



# Victoria Point Catholic Parish

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

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## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – 20th October 2024

### Ransom for Many

Jesus got the disciples together to settle things down. “Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served – and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage.”

(Mark 10: 43 - 45)

While Jesus is talking about becoming ransom, his followers are looking for glory. No wonder Jesus groans that they don't know what they're talking about. Of the four gospel writers, Mark is most likely to draw the disciples as out-and-out dumbbells. Since it's the first of the gospels to be written down, Mark's depiction is likely closer to the truth than the other evangelists cared to be.

Alas, these dumbbells are closer to revealing our natural inclinations than we care to admit. We step up to drink the cup of Christ in our Eucharist without much fuss, but when it comes time to share his passion in even the smallest sense, we don't respond to roll call. We're willing to take part in the rituals of religion, but we're nowhere to be found when it's time to be ransom. Servant-hood has little appeal. Still we're prepared to join in the finger-pointing at James and John seeking credit. We, at least, cover our aspirations a little better than they do.

**When was the last time you paid the price,  
so that another could go free?**

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## Sacramental News

The Sacrament of Penance enrolments close on Friday 25th October 2024.

Please email or drop in your enrolments to the Parish Office.

If office is unattended, please leave in the safe drop box at the Office front door.

**Today's Readings:** Isaiah 53:10-11, Hebrews 4:4-16, Mark 10:35-45

**Response to the Psalm:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698 [sa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au)

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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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, at 10am, in the Ruby Room

Meetings held Oct 21st, Nov 4th & 18<sup>th</sup> and Dec 3rd

## GOLDEN JUBILEE

This year *Star of the Sea* church is  
50 years old!

To prepare for our celebrations,  
we need memories and memorabilia.

If you have any of the coins showing the church from  
1974, the history booklets,  
or any photos of that time,  
we would love to see them.

If you or anyone you know were involved in the  
planning and building of the church,  
we would love to speak with you.

Please contact parish office: 07 3821 4902 or  
[cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au)

## FEASTS for OCTOBER

Sat 19th	St Paul of the Cross Sts John de Brébeuf, & Isaac Jogues & Companions
Tues 22nd	St John Paul II, Pope
Wed 23rd	St John of Capistrano
Thurs 24th	St Anthony Mary Claret
Mon 28th	Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles

## HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



## Date Claimer:

## Touring the Tweed Tuesday, 12 November

Join us for our last trip of 2024 as we visit such highlights as the Russ  
Hinze Dam, Natural Arch, Murwillumbah and the beautiful Kingscliff  
beaches

Tickets are on sale at Mass on Saturday and Sunday, 19/20 October;  
26/27 October and 2/3 November.

Price is \$50.00 per person and includes morning  
tea and two course lunch.

Please tell us your choices of meal and dessert and any  
dietary requirements at the time of booking.

Bus departs Benfer Road bus stop at 8.00 am and the Marina at 8.15 a.m.



For further information, please ring Marie on 0411459014.

## VOLUNTEER THANK YOU MASS

Thank You Mass  
will be held at St  
Rita's Church  
Saturday  
26 October 2024  
at 9am.

Following the  
Mass there will  
be a morning tea  
supplied to say  
Thank You to all  
the  
Volunteers  
of the Parish.



## **HAVE A CHAT** *Club!*

Ladies will get together again at the  
Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on  
Thursday 31 October at 11am.

Our club is for ladies who like to get out of the house  
and meet other ladies, have a laugh and a nice meal.

Seniors Meals available.

All Welcome!!!!!!

For more information call  
Elaine Pascoe 0429 925 989

Dear Friends

Thank you to all those that attending the public  
rosary rally in honour of Our Lady of Fatima  
last Saturday. Your presences and prayers  
created a beautiful atmosphere, filling our  
hearts with love, grace and unity. May our Lady  
of Fatima continue to guide and bless you all.

With heart filled gratitude.

Wendy.

## 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 MASSES

Weekend Masses on 2nd and 3rd November at St Rita's Church will be Salt Masses.

Parishioners will be able to bring salt, water, and other sacramental items to be blessed by the Priest at each of the Masses.

### A MORNINGS PRAYER

You are warmly invited to join us for our final A Morning's Prayer for the year on Saturday 9th November.

The theme for this morning's retreat is "The grace of prayer"[https://tinyurl.com/A-](https://tinyurl.com/A-Mornings-Prayer)

#### Mornings-Prayer

**Date:** Saturday 9th November 2024

**Time:** 9:00am – 12:00pm

**Location:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre

**Cost:** \$25 per person (morning tea included)

**RSVP:** Wednesday 6th November 2024

### **November Remembrance Sheets are located at the back of the Church for All Souls Day held 4th November 2024**

Congratulations to the Children who made their Confirmation on the weekend. May God continue to gift and strengthen you in your years ahead to walk ever more closer to Him. It was such a joyous and love-filled occasion. Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the day.



## **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.

## **WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:**

**RECENT ACTIVITIES** – meeting with school Principal and WH&S Officer to discuss changes to church rear door exit.

**CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE** – repairs to the church AC compressor harness (rats have chewed the assembly), 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

**POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING** – 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.

 Stewart & Ray Milligan 

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