



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A 9th July 2023

This Week's Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10, Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14, Romans 8:9, 11-13, Matthew 11:25-30

Next Week —15th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A: Isaiah 55:10-11, Ps 64:10-14, Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

“ All This Stuff ”

Consider the last time you struggled with a too-heavy suitcase or had to pack and move your possessions to another address. Compare that with the yoke of Christ: the burden of love we carry in our hearts. Which experience is better, more life-giving, more real?

The yoke of Christ is the mandate to love, even when it means sacrifice, even if it involves suffering. It's not the silly, romantic love that shows up in all the movies, but the day-to-day love of parents for children, the plodding fidelity of spouses, the single-hearted devotion of artists to their craft, the constancy of friends who support us even when the news is bad. It's a mirror of the love God has for us, and when we're faithful in love, we open a window to that greater love for those around us to experience.

Love is a burden; but it's a lovely one to bear. Anyone who has loved, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, knows that some burdens are a privilege to carry. If our love is tied up in the things of this world, we'll be dragging that overstuffed suitcase around and wondering why we ache so. If our hearts are free to love others, Christ will carry that love to places we haven't dreamed of.

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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 (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)

## NO MASS TUESDAY 11/7/23—9AM



“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 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 Jim Sheppard.

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.



# HEALING MASS

9am

Wednesday 12th July

St Rita's Church



## Pope's Prayer Intention July 2023

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



## Cathedral Masses

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



STELLA MARIS

# SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

## 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 July 2023** is **\$2 780.70**

## Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – continued painting of Presbytery internal walls, replaced several curtains and installed two blinds, renewal of Termite Barrier Management system around the church/school building, patched up numerous potholes in gravel road leading to parish office, removal of trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery.

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 still 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.



## Sacramental News

### Confirmation

Confirmation Program Dates	Venue: Time	Details	Information & Who else will be present
Thursday 13 July	St Rita's Church 6.30 – 7.30pm	Parent information/ Formation	Sacramental team Parents receive information envelopes, with enrolment forms and schedule details



## 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)



A chill Saturday morning, in a classy café, good breakfast and coffee with live music and some inspiring formation. Sounds like a great morning, doesn't it? Did we mention there's a safe space for the kids to play too?

Reclaim Plus is a new initiative for the millennials (25-40 years old according to Google) of the Catholic Church which aims to provide a space for young parents, professionals, and young adults to have community and a place to receive.

Jugar is a classy cafe/bar tucked away in West End with a fully decked-out indoor play space for the kids - we'll even have trained child minders ready to supervise and run a couple of activities for them. The ticket price covers food (for adults and children) and coffee.

When: 8:30am, Saturday 19 August

Where: Jugar, West End

Cost: \$20pp or \$45 for a family

Register today at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/Reclaimplus>



"A Morning's Prayer" for 2023 will take place on Saturday July 29th from 9am to 12pm. The morning will be facilitated by Shane Dwyer, Associate Director for Adult Faith at Evangelisation Brisbane, and held at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston.

The Catholic experience can be about liturgy, sacraments and responding to Church teaching. As valuable as these elements of our faith are. A Mornings Prayer is about locating something that sits underneath all that the profound engagement with God Father, Son and Holy Spirit who loves us and desires to walk with us in our lives as they are. Cost: \$25

When: 9am-12pm, Saturday 29 July

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre



## 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!

### JULY MEETINGS

Monday 3rd and 17th July



BEHOLD! It's less than 2 weeks until MAX2023 BEHOLD! This is the last menALIVE MAX week-end in Brisbane! After 2023, MAX will be on tour to other capital cities and not be back for 3 years. Come along. 50% of starting prices. Engaging workshops. If you seek to be closer to

our God and the key people in your life, just come along.

You are invited. See options at <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2023BNE> or <https://www.menalive.org.au/> or Robert on 0412 745 734.

LOOK?SEE?BEHOLD >>

DON'T waste/miss this opportunity! Last days!!



## Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry Meeting will be held 6:30pm Wednesday 12th July in the Ruby Room.

### 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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