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PENTECOST

Year C

8 June 2025

The Missionary Church is born...

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the season of Easter reaches its final climax.

This Sunday we celebrate and experience the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church and on all those who call themselves disciples and followers of the risen Lord.

Last Sunday when we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus, he promised his followers that he would send them the Holy Spirit and that they would be filled with power from high. Theirs and our waiting is over. Today with the whole church we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This is not something that happened a long time ago to other people. It is happening today, here and now. Today each of us is filled with and anointed with the same powerful Holy Spirit.

The first followers of Jesus weren't strong, courageous or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus. They denied and deserted him when he needed them the most. After his death they hid themselves away in fear. They had lost all heart and hope. Then the strangest thing happens to them. The house is filled with the sound of a mighty wind and the sight of fire! These frightened and frail men and women are now transformed. Through the Holy Spirit, they are given new hope, new heart and new purpose. Their fear and silence is replaced by courage and conviction. They leave their hiding place and make their way into the streets and proclaim the good news of the resurrection. They become new people with a new message. At that very moment the missionary church was born.

We are no different than these ordinary men and women. Through our baptism and confirmation, each of us has been filled and anointed with the exact same Holy Spirit. Just as the first followers of Jesus proclaimed the good news about him, we too are called to do likewise today. Just as these men and women were transformed into energetic and outspoken witnesses of Jesus, we too are called and invited to be changed by the Holy Spirit.

There is nothing gentle, mild or gentle about Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is powerful, life-changing and energetic. The Holy Spirit challenges us and calls us to change. Oscar Romero, the Latin American Bishop who was murdered in 1978, and canonised in 2018 said, *'The Spirit makes all things new; we are the ones who grow old and want to keep everything to our aged way of doing things... the Spirit is never old, the Spirit is always young.'*

As we celebrate the birth of the missionary church, we pray that each of us will be refreshed and renewed by the Holy Spirit. May we do what Pope Francis asked us: *'Go out again and again, without hesitation without fear and proclaim this joy which is for all people...'*

Michael Moore OMI

SCRIPTURES FOR PENTECOST — YEAR C

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104.1ab+24ac, 29b-30, 31+34

Psalm Response: Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! *Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.* Alleluia, alleluia! **Gospel:** John 14:15-16, 23-26

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.

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church
Vigil Mass 5pm

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

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

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church
Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

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

RUSSELL ISLAND

Liturgy of the Word
Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every while at 2pm

MONDAY

St Rita's Church
8.30am Rosary
9am Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion
Pro-Life Rosary afterwards

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church
No Liturgy or Rosary

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church
8.30am Rosary
9am Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

THURSDAY

St Rita's Church
8.30am Rosary
9am Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church
8.30am Rosary
27 May - 9am Liturgy of the Word
with Holy Communion
6 May - 9am Mass & Holy Hour

MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

HEALING MASS

2nd Wed of JUNE – 9am Mass

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month,
at 10am in the Ruby Room. Next meeting – 16th June



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

WINTER APPEAL - 21st/22nd June 2025

St. Rita's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be holding its Annual Winter Appeal at all Masses on the weekend of 21st/22nd June 2025.
You made an enormous difference in 2024.

Funds are urgently needed to assist our local Members in their work with the many families and individuals living in our Parish area, who turn to us for help on a daily basis. Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated.



Welcome Back Fr Jose

We hope you enjoyed your time away

HEALING MASS



9am Wednesday 11th May
St Rita's Church, Victoria Pt.

CARITAS RECEIPTS FOR PROJECT COMPASSION ARE NOW AVAILABLE

If you requested a receipt please collect yours from the back table of the church. Thank you.

Second Sunday of the Month Readers and Mass Communion Ministers

Please note that the Second Sunday of the Month Teams will be looking after Mass duties on the FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - 28th & 29th June

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Our Newsletter is available via email.
Please contact the Parish Office if you wish the newsletter to be emailed to you.

Christian Meditation

Thursdays at 4pm in St Rita's Chapel
For information: please contact the Parish Office and your enquiry will be directed to Lorr Pople



HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Group meets on every Tuesday at 7pm in St Rita's Church. **All Welcome!**

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

We warmly welcome you and your family.
If you have recently moved into this area we invite you to join our Parish.
Please contact the Parish Office on (07) 3207 9177 or Email: victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

Our Lady of the Valley Men's Faith & Fellowship

Sunday June 15th, Commencing 10:30am
Come and be both inspired and challenged!

Guest Speaker: Deacon Paul Jensen
\$ 20 (includes morning tea & lunch)
St Mary's Community Centre Gatton
Enquiries: gatton@bne.catholic.net.au

Pick up a form from the church tables

The Power of Fatherhood

a parent night not just for dads, but for all.

Come be equipped with practical tools to help navigate challenges - from work-life balance to communication skills and so much more.

Joined by **Deacon Peter Pellican, PhD**, Executive Director of Archdiocesan Ministries, **Robert Falzon**, author and co-founder of menAlive, and **Chantale Wilson**, Director of Children and Families at Archdiocesan Ministries.

**Join us in-person or tune in via
livestream from home
- pick up a flyer at church**

Date: Wednesday 25th June
Cost: \$15 in person
OR \$10 Online Live Stream

Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre
(196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City)

RSVP: Monday 23rd June

*Free parking available underneath
the Cathedral*

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Helen Clarke, Mariano Molina, Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, Miles Muscroft, Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Lucas Bernal, Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, 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.

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Marion McElroy.

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.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

For any issues that need attention PLEASE CONTACT TONY HARRIS via parish office



Congratulations !
to the Macleay Island Community
on the occasion of the

**20th Anniversary of
the Church of the Holy Spirit,
Macleay Island**

Proudly part of St Rita's Parish, Victoria Point

May God continue to bless you all with his abundant grace,
strength, and guidance.

Wishing you a year filled with joy, peace, and
new opportunities for ministry

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love."

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Celebration of God's Mercy

For children preparing for
First Holy Communion

Children please bring your Workbook and
Mass Attendance Card

on Wednesday 11 June

5:30pm to 6:30pm at St Rita's Church, Victoria Point

If you wish to find out more, please email the Sacramental Coordinator,
Jennifer Fielding on sc.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au



Feast Days of June

Sunday 8 th	Pentecost
Monday 9 th	Mary, Mother of the Church
Wednesday 11 th	St Barnabas, Apostle
Friday 13 th	St Anthony of Padua
Sunday 15 th	The Most Holy Trinity
Thursday 19 th	St Romuald
Saturday 21 st	St Aloysius Gonzaga
Sunday 22 nd	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Monday 23 rd	St Paulinus of Nola
Tuesday 24 th	St John the Baptist
Friday 27 th	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 28 th	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 29 th	Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles
Monday 30 th	The First Martyrs of the Holy Catholic Church

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR JUNE

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

On the Feast of Corpus Christi,

the Catholic Church honours the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, "For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink" (John 6:55). Processing with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets is a tradition that is embraced all over the world and continues today.

The Corpus Christi Procession, presided by **Archbishop Mark Coleridge** will start at 2pm from the Cathedral of St Stephen, walk through the city streets and finish with Benediction at the Cathedral.

For additional information, please visit the Corpus Christi <https://www.corpuschristibrisbane.com> or contact us at inclusion@bne.catholic.net.au

All are invited and all are welcome!

Date & Time: Sunday, 22nd of June 2025 at 2pm

Location: Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane City

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen. *(Pope Francis)*



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