



# Victoria Point Catholic Parish

Victoria Point, Thornlands South, Redland Bay, Mount Cotton,  
Coochiemudlo Island and the Southern Bay Islands.

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*We recognise the traditional owners of this land, The Quandamooka People.*



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## 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C 16th March 2025

### Gospel Reflection

#### The Darkness and the Light

Jesus and his three best friends climbed the mountain to pray, but Jesus did all the praying. The others napped, exhausted by the climb or bored by the task of praying. And because they slept, they very nearly missed the radiance of the Transfiguration. When they awoke, the glory still lingered around Jesus, not to mention his two unmistakable guests.

But they hardly saw the radiance before being overshadowed by a cloud. Where would you expect God to be found: in the brilliance or the shadow? Actually, God is revealed in both. God's glory is seen in the light, but God's voice is heard in the darkness. How often has this been true in our experience as well? We celebrate God's nearness and blessing in the happy times, at the birth of a child or the marvel of a new snowball. But we can hear God's voice ring out on a bleak city backstreet, and in the season of illness. When we insist on seeing God only in the good times, we find ourselves apparently abandoned when we need God's comforting presence the most. God is with us, in the light and in the darkness.



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### **OUT OF OFFICE**

The **Parish Secretary** will be on **leave** from  
**Monday 3rd March** till **Friday 14th March.**

(returning Monday 17th March)

**First Reading:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (Year C)

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Reading:** Philippians 3:17-4:1 (Year C)

**Gospel Acclamation:** From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Gospel:** Luke 9:28-36 (Year C)

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.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

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](mailto: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 4.15pm  
Mass 5.00pm Vigil

#### COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

15th Mar, 5th Apr — Mass  
Liturgy of the Word with Communion —  
every other Saturday at **11am**

### SUNDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

#### MACLEAY ISLAND

23 Mar, 6th Apr — 1.45pm  
Liturgy of the Word with Communion —  
every other Sundays at **9am**

#### RUSSELL ISLAND

16th & 30th Mar - 2pm  
Liturgy of the Word with Communion —  
every other Sundays at **2pm**

### MONDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Rosary 8.30am

Mass 9.00am

Pro-Life Rosary 9.30am

### TUESDAY

#### St Rita's Church

No Mass

### WEDNESDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Rosary 8.30am

Mass 9.00am

### THURSDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Rosary 8.30am

Mass 9.00am

### FRIDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Mass & Adoration at 9am

#### MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month — Eucharist

#### HEALING MASS

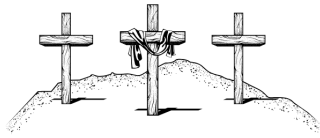
2nd Wed of Month — 9.00am  
Mass



ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month,  
at 10am in the Ruby Room.

Upcoming Meetings: 17 March & 7th April 2025

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS



FRIDAY AT 5PM ST  
RITA'S CHURCH  
~DURING LENT~

## Learn To Pray The Rosary

4PM MONDAY 24th MARCH  
in St. Rita's Church

*Candidates for First Holy Communion can  
participate in Learn to Pray the Rosary. Please  
bring your Rosary Beads and Prayer Booklet.*



## Christian Meditation

Thursdays at 4pm in  
St Rita's Chapel

*For more information: please contact  
the Parish Office and your enquiry  
will be directed to Lorr Popple*

## In Times of Natural Disaster

Compassionate Lord, we pray for those who have been affected by Cyclone Alfred. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayer for strength.

Bless those who are suffering and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the road of rebuilding ahead. We ask your blessing on all those who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, their security and their hope.

Bless the work of relief agencies and all those providing emergency assistance. May their work be guided by the grace and strength that comes from You alone.

Keep our hearts focused on the needs of those affected, even after this crisis is over. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Have a Chat Club

Hi Ladies! Our 'Have A Chat' Club returns on  
**Thursday 27th March**  
We will meet at **Shark Sporting Club,**  
Victoria Point at **11:30am.**

**\*\*\* Seniors Meals available \*\*\***

*Come along and meet other ladies.  
Have a laugh and enjoy yourselves.*

Contact Elaine Pascoe for more info  
0429 925 989



Second Sunday of Lent  
15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



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## PRAYERS

**For all those who are ill**, especially Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, Miles Muscroft, Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Lucas Bernal, Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, 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 Anna Kwiatkowski, Jack Taylor, Kathleen Foat, Bernice Muir and Jean Sheppard.

**DECEASED:** We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Doris Williamson.

### 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.

## AWAKEN IN CHRIST RETREAT IS STILL HAPPENING SATURDAY



### AWAKEN IN CHRIST

*'Call to Me, and I will answer you,  
and show you great and mighty things,  
which you do not know.'*  
Jeremiah 33:3

Join us for  
*Miracle Night*

#### Testimonies

*"I could not walk properly but  
after the pray over by Steff  
the pain in my back disappeared  
and I was able to walk normally."*  
Danny

*"Felt the presence of the Holy  
Spirit in a massive way.  
Overwhelming sense of  
peace and love."*  
Emily

WORSHIP, PRAYER & HEALING  
Facilitated by Steffanie Le

**March**  
**15**  
**2025**  
**7pm - 10pm**  
St Rita's Church  
37 Benfer Road  
Victoria Point

(6pm-7pm free sausage sizzle,  
drinks, tea and coffee)

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## The Sacrament of First Holy Communion



### Rite of Enrolment Mass

5pm—Saturday 22nd March  
9am—Sunday 23rd March  
St Rita's Church, Victoria Point

Children will receive their Workbooks during Mass,  
to start on at home.

Don't forget to bring your child's "Please pray for me" slip.

If you wish to find out more, please contact the  
Sacramental Coordinator Jennifer Fielding  
[sc.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sc.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au) or (07) 3207 9177

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding training is Mandatory within the Parish.

Please make sure you are up to date with your  
required training at all times.

**Copy and paste links into your web browser.**

### Training Essentials 1

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOHA\\_4Ls2jw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOHA_4Ls2jw)

### Training Essentials 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AASKl-Sr1A>



## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy spirit, Reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, Be glory and praise for ever. Amen. (Pope Francis)



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