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4th Sunday of Lent Year B – 10th March 2024

Coming to the Light- John 3: 14 - 21

What does it mean to come to the light? It starts with honesty, primarily about ourselves. We have to lay down our defences and rationalisations, "our side of the story," and confess ourselves in good old-fashioned Catholic tradition, telling the truth about who we are. It involves admitting we're afraid of our darkness, ashamed of some of our choices, knowing we can be petty and self-serving. We may be unwilling to love our enemies or to forgive those who injure us. Our compassion is undersized, and we shrink from self-sacrifice above all. We don't like risking our comfort and security; most acts of goodness, we know, require that.

We prefer the darkness to the light. In darkness, we can pretend we're better people. We can feel better about ourselves without having to change. But once we come into the light, things have to change. WE must change. The good news is, Jesus makes such change possible, even desirable. We become who we've longed to be. And God so loved the world, just for this.

What truths are hardest to admit about yourself? What kind of person do you long to be?

Holy Week
Mass Times



Easter Mass
Times

 Palm Sunday

23 March - 5pm Saturday

24 March - 7am Sunday
9am Sunday

 Holy Thursday

28 March - 6pm

Mass of Last Supper
followed by

Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament

 Good Friday

29 March - 9am

Stations of the Cross

29 March - 3pm

The Lord's Passion

 Easter Vigil

30 March - 6pm

Saturday

 2nd Rite of
Reconciliation

26 March - 6:30pm

Tuesday

 Easter Sunday

31 March - 7am Sunday

- 9am Sunday

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.

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For safeguarding inquiries or to raise any concerns, disclosures or allegations please contact our

Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698 sa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

<https://tinyurl.com/Safeguarding-Incident-Report> <https://tinyurl.com/New-Protecting-Children-Laws>

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Reconciliation

4.30pm

Mass 5.00pm vigil

Coochiemudlo Island

March 2

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Saturday at 11am)

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

Macleay Island

March 10, 24 – 2pm

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sundays at 9am)

Russell Island

March 3, 17, 31 – 2pm

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sundays at 2pm)

MONDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00am

Rosary Crusade Pro Life – 9.30am

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00am

Praise & Prayer – 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00am

Art Group – 10.00am

Choir – 3.30pm

THURSDAY

St Rita's Church

Priest Day Off

NO MASSES

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass & Stations of the Cross – 9.00am

Marebello

1st Wed – Eucharist

Healing Mass

2nd Wed Mass – 9.00am

A Novena to Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday 29th March for nine days. Novena Leaflets are on the back table of the Church.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St Rita's, 37 Benfer Rd, Victoria Point on Sunday 7th April with 9am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Reconciliation and ending with Benediction.

Jesus, I trust in you.

LENTEN RETREAT

16 MARCH, SATURDAY

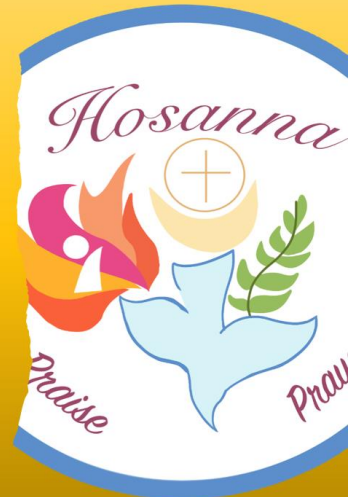
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St Rita's Parish

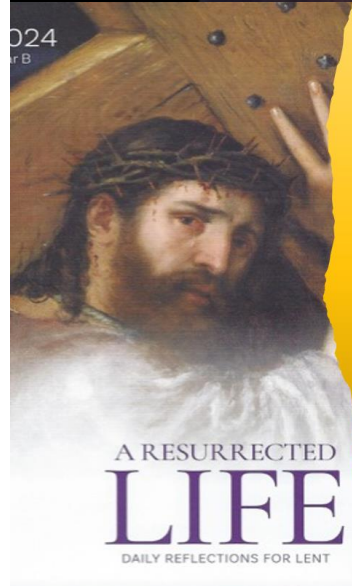
Fr Ladu Yanga
Speaker

Reconciliation
Stations of the Cross

Everyone is invited
(Please bring a plate to share)



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Céad míle fáilte!

= A hundred thousand welcomes!

To our

St Patrick's Day Lunch

Monday 18 March, 2024

Redlands Golf Club

Doors open at 11.00 for an 11.30 start

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• Fun, Laughter, Song

• Raffles

• Prizes for our 'best dressed'

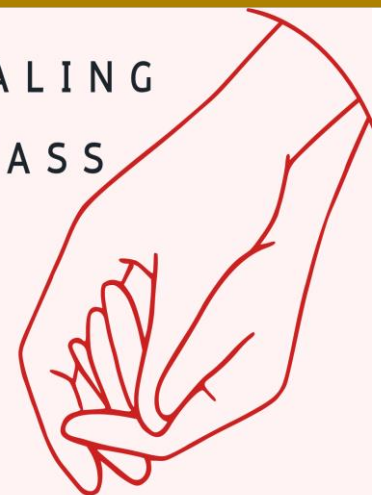
• A delicious two course dinner

Please tell us if you have any allergies.

Tickets on sale at St Rita's: 24/25 February; 2/3 and

9/10 March

HEALING
MASS



9am

Wednesday 13th March

St Rita's Parish

Victoria Point

PRAYERS

All those who are ill, especially Ross Cooper, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Bill Mellor, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Sebastian Ricca, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, *especially Bernice Muir, Jean Sheppard and Jack Taylor.*

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God.

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 **25 February 24** is **\$2 668.05**

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – installed CO monitor in church.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – clean urinal in church men's toilet, complete the painting of OSHC verandah wall, removal of mould and sanding/ painting of presbytery window sills doors and door frames (scheduled for 2024), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold).

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.



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
9 & 10 March**



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FEASTS for MARCH

- Sat. 9th** - St Frances of Rome
- Mon 18th** - St Patrick - deferred from 17th
- St Cyril of Jerusalem
- Tues. 19th** - St Joseph, Spouse of BVM
- Wed. 21st** - Harmony Day
- Sat. 23rd** - St Turibius of Mogrovejo
- Sun 24th** - Palm Sunday
- Thurs. 28th** - Holy Thursday
- Fri. 29th** - Good Friday
- Sat. 30th** - Holy Saturday
- Sun. 31st** - Easter Sunday

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