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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – 10th November 2024

Widows Wanted

Sitting across from the offering box, Jesus was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. One poor widow came up and put in two small coins – a measly two cents. Jesus called his disciples over and said, "The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford – she gave her all." (Mark 12: 41 - 44)

The older we get, the more widows we know. The way the math works out, women still outlive men in this country, and men often marry women who are younger to begin with. That makes for a good many widows. Since the early Church, the Christian mission has been powered by the extraordinary energy of this group. In the first three centuries, the Church formally recognised a quasi-religious status of widowhood as a position ranking below priests, deacons, and exorcists. Women frequently tithed their later years to the Church in works of prayer, charity, and service. Although we no longer speak of a consecrated order of widows, most of us still see a lot of them in church circles. They may be stripped of the dignity of rank but not of any of the responsibility they've always shouldered. Give me a committee of widows, and we'll get the job done!

Widowers, though less numerous, are certainly welcomed in the ministry of the Church, and single people of any age, whatever the circumstances, keep most parishes afloat. This face is not often publicly acknowledged; let's amend that unjust silence here.

How many "consecrated widows (widowers)" do you know?

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Todays Readings: Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

Response to the Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Reconciliation 4.15pm

Mass 5.00pm Vigil

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

5 & 19 Oct Priest Mass

(Liturgy of the Word with

Communion – every other

Saturday at 11am)

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

Oct 6 & 20 - 2pm

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

RUSSELL ISLAND

13 & 27- 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 & Benediction – 9.00am

MAREBELLO

1st Wed - Eucharist

HEALING MASS

2nd Wed Mass - 9.00am



St Vincent De Paul meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, at <u>10am</u>, in the Ruby Room

Meetings held Nov 4th & 18th and Dec 3rd

Star of the Sea Parish, Cleveland warmly invites you to join us in celebrating three special events.

Golden Jubilee of Star of the Sea Church Golden Jubilee of Archbishop Mark Coleridge Parish Multicultural Mass

> Date: Sunday 17th November Time: 8:30am Mass Place: 53 Passage Street, Cleveland

We will begin Mass with the Procession of Flags. Wearing your National Dress is encouraged. There will be a buffet meal in the hall after Mass, featuring dishes from the diverse cuisines of our Parish community.

RSVP: Friday 4th November via the Parish Office (cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au).

We look forward to celebrating with you!

FEASTS for NOVEMBER

Sat 9th Dedication of the Lateran

Basilica

Mon 11th St Martin of Tours

Tues 12th St Josaphat

Fri 15th St Albert the Great
Sat 16th St Margaret of Scotland

St Gertrude

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7pm at St Rita's Church



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Sacrament of Penance

Youth Session 1 Wednesday 13th November 5:30 – 6.45pm

Please bring your child's "My Sacramental Journey Penance" booklet.

Children can be dropped off and picked up by a parent at 6.45pm. Parents must sign children in and out and fill in emergency contact details.

CHURCH REAR ENTRANCE/EXIT DOOR

Parishioners are advised that during the school Christmas holidays that modifications will be made to the church rear entrance/exit to provide a safer passageway over the height difference between the church floor and the external pathway along the verandah. This will better enable transition of coffin trolleys, tea trolleys and general pedestrian traffic. The changes will require removal of all three semi-circular garden beds and repositioning of the end fence back to the end of the building.

St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your help!!! It's that time of year again when the Society needs your help in making up Christmas Hampers for the families who seek our assistance. Last year we catered for 65 families in our Parish area (including the Bay Islands) and 150 children. We need donations of all manner of non-perishable groceries and especially tinned hams, Christmas cakes and Christmas puddings as well as all the usual Christmas goodies. We also need toys and gifts for children of all ages up to 16yrs.

If you would like to make a financial contribution – we'll be very happy to shop for you. Donation envelopes are available on the back table of the Church and can be left on any of the collection plates or dropped in the St. Vincent de Paul boxes at the Church doors. If you would like a receipt for taxation purposes, please give us your details and it will be mailed to you.

Hampers will be <u>sorted</u> after 7AM Mass on Sunday 15th December.

Hampers will be <u>packed</u> and <u>distributed</u> from 7am Monday 16th December

Help us make a difference and give a "lift" to the many families who are under even more pressure at this time of year to provide the basics, let alone any of the Season's luxuries. We are sure you will all be blessed for your generosity.

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, 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 Max Kelly, Anthony and Annie Dunne.

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased, especially Jan Joseph, Margaret Ross and Bill Mellor.



Salt Mass 5pm Saturday





The Salt Masses at the weekend were filled with love and blessings. Thank you to all who bought in their items for blessing.



Thank you to the families and loved ones for attending our All Soul's Mass and Remembrance Ceremony.

Thanks again to the hospitality committee for putting on a lovely morning tea for people to stay and remember their loved ones.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISHOur 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 <u>reference</u> your deposit with your <u>surname</u> and your <u>planned giving number/envelope</u> number if you have one. Please contact the parish office for further information on 3207 9177.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES - no activities

<u>CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE</u> – replace rotted/damaged fence palings after Vinnie bins removed from carpark, replace twisted/split church gate, 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), plaster repairs to ceilings in presbytery.

<u>POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING</u> – replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval), replace carpet in chapel and church.

If any parishioner observes any task on the Maintenance To-do List which they can carry-out or help in, please contact Mike Duggan



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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Mediation will take place THURSDAYS at 3:30pm in the St Rita's Chapel.

For more information, please contact The Parish Office and your enquiry will be directed to Lorr Popple.



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