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Palm Sunday Year B – 17th March 2024

This Is My Body- Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47

When we hear the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, we remember our Eucharist: Take, this is my body. But originally the words implied more than a ritual offering. Jesus offered his real flesh and blood to friends and persecutors alike. He surrendered his life in that hour. Nothing could be more generous, or more gentle. Yet those who seized his body and took his life were far from gentle. There is violence buried in the word "take." They took his body; and they slapped, spat at, mocked, whipped, pierced, and murdered him.

Today we look up at our sacrament and hear benevolent words: This is my body. The crucifix reveals the violence in those words, but all trace of it is gone from our bread and wine. What was sacrifice is now food. What was suffering is salvation. What was meant to destroy has become the source of life. Jesus died on the cross, but nothing was lost there. God gathered up the fragments of that great offering, and made eternal food. When we take the body of Jesus now, it is with great reverence.

Consider your relationship to the sacrament of Eucharist. How has your understanding of it changed over time?

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

(2nd Rite of Penance)

Tuesday 26th March at 6.30pm in St Rita's Church

What is the 'Second Rite'? The 'Second Rite' combines a

common preparation with individual confession and

absolution. This respects both the privacy of each penitent, and the communal nature of the sacrament: that is reconciliation with the whole Body of Christ. There will be prayer, Liturgy of the Word, reflection and a short Individual Confession with Absolution.

When we celebrate this rite, please discuss only one or two issues during confession and stay for the concluding prayer and

blessing. There will be two or three priests attending, so that the sacrament does not take too long. You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity if you possibly can.

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
<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

4.30pm

Mass 5.00pm vigil

Coochiemudlo Island

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

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

Macleay Island

March 10, 24 – 2pm

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

Russell Island

March 3, 17, 31 – 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

Marebello

1st Wed – Eucharist

Healing Mass

2nd Wed Mass – 9.00am

GOOD FRIDAY – Day Two

The Passion of the Lord

We gather at 3 pm for the reading of the Passion, the Veneration of the Cross and receiving of Communion. This is a commemoration service, not a Mass. Originally, there was no liturgy on Good Friday. It was marked simply by fasting. However, by the fourth century, a liturgical commemoration of the day had begun to develop. The ritual focused on the reading of the Passion, followed by Veneration of the Cross. We now also include distribution of Communion, but again there is no blessing or dismissal. Our celebration is not over.

HOLY SATURDAY – Day Three

The Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is the holiest of all nights, the announcement of the Resurrection. It is the night when, as the Church, we are most true to who we are meant to be. We renew our Baptismal Promises. It is a four-part Liturgy divided into services of LIGHT, WORD, WATER and EUCHARIST.

St Vincent De Paul meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, at 7pm, in the Ruby Room.

Meetings held April 1st & 15th, May 6th & 20th, June 3rd & 17th, July 1st & 15th, Aug 5th & 19th, Sept 2nd & 16th, Oct 7th & 21st, Nov 4th & 18th and Dec 3rd



SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Saturday 23rd 5pm or Sunday 24th 9am March

First Holy Communion Rite of Enrolment Masses

Children receive workbooks to start on at home.

Please remember your child's 'Please pray for me slip' and arrive 10 minutes prior to Mass start and see the Sacramental team member near the entry.



Ladies will get together again at the Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on Thursday 28th March 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



PRAYERS

All those who are ill, especially Sebastian Ricca, Ross Cooper, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Bill Mellor, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Sebastian Ricca, 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 Kathleen Foat, Bernice Muir, Jean Sheppard, Jack Taylor, Peggy Kelly and Anna Kwiatkowski.*

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

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 **10 March 24** is **\$TBA**

There **WILL NOT** be any **MASSES** from Monday 1st April 2024 to Friday 5th April 2024.

The **PARISH OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** from Monday 1st April to Friday 5th April 2024.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – cleaned corrosion and stains from urinal in church men's toilet.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – investigate smell from under OSHC building after heavy rain, 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.



Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)
23 & 24 February



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

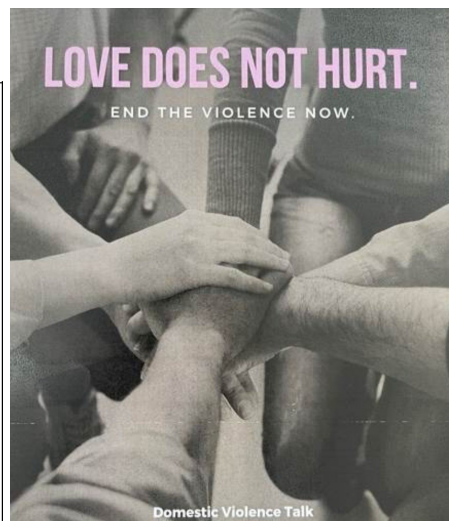
There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

Please donate to Project Compassion

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

LOVE DOES NOT HURT.

END THE VIOLENCE NOW.



Domestic Violence Talk

Date: Wednesday 10th April 2024

Time: 9am Mass followed by 10am -11am DV Talk

Morning Tea will be provided

Location: St Rita's Catholic Parish, 37/39 Benfer Road, Victoria Point

Presenter: Christine Neilson, Membership & Development Officer



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FEASTS for MARCH

Mon 18th - St Patrick - deferred from 17th

- St Cyril of Jerusalem

Tues. 19th - St Joseph, Spouse of BVM

Wed. 21st - Harmony Day

Sat. 23rd - St Turibius of Mogrovejo

Sun 24th - Palm Sunday

Thurs. 28th - Holy Thursday

Fri. 29th - Good Friday

Sat. 30th - Holy Saturday

Sun. 31st - Easter Sunday



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