that a dozen children would be lucky enough to win. And that was the problem, because hundreds of children lost, and most of them cried. It got so competitive that parents were seen the day before, Holy Saturday, practicing with their children so they could gather as many eggs as possible and raise the odds of winning. So, the decision was made to remove the competition. Now it is just lollies in every egg. Every child wins. Everyone is happy.

Salvation is given to us today by God who loves us unconditionally. We did not win it. We did not earn it. It is not a prize for some but a gift for all given through the death and Resurrection of Jesus. Knowing that Jesus is alive in our midst should bring us great joy, a joy to be shared knowing that the same gift is offered to all around us today, to people everywhere. Our search for that joy is over. Today "Alleluia" comes forth from all of us, from those baptised at the Vigil to lifelong believers.

### The Commissioning

Proclaim the Good News by work and deed.  
Fear is over and done with; freedom is secured.  
Loneliness is overcome; community is established.  
Loss is faced; new confidence is found.  
Apathy is overcome; love reigns supreme.

Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen.  
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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 (April 1st & 15th)  
Macleay Island—Church of the Holy Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island  
2pm Sunday Mass (April 23rd)  
9am Liturgy (April 16th & 30th)  
Russell Island  
Bay Islands Community Services  
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island  
2pm (April 2nd, 16th & 30th)  
9am Liturgy (April 23rd)



"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)

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

All those who are **ill**, especially 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 Dianne Thomas, Peggy Kelly and Madonna Jansen.

**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

Brothers and sisters,

I would like to wish you all a blessed and happy Easter.

As we continue to celebrate the victory of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ over death with our families and friends. May He fulfil all your dreams, desires and keep you safe during this Easter season.

May of Risen Lord bless you abundantly.

Fr Ladu



CATHEDRAL MASSES

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



### Pope's Prayer Intention April 2023

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



### We rejoice at the reception of our new members into the Catholic Church!

*Brooke Homer*

*Luke O'Carroll*

who receive the Sacraments of Initiation  
at the Easter Vigil Ceremony

### CONGRATULATIONS and GOD'S BLESSINGS !

*May they feel the love of Christ each day  
and may He empower them  
with the gifts of the Holy Spirit  
to persevere faithfully in the new phase  
of their journey.*

*(RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)*

### 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 **2 April 2023** is **\$2 819.65**.

### Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – installed security screens and roller blinds on OSHC building extension.

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.

## HELP—Raffle Prizes Please PLEASE HELP

St Rita's bus trips are some of the cheapest, if not the cheapest, around. This is thanks to the superb raffle prizes and generosity of all those who buy tickets which help us keep the costs down.

We are in desperate need of more prizes. All donated prizes, no matter how big or small, are very helpful to us and are very greatly appreciated.

If you can help out, please let  
Jill Welldon 0412702593,  
Marie & Tom Pearson 0408459054 or  
Dorothy & Michael Byrnes 0431262044.

They would love to hear from you.

# HEALING MASS

*Healing Mass for April is cancelled  
due to Fr Ladu being on leave.*



## 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)*



*Fr Ladu will be on leave 10th—14th April.  
He will return for the Weekend Masses.  
Weekday Masses will be replaced by the  
Liturgy of the Word.*



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

*St. Vincent de Paul meetings  
will be held at 7.00pm on a Monday night,  
the 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month in  
The Ruby Room. The next meeting is  
Monday 17th April.*



**Easter Sunday  
9 April**



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

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Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.

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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St Rita's, 37 Benfer Rd, Victoria Point on Sunday 16th April with 9am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Reconciliation and ending with Benediction.

A Novena to Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday 7th April for nine days. Novena Leaflets are on the back table of the Church.

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

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