



Victoria Point Catholic Parish

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Coochiemudlo Island and the Southern Bay Islands.

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5th Sunday of Easter, Year B – 28th April 2024

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Remain in Me

“He must increase; I must decrease”. John the Baptist once used these words to describe his relationship with Jesus. John, we understand, was a pretty impressive character. He was such a charismatic speaker that multitudes sought his baptism, listened to his levelling criticisms of popular culture and values, and vowed radical changes as a result of encountering him. John was a prophet and guru with his own circle of disciples. When Jesus appeared on the scene, John might have viewed him as a rival.

Instead John responds with extraordinary humility. He acknowledges that Jesus is greater. And not only greater: John admits that Jesus replaces him altogether. John’s mission is complete the hour Jesus arrives. As Jesus ascends, John will fade away. John doesn’t lament this. He states this fact as obvious and right.

This is the relationship of the vine to the branches. The vine survives the trimming of its branches, but the branches do not survive without the vine. The vine is more enduring, the very source of life. The branches play their part in relationship to the vine. It’s folly for a branch to forget what it is. But in-service to the vine, it bears much fruit.

Today's Readings: Acts 9:26-42, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8

Response to the Psalm: I will praise you Lord, I will praise you Lord, Here amongst your people, I will praise you Lord .

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name. Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

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

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

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

Macleay Island

April 21, May 5 – 2pm

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

Russell Island

April 14, 28 – 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 8 May



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

Meetings held April 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

Learn the Rosary

Thursday 9th May 2024

4pm

Please bring your Rosary Beads and Prayer Booklet.

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE



Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7pm

St. Rita's Church

MASS COUNTING

Mass counting will commence the first weekend in May and will continue for the following 4 weekends.

Please make sure you have been counted as attending the Mass.

Please see Mass Coordinators for assistance.



PPC are looking for volunteers!

Self Nominations will close 30th April 2024.

Please self nominate using the PPC Suggestion Box.

The Parish is looking for a full time lawn keeper!

We have the equipment,

just need the person or people to help!

If you can help, please contact the Parish Office!



ST RITA'S PARISH - VICTORIA POINT

MEET & GREET

PLEASE BRING A PLATE

4TH & 5TH MAY 2024
AFTER ALL MASSES



PENTECOST 2024

Pre-Pentecost Event

Healing Mass
With Fr. Steve Fletcher

Fr. Steve is a member of the Missionaries of God Love Brothers who seek bring the fire of God's love in the power of the Holy Spirit to the Church and the world. He has worked as a missionary for many years in Indigenous communities, youth outreaches, adult retreats, parishes, prisons and various faith formation and training settings. He has passion to see the church alive in the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit fulfilling the call of Jesus to go make disciples of all nations. He is 29 years ordained and presently Moderator of the MGLs based in Canberra.



St. Rita's Church, 37 Benfer Road, Victoria Point.
7pm, Tuesday 14th May 2024.
Praise, Worship, Mass, Talk, Personal Prayer.

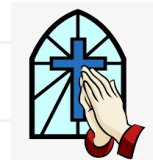
Donations gratefully received.
Enquiries: Len 0421 977 849 or
Audrey 0435 558 390

PRAYERS

For 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 Berton .*

DECEASED: *We commend the recently deceased.*



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding training is Mandatory within the Parish.
Please make sure you are up to date with your required training at all times.

Training Essentials 1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOHA_4Ls2jw

Training Essentials 2

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

FEAST DAYS OF APRIL

Sun. 6/7	Divine Mercy Sunday
Mon. 8	Annunciation of the Lord
Thur. 11	St Stanislaus
Sat. 13	St Martin 1, Pope
Tues. 23	St George
Wed. 24	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Sat. 27	St Louis Grignon de Montfort
Fri. 26	St Mark, Evangelist
Mon. 29	St Catherine of Siena
Tues. 30	St Pius V, Pope

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 **7 April 24** is **\$3 675.95**

The total for both collections for the weekend of **14 April 24** is **\$2 675.85**

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – no activities

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – renewal of termite barrier around Presbytery building (scheduled for 9th May), remove old fridge from Ruby Room, 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),

If any parishioner observes any task on the Maintenance To-do List which they can carry-out or help in, please contact Mike Duggan or the Parish Office, and your help will be gratefully appreciated.



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