# Victoria Point Catholic Parish

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#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

22nd December 2024

# Hail Mary, full of grace...

Our Advent journey reaches a climax with Mary's

Story and Mary's "Yes". Through her hearing and accepting God's word and message for her, the long awaited promise made to David and to each of us will be fulfilled.

Our God is not distance or silent. God is very close to us. God's dwelling place is humanity. God will take his place among us through Mary. God's temple is Mary. Filled with the Holy Spirit and open to God's will for her, Mary becomes God's dwelling place. Through her faith, her courage and her Yes, God will become flesh and live amongst. In the face, voices and actions of Jesus we experience God. God has no need for temples, God dwelling place is the human heart.

Like Mary, we too are temples of God, Do you not realise that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God is living in you; and God's temple is holy and you are that temple. (1 Cor. 16)

Like Mary, through our baptism we are filled with the same Holy Spirit. As we live out our faith through our ordinary daily lives, God becomes real in and for the world today. All God asks is that we follow Mary's example and say "YES". Through our YES today in our families. Our homes, in our community and with our friends we can build the Kingdom of God and make God's love real and

God's gives us the strength and courage to follow Mary's example. Just as Mary heard and listened to God's words for her, we too are asked to open our hearts and lives to God. Through our own daily lives may we say YES to God as Mary did, so that God will become flesh and live among us this Christmas.

Just as God called and chose Mary, God calls and chooses each of us today. Mary gave life to Jesus and shares him with the world. We too are called and asked to follow her faithful example. Through our own daily lives, through what we say and do, may we bring Jesus in to our world today.

Michael Moore OMI

https://oblates.ie/gospel-reflection-4th-sunday-advent/

Today's Readings: Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; and Luke 1:39-44 **Response to the Psalm**: A Virgin will conceive and bring forth a son. Emmanuel God is with us, Emmanuel God is with us. A Virgin is with child and we are set free. **Gospel Acclamation**: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia, alleluia!

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#### **MASS TIMES**

#### **SATURDAY**

#### St Rita's Church

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm Vigil

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

21 Dec.— Priest Mass

(Liturgy of the Word with

Communion – every other

Saturday at 11am)

#### **SUNDAY**

#### St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

#### MACLEAY ISLAND

24 Dec - 6.00pm

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

#### **RUSSELL ISLAND**

22 Dec.- 2pm & 25 Dec- - 9am

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sundays at **2pm**)

#### **MONDAY**

#### St Rita's Church

Mass – 9.00am Rosary – before Mass

Rosary Crusade Pro Life – after Mass

#### **TUESDAY**

#### St Rita's Church

No Morning Mass Christmas Vigil Masses at 5pm and 7pm

#### **WEDNESDAY**

#### St Rita's Church

Christmas Day Mass at 8am

#### **THURSDAY**

#### St Rita's Church

Priest Day Off — NO MASSES

#### **FRIDAY**

#### St Rita's Church

No Mass

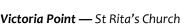
**MAREBELLO** 

1st Wed of Month - Eucharist

#### **HEALING MASS**

2nd Wed of Month - 9.00am Mass

### Christmas Mass Times



4:40pm Carols – Christmas Eve — Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> December 5 pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> December 7 pm Mass Christmas Eve Night Mass - Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> December 8 am Mass Christmas Day - Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> December

**Macleay Island** — Church of The Holy Spirit, Scotts Road 6 pm Vigil Mass Christmas Eve — Tues. 24th December

**Russell Island** — Bay Islands Community Services, 55 Jackson Rd 9 am Mass Christmas Day – Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> December

# Reconciliation

#### St. Rita's Church

6 pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation, Fri.20<sup>th</sup> December 4 pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of Reconciliation, Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> December

"Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah. the Lord." Luke 2:11



# PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas and New Year beginning on Tues. 24 December and reopening on Mon. 6 January

#### HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

Meetings will resume on Tuesday 21st January at 7pm at St Rita's Church.



#### **Mass Times for post Christmas & New Year**

**Sat. 28 Dec.** - 5pm Vigil Mass for The Holy Family **Sun. 29 Dec.** - 7am & 9am Masses for The Holy Family

Wed. 1 January - Mass for Mary, Holy Mother of God Thurs. 2 January - Mass Fri. 3 January - Mass and Adoration

Sat. 4 January – Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord Sun. 5 January – Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord

#### **FEASTS in DECEMBER**

Sat.21st St Peter Canisius

Mon. 23rd St John of Kanty

Wed. 25th Nativity of the Lord

Thurs. 26th St Stephen, First Martyr

Friday 27th St John, Apostle, Evangelist Sat. 28th The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

**Sunday 29th** The Holy Family Tuesday 31st St Sylvester I, Pope

# Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

For Pilgrims of Hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of hope.

### DAY OFF!

# Please Note for 2025: Fr. Jose's Day Off will be on TUESDAYS

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Appeal.

May you have a happy and holy Christmas!



St Vincent De Paul meet on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month, at <u>10am</u> in the Ruby Room

Our next meeting is 6th January.



#### **PRAYERS**

For all those who are ill, especially Miles Muscroft, Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, 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 Conrad Melvaine and Janet Dunne.

#### The Beatitudes

Mini Retreat

# **Presented by Fr Nev** from Marriage Encounter

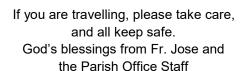
When: Saturday 18th January '25

Time: 10am to 12pm followed by lunch

Where: St Oliver Plunkett Church Hall Beauvardia St, Cannon Hill

RSVP: David and Maria
Email: <a href="mailto:qldbookings@wwme.org.au">qldbookings@wwme.org.au</a>
OR Ph: 0481 307 821
Lunch: Please advise any dietary requirements for lunch.

# Wishing you all a Happy Christmas With many blessings



## Christian Meditation

The Group is having a Christmas Break and resumes on Wednesday 29th January at 5pm in St Rita's Chapel



For more information: please contact the Parish Office and your enquiry will be directed to Lorr Popple



# CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

are now on holidays and will resume on Sunday 12th January at the 9am Mass

Art Group

The group are now on holidays.



We will meet again in mid-January 2025, date to be confirmed.

If you are interested in art and like to paint, please join us next year on Wednesdays in the Ruby Room

#### **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 <u>reference</u> your deposit with your <u>surname and your planned giving number/envelope number</u> if you have one. *Please contact the parish office for further information on 3207 9177.* 

### **WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:**

#### WH&S, Maintenance and Improvements

Recent Activities – annual gutter cleaning parish office, presbytery, chapel, OSHC, replaced filter in overhead data projector in church.

Current Tasks needing to be done – repairs to downpipe on OSHC building, removal /sale of chairs and tables on presbytery side patio, complete the painting of OSHC verandah wall, removal of mould and sanding/ painting of presbytery window sills doors and door frames (scheduled for 2025), 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), replace carpet in chapel and church.



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#### ANNUAL CAROLS SERVICE **SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER - 5PM** Cathedral of St Stephen

Advent Concert Series—Enjoy the combined voices of the Cathedral Schola, Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Chorale, as they present the Annual Carols Service, with integrated readings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

When: Sunday 22 December 2024 at 5 pm Where: Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street Brisbane. Free parking is available at the Cathedral and all are welcome to attend.



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