



Victoria Point Catholic Parish

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

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year B 21st January 2024

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The first reading tells us how God had to deal with the disobedient, fleeing prophet Jonah to turn him around (convert him), so that, repenting, he would go to Nineveh to preach repentance there. The wicked people of Nineveh, however, accepted Jonah as God's prophet at once and promptly responded to God's call for repentance as Jonah preached it. In the second reading, Paul urges the Christian community in Corinth to lose no time in accepting the message of the Gospel and in renewing their lives with repentance because Jesus' second coming may occur at any moment.

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus came to Galilee and began preaching, challenging people to "repent and believe in the Gospel." Just as John did, Jesus also called for repentance, meaning a change in one's mind or in the direction of one's life and setting new priorities. Repentance also means hating sin itself, not just being sorry for the consequences of one's sins. Believing in the Gospel demands from the hearers a resolution to take Jesus' words seriously, to translate them into action, and to put trust in Jesus' authority. Jesus preached the Gospel, or Good News, that God is a loving, forgiving, caring and merciful Father Who wants to liberate us and save us from our sins through His son Jesus.

By describing the call of Jesus' first disciples, Andrew, Peter, James, and John, today's Gospel also emphasizes how we, sinners, are to respond to God's call with total commitment by abandoning our accustomed style of sinful life. Jesus started his public ministry immediately after John the Baptist was arrested. According to Mark, Jesus selected four fishermen, Andrew and his brother Peter with James and his brother John, right from their fishing boats. Jesus wanted these ordinary, hard-working people as assistants for his ministry because they would be very responsive and generous instruments in the hands of God. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. Our life is the gift of God and our Catholic life is an assignment- an assignment to spread his Kingdom. He expects us to take up his work of repentance with an extraordinary spirit. Let us ask ourselves- Am I following Jesus and does my life help others to follow Jesus?

Fr Rony Kalapurackal Chacko

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2024 FOR AUSTRALIA DAY!

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

4.30pm

Mass 5.00pm vigil

Coochiemudlo Island

Jan 20, Feb 3, Feb 17

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

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

Macleay Island

Jan 28, Feb 4, Feb 25

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

Russell Island

Jan 21, Feb 11, Feb 18

(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 & Holy Hr – 9.00am

Marebello

1st Wed – Eucharist

Healing Mass

2nd Wed Mass – 9.00am



We welcome Archbishop Mark Coleridge to St Rita's Parish Community. He will offer a Mass at *The Church of the Holy Spirit* at Macleay Island on 28th Sunday January at 2 pm. He would like to see and have a chat with parishioners from Macleay, Russell and Lamb Islands. Anyone from the mainland wishing to attend are more than welcome to come.

NOTICE FOR READERS

5TH SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH in 2024

For each 5th Sunday of the month during the year, there are rostered Reading Teams to look after the Readings for Masses on the dates below.

Please note the date for your team in your diary. Thank you.

30/31 MARCH – 1st Sunday of the Month Teams

29/30 JUNE – 2nd Sunday of the Month Teams

28/29 SEPTEMBER – 3rd Sunday of the Month Teams

28/29 DECEMBER – 4th Sunday of the Month Teams

Mass for Australia Day

*Please join us in celebrating Mass for our country
To pray for all who dwell in this land
and for God's blessings*

Friday 26 January at 9am

St Rita's Church



ORDER YOUR LENTEN BOOK

this weekend!

Please put your name down on the list at the church door or at the parish office to reserve your copy of this year's Lenten Book, Pietà.

PRAYERS

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.

ANNIVERSARIES We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, *especially Christopher Smith.*

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

HOSANNA PRAISE & PRAYER GROUP

Come and experience God's presence, as we develop our relationship with Him.
All are welcome to join our praise and worship group, which meets at St Rita's Parish Chapel,
Tuesday nights, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
(Supper provided)



DATE CLAIMER: The Thanksgiving Mass will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 30th January 2024 in the Church.

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 **14 January 2024** is \$ TBA

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – cleaned gutters and downpipes on parish office, presbytery, OSHC building and church (10 Jan), finalised cleaning and painting OSHC internal walls (4 Jan), commenced painting of OSHC verandah wall, re-oiled OSHC verandah deck (5 Jan), water-blasted entrance paths to OSHC building (5 Jan), deep clean of presbytery carpets before new priest arrives (16 Dec), annual deep clean of carpet tiles in OSHC (16 Dec), 6-monthly fire systems checks in Presbytery, Parish Office and OSHC building.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – clear roots from blocked yard drains alongside Presbytery, repair leaking urinal flushing device in church men's toilet, 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.



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Have A Chat Club

Ladies will get together again at the Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on Thursday 25th January 11:30am. 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, Elaine Pascoe 0429 925 989



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