



Victoria Point Catholic Parish

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

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year B 28th January 2024



AUSTRALIA DAY MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Australia Day is marked in different ways by the different peoples who form the rich tapestry of this nation lying beneath the Southern Cross.

For some it is a moment to look back with pride on the many achievements of Australia since 26 January 1788. What began as a penal colony became in a relatively short time a peaceful and prosperous nation. It also became a stable democracy, sealed by Federation. None of this was easy, and Australia Day can be a time to give thanks for the sacrifices made.

For others who have come to this land more recently, often escaping the horrors of war, persecution and poverty, it is a moment to give thanks for the new home they have found in this country where they have been able to recover hope and rebuild their lives. Australia has given them much, but they too have given Australia much; and for that we all give thanks on the national day.

For the first inhabitants of the land Australia Day looks different. We cannot forget the injustice and dispossession they have known since 1788. Often they were displaced from their land; and Australia has slowly come to understand that to break the bond between Aboriginal peoples and the land was to do them great violence, communally and individually. The cornerstone of Aboriginal cultures was shaken, with devastating consequences for Aboriginal peoples' sense of identity. This was made worse when children were removed from their families. To this day, we see the effects of this, described at times as intergenerational trauma.

We who are not culpable are nonetheless responsible to do what we can to heal the wounds of injustice, since until those wounds are healed the claim that "all are equal" in this land will be little more than empty words. From 1788 until now, all have not been equal here; and they never will be until we remember in a way that reckons truthfully with the past and commits to doing what is necessary to heal the wounds. Until they are healed our national potential will never be fully realised, and Australia Day will not be the time of shared celebration it is meant to be.

A national day can be for us all a moment of deeper reflection when we recognise that Australia, with its many peoples, is capable of great compassion and of a wisdom that understands the truth. It can be a day to recognise what this country can be, a land where all are in fact equal and can walk together into the future God is preparing.

The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge

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**PARISH OFFICE
CLOSED FOR
AUSTRALIA DAY
FRIDAY
26TH JANUARY 2024**

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

God of all peoples, Lord of the journey
who always walk with us,
in this land you have blessed us
with the first inhabitants of the land
who have loved it through the ages:
for them we give you thanks.
You have blessed us in the settlers
who made this land their home,
and forged a nation with their toil:
for them we give you thanks.
You have blessed us in the many peoples
of different languages and cultures
who have found a new home here:
for them we give you thanks.
We ask that you make a home among us,
so that justice and truth may flourish here
and all Australians may walk together
into the future you are preparing:
for that we give you thanks.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

+Mark Coleridge Archbishop of Brisbane



FEASTS for FEBRUARY

- Thurs. 1st – St Brigid
- Fri. 2nd – The Presentation of the Lord
- Sat. 3rd – St Blaise
- Sun. 4th – Word of God Sunday
- Mon. 5th – St Agatha
- Tues. 6th – St Paul Miki & Companions
- Thurs. 8th – St Josephine Bakita
- Sat. 10th – St Scholastica
- Wed. 14th – Ash Wednesday
- Wed. 21st – St Peter Damian
- Thurs. 22nd – The Chair of St Peter, Apostle
- Fri. 23rd – St Polycarp
- Tues. 27th – St Gregory of Narek

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

Thanksgiving Mass & Commissioning of the Hosanna Prayer and Praise Core Group Leaders

"Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest"
Mt 11:28

30 January 2024 (Tuesday)

St Rita Parish Church

7:00pm

Celebrant: Fr Ravi

All are invited (please bring plate to share)



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.

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The total for both collections for the weekend of **14 January 2024** is \$ TBA

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – cleared roots from blocked yard drains alongside Presbytery, restored operation of urinal flushing device in church men's toilet.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – 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), install extra downlight over priest's rostrum.

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.r



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Monday 5th February 2024
in The Ruby Room.

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