

Victoria Point Catholic Parish



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Easter Sunday Year B – 31st March 2024

We Are Witnesses – Mark 16: 1 - 7

Mary runs to the tomb, heart racing at the sight of a stone rolled away.

She imagines Jesus has been taken by enemies, and the thought propels her through the darkness. Next it's Peter and another disciple who are running, on fire with the idea that the tomb has been defiled. All of the characters in this story anticipate the worst, their hearts set on bad news. But what they find, when they lift their eyes, is the best news ever.

John presents one of the main characters in this event in a peculiar way: "the other disciple." Why would this person remain nameless and indistinct, if he were one of only three people privileged to stand at the tomb on Easter morning? Scholars suggest John invites us to put ourselves in the silhouette if "the other disciple," for we too stand at the tomb and declare what we see from here. Is the empty tomb bad news, the work of an enemy, a sad end to a tragic story? Or do we "see and believe," finding the good news that even in the cemetery, death loses? What we see in the dark, we must speak with our whole lives.

Happy Easter.

What brings life out of death in your experience?

A Novena to Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday 29th March for nine days. Novena Leaflets are on the back table of the Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St Rita's, 37 Benfer Rd, Victoria Point on Sunday 7th April with 9am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Reconciliation and ending with Benediction.

Jesus, I trust in you.

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

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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



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



There WILL BE NO MASSES from Mon 1st April 2024 to Fri 5th April

The PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED from Mon 1st April to Fri 5th April



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

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

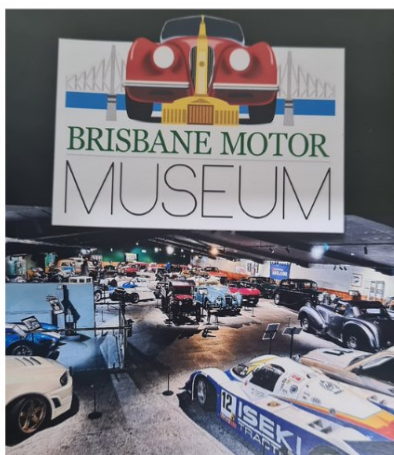
Training Essentials 2

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



Hosanna Prayer & Praise will not be having prayer meeting during the Easter week (26th March). Prayer meeting will resume on Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

St Rita's Men's Social Group



St Rita's Men's Social group gathering will be on Friday 5th April at 10:30 at the Brisbane Motor Museum in Banyo.

It is a wonderful new facility and has a great café for a snack afterwards.

Please let me know if you want to attend so that I can organise cars to transport people to the venue – parking is free, entry fee to the museum is \$20 for Seniors.

Mike Duggan 0429629211

Out of
Office

The Parish Secretary will be on leave from
Friday 29th March—Monday 15th April 2024

PRAYERS

All those who are ill, especially Rhondda Smith, 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 and Bernice Muir.*

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 **17 March 24** is **\$2 770.55**

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – malfunctioning AC controller in presbytery.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – 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.



**Easter Sunday
31 March**



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, *for all future generations.*

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

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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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