



# Victoria Point Catholic Parish

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*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land and seas, Quandamooka, for thousands of years. Together, let us continue to cultivate a spirit of unity and respect for all cultures within our community.*

## Among the Wild Beasts

(Mark 1: 12 - 15)

The story of the temptation is a wonderful portrait of physical and spiritual realities in juxtaposition. On

one side is the desert: dry, hot, harsh, and tangible. On the other side is the Spirit, driving Jesus inward to encounter Satan for a contest over authority. In the end, we find Jesus in the company of wild beasts and angels, in perfect harmony, as if heaven and earth were finally made whole. The lion lies down with the lamb, and an angel protects them both.



Jesus struggles over temptations that appeal as much to the body as to the spirit. Both his physical and spiritual natures must be surrendered to God's will, and it is that surrender which marks the beginning and end of his work on earth. "Into your hands I commit my spirit," Jesus whispers from the cross. His body is already committed.

The image of Jesus with beasts and angels reminds us of humanity's ideal: to be at peace with this world and the next. So long as we neglect our responsibilities to one or the other, we won't know lasting peace.

**How are your temptations both physical and spiritual?**

### Pray

We come to you, O God, in this Season of Lent, to reflect again on Jesus' journey to the cross, and beyond that to resurrection. We dare to do that, supported by stories of the many promises and covenant you made to your people throughout history. Come to us in this season, O God, and remind us once again that you're always with us: in death and resurrection, in desert and in flood. Amen.

### Ponder

Honour the natural world. Plant some bulbs, take a child to an arboretum, support a wildlife organisation. Honour the spiritual world. Renew your commitment to the spiritual works of mercy. "Time's up! God's kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Good News."

### Kids' Corner

*Jesus remained in the desert for forty days and forty nights, tempted by Satan.*  
(Mark 1: 13)

Jesus is good and loving. So how could he be tempted? Well, Jesus became one of us because he loves us. He shared in our life, and so he experienced temptations just as we do. But he never gave in to them, and he showed us how to resist them too. But Jesus went further. He never hurt those who hurt him. He never refused to help those who needed him. Jesus showed us how to love others as he did and how to live as he lived. Then he said to us, "Follow me."

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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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## SATURDAY

**St. Rita's Church**  
Reconciliation 4.30pm  
Vigil Mass 5pm

## Coochiemudlo Island

Feb 17, Mar 02, Mar 16  
Mass at 11am  
(Liturgy of the Word with  
Communion every other  
Sundays at 11am)

## SUNDAY

**St Rita's Church**  
Mass 7am & 9am

## Macleay Island

Feb 25, Mar 10, Mar 24  
Mass at 2pm  
(Liturgy of the Word with  
Communion every other  
Sundays at 2pm)

## Russell Island

Feb 18, Mar 03, Mar 17  
Mass at 2pm  
(Liturgy of the Word with  
Communion every other  
Sundays at 2pm)

## MONDAY

**St Rita's Church**  
Rosary 8.30am  
Mass 9am  
Rosary Crusade Pro Life  
9.30am

## TUESDAY

**St Rita's Church**  
Rosary—8.30am  
Mass—9am  
Prayer & Praise — 7pm

## WEDNESDAY

**St Rita's Church**  
Rosary 8am  
Mass 9am  
Art Group 10am  
Choir Practice 3.30pm

## THURSDAY

Priest's Day Off—NO  
MASSES

## FRIDAY

**St. Rita's Church**  
Rosary 8.30am  
Mass & Holy Hour 9am  
Stations of the Cross 5pm

## PRAYERS

*For all those who are ill, especially Ross Cooper, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Bill Mellor, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, 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.*

**Deceased: We commend all the recently deceased.**

**Anniversaries: We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time,**



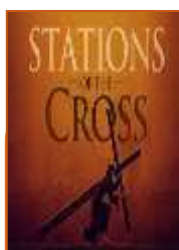
## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The next meeting will take place at 7pm on  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in the Ruby Room.



## HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP

A Lent Program with the reflections book  
'A Resurrected Life' will be held every  
Tuesday during Lent at 7pm until 8.30pm in St Rita's Church.



**Stations of the Cross**  
will be held every Friday  
during Lent at 5 pm in  
the church.

## Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2024

**For the terminally ill**

We pray that those  
with a terminal illness, and their  
families, receive the necessary  
physical and spiritual care and  
accompaniment.



## WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

**RECENT ACTIVITIES** – replaced BBQ hose, regulator and gas bottle to new standards (WH&S), removed rotted out garden seat near Parish Office (WH&S), installed additional garden seat in Columbarium garden, repaired broken water supply near presbytery and installed an isolation valve.

**CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE** – install valve pit for presbytery isolation valve, 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.

## 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.

## Have-a-Chat Club

Hi Ladies,  
we will all be getting  
together again

at the Victoria Point Sharks  
Sporting Club  
on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February  
at 11.30am

Come along and meet some friends, have  
a laugh and enjoy a nice lunch.

Senior Meals available  
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For more info:  
Contact Elaine Pascoe  
0429 925 989



## The Cathedral of St Stephen Celebrating 150 Years

Do you have a connection to the Sacraments  
of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation,  
Eucharist) at the Cathedral of St Stephen,  
either as children or adults? We warmly invite  
you to return to the Cathedral during its  
150th anniversary year and to commemorate  
your initiation during the 10:00am Mass on  
Sunday 21 April.

All those being initiated at Easter  
Vigils across the Archdiocese this  
year are also invited to attend  
the Mass at the Cathedral to be  
acknowledged as neophytes.



Céad míle fáilte!

= A hundred thousand welcomes!

To our

St Patrick's Day Lunch

Monday 18 March, 2024

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

9/10 March

## A MORNING'S PRAYER RETREAT

The morning will be centred on the journey of Lent and we  
will hear about what it means to remain as "Easter people"  
all year after celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

Saturday 2 March 2024 from  
9:00am – 12:00pm  
at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre  
(267 Wellington St, Ormiston)

Cost: \$25

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to attend.

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## RCIA Ministry Formation Day

A RCIA Formation Day will be held on Sunday 26 May, 2024, in the Hanly Room at St Stephen's Cathedral. Clergy, RCIA teams and interested parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Our hope is to equip everyone in this ministry with tools to enrich the RCIA experience in your local parish/community. Be equipped to walk alongside others during the RCIA process. The RCIA Formation Day will be a time of input, discussion, and an opportunity to network with others. Phone parish office if you are attending



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