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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8th December 2024



A Voice cries in the Wilderness

There is something beautiful about all the lights that we now see around us in the streets and shops windows. As they shine and sparkle they are trying to catch our eye and get our attention.

In our gospel this Sunday, John the Baptist is trying to do the very same thing; he too is trying to get our attention because he has a message for us as we take another step on our Advent journey.

John comes as a messenger in the wilderness not just with any news, but with 'good news' for all to hear. He comes to us with a message of hope. John tells us that someone (Jesus) is coming and that he is far more powerful than John. . . John reminds us today as he did in the desert that God has not forgotten us or the promise that was made to generations before us; Jesus the Messiah is coming. Jesus is coming not just into our world, but into our homes, lives and our very hearts. This most definitely is 'good news.'

John came with a new message in a new place. Normally people went to the temple or the synagogue to hear the word of God. But John is in neither of these places. He appeared and spoke in the wilderness of the desert and as the gospel tells us all the people of Judea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him. Through John, God is proclaiming a new message in a new way. . .

What is this new thing God is doing? Through the words and actions of Jesus, God breaks into our world and lives in a new, life-giving and personal way. Our God is God of surprises and God's ways are not our ways.

John asks us to 'prepare a way for the Lord and make his paths straight.' What does this mean for us today? When the people heard John speak, 'they were baptised and confessed their sins.' An important aspect of our Advent journey and preparation is acknowledging that there are parts of our lives that need straightening!

Perhaps one way we could prepare a way for the Lord during these weeks of Advent is to consider celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **As we focus our attention on so many other things during the lead up to Christmas, let us not forget to prepare a place in our hearts to welcome Jesus.**

Michael Moore OMI

<https://oblates.ie/gospel-reflection-2nd-sunday-advent/>

Today's Readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; and Luke 3:1-6

Response to the Psalm: Wait in joyful hope a Saviour will come, Jesus Christ the Light of the world. Wait in joyful hope a Saviour will come, welcome to the Word of God. **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God Alleluia, alleluia!

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Reconciliation 4.15pm

Mass 5.00pm Vigil

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

7 & 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

1 & 15 Dec – 1.45 pm

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

RUSSELL ISLAND

8 & 22 Dec. - 2pm

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

MONDAY

St Rita's Church/Chapel

Mass – 7.00am

Rosary – after Mass

Rosary Crusade Pro Life –
after Mass

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church/Chapel

Mass – 7.00am

Rosary – after Mass

Praise & Prayer – 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church/Chapel

Mass – 7.00am

Rosary – after Mass

Art Group – 10.00am

Choir – 3.30pm

THURSDAY

St Rita's Church

Priest Day Off — NO MASSES

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church/Chapel

Rosary – 4.30pm

Mass & Benediction – 5.00pm

MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

HEALING MASS

2nd Wed of Month – 7.00am Mass

**St Vincent De Paul meet on 1st and 3rd Monday of the month,
at 10am in the Ruby Room — Our next meeting is 6th January.**



Christmas Mass Times



Victoria Point — St Rita's Church

4:40pm Carols – Christmas Eve — Tues. 24th December

5 pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - Tues. 24th December

7 pm Mass Christmas Eve Night Mass - Tues. 24th December

8 am Mass Christmas Day - Wed. 25th 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. 25th December

Reconciliation

St. Rita's Church

6 pm - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, Fri. 20th December

4 pm - 1st Rite of Reconciliation, Sat. 21st 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
2025**

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

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

Meetings are held on
Tuesdays at 7pm at
St Rita's Church.

**December 18
will be the
last meeting
for the year**



Sacramental News

**Congratulations to the
children who made their
1st Rite of Penance this week!**

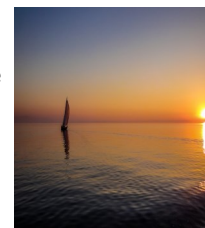
*May you always remember our
God is full of mercy and
compassion.*

Thanks you to those who prayed
for them and also those who
helped.

**St Rita's Men's Social Group
is meeting for our annual Sundowner
event on Thursday 19th December
at Thompson's Beach about 4:30pm.**

Please bring a chair,
something to drink and nibble
(and insect spray).

**Contact Mike Duggan
for any queries.**



St. Vincent de Paul Society

This is the final weekend for our Christmas Appeal.
Sincere thanks to all who have contributed.

If any Parishioners would like to spare an hour to help
to sort the donations after the 7.00 am Mass on
Sunday 15th December OR
to join us in making up the hampers on
Monday, 16th December from 7.00 am
— they will be most welcome

Thank you



PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Miles Muscroft, Janet Dunne, 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, especially Max Kelly, Anthony and Annie Dunne.

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased, especially Lois Hodges.

Communion to the Sick Ministry

NEW MINISTERS REQUIRED

The Ministry to the Sick is a pastoral ministry of caring for those confined to private homes. The purpose of the ministry is to demonstrate the care and concern of our faith community to the sick and the homebound. Ministers visit the sick or homebound to pray and to offer the Eucharist with them.

If you would like to be part of this ministry then please contact

Danny Gablonski

Or the Parish Office (Mon., Tues. or Wed.)

FEASTS in DECEMBER

Monday 9th	Immaculate Conception of the BVM
Tues. 10th	Our Lady of Loreto
Wed. 11th	St Damasus 1, Pope
Thurs. 12th	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday 13th	St Lucy
Sat. 14th	St John of the Cross
Sat. 21st	St Peter Canisius
Mon. 23rd	St John of Kanty
Wed. 25th	Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Church Rear Door Access Safety Modification



The modification work on the church rear door access will begin on Monday 9th December.

While this work is being done, weekday Masses will be held in the Church OR in the Chapel at 7am — except Friday will be at 5pm



Maria Rosa Mystica

A Request of Our Blessed Mother for the Hour of Grace

Our Lady of Rosa Mystica is a Marian devotion that goes back to the early days of the Church. It refers to Mary as Mother of the Mystical Body of Christ, or Mother of the Church. We can find this name in the Litany of Loreto and images as early as the 1300's. On 8 December each year at noon the Hour of

Grace for the World is to be celebrated.

Day and time of Hour of Grace: 12 noon to 1pm on 8th December, Feast of the Immaculate Conception

During this hour the person making the 'Hour of Grace' either at home or in the Church must put away all distractions and totally concentrate on your union with God during this time.

Begin the Hour of Grace by praying three times the 51st Psalm with outstretched arms.

The remainder of the hour may be spent in silent communication with God, medi-

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.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

Recent Activities – no activities

Current Tasks needing to be done – modifications to rear door entrance (scheduled for week commencing 9th December), annual gutter cleaning parish office, presbytery, chapel, OSHC (scheduled 14th December), 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 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), replace carpet in chapel and church.

If any parishioner observes any task on the Maintenance To-do List which they can carry-out or help in, please contact Mike Duggan



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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation will take place
THURSDAYS at 3:30pm in the
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For more information, please contact
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 Stewart & Ray Milligan 

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