



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time—Year C – 11th September 2022

This Week's Readings: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14, Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19, St Paul 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-32  
Next Week—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Amos 8:4-7, Ps 112:1-2, 4-8, St Paul 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### “ THE CHURCH OF MERCY ”

Lost sheep, lost coins, lost sons. In the parables of Jesus, things and people get lost and found a lot. In our own experience, a lot gets lost along the way of life. Everything from socks and keys, to health and love. And some things stay lost.

The value of what gets lost in our lives varies incalculably, just as it does in Jesus' stories. Sometimes we lose money or a job, and that can have serious consequences. But those losses are not even in the same category as losing someone you love to death or losing your independence as your body fails. As we suffer the great losses in our lives, even when someone or something seems hopelessly and irretrievably lost, Jesus assures us he's on the other end, retrieving and rescuing. That's God's job in a nutshell, according to the Christian tradition: to save what was lost. To redeem a world. To make sure that everything lost gets found.

Which kinds of losses have you faced? Do you trust God to find and restore the rest?

When friends lose their faith, encourage them. When people you know lose heart, support them. When strangers lose their homes in disaster, contribute toward their rescue. When members of your community lose a loved one, mourn with them. And when those around you experience restoration of a loss, celebrate with them.

“Count on it - there's more joy in heaven over one sinner's rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue”.

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## WEEKLY DIARY

### Monday 12 September

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church  
9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church  
9:30am Pro Life Rosary—Chapel

### Tuesday 13 September

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church  
9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church  
7:00pm Prayer & Praise—Chapel

### Wednesday 14 September

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church  
9:00am Healing Mass—St Rita's Church  
10:00am Art Group—Ruby Room  
4:00pm Choir - St Rita's Church

### Thursday 15 September

### Friday 16 September

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church  
9:00am Mass & Holy Hour—St Rita's Church

### Saturday 17 September

11:00am Mass—Coochiemudlo Island Community Centre  
4:30pm Reconciliation—St Rita's Church  
5:00pm Vigil Mass—St Rita's Church

### Sunday 18 September

**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
7:00am Mass—St Rita's Church  
8:00am Mass—Macleay Island - Church of the Holy Spirit  
9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church

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for information regarding the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia



### Be an Eternal Guardian of Your Faith

Do you want to ensure that the mission of the Catholic Church and your local parish continues well in to the future?

We need your support to sustain our faith and continue to provide parish facilities, programs and services for generations to come. Your gift, of any amount, will help carry forward the Gospel message to future generations. To find out how you can be an Eternal Guardian of your faith, please contact us on 07 3324 3632 or visit [www.catholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.au)

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 Snoko on 0419 247 698

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“We acknowledge the Quandamooka People, Traditional Custodians of the lands, waters and seas where we stand today. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and future.”

**Please take a moment to pray for:**

All those who are ill, especially Chris Venter, Margaret Rizzo, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Toby Bernal, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Doherty, Kay Grieve, Jela Cicak, and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

We commend all the recently **deceased**.

We pray for all those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time.



**If you wish to have a loved one's name mentioned in the Parish Newsletter for an anniversary, a remembrance or a prayer for the sick, please contact the Parish Office. Envelopes to request Masses to be offered for the sick, dying, deceased or for special intentions are available at the back of the church. Mass Cards are available from the Piety Stall.**

## A Notice from Fr Ladu

**Be the face of Christ for others**



Thank you for your generous support of the **Annual Catholic Campaign!** Your gift helps educate our future priests, care for unwell priests, ensures children from families in hardship have access to Catholic education, and reaches out to our neighbours in vulnerable circumstances.

With your gift, you are the face, hands, and heart of Christ to those who need us most.



## Pope's Prayer Intention September 2022



### Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



Please pray for the Children participating in the Sacrament of Confirmation as they Renew their Baptismal Promises this weekend. May God continue to Bless them.

### Primary School Class Masses



Every Tuesday, Father Ladu welcomes a different class to attend a Buddy Class Mass at 9am with St Rita's Primary.

All are invited each week to attend Mass.

## 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.

Collections and donations for the weekend of **28 August 2022: \$2 524.50**

Collections and donations for the weekend of **4 September 2022: \$3 224.75**

## Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

**RECENT ACTIVITIES:** repaired damaged safety railings in church carpark, completed high-pressure water-blasting of pathways around Presbytery, replaced four downlights in chapel, replaced two remaining old-style fluros in OSHC building with LED lights.

**CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE:** high-pressure water-blast pathway leading to church, paint altar alcove wall, cleaning of carpets in Parish Office, polishing vinyl flooring in church, , investigate evidence of water leaks (wall in priest sacristy, ceiling above reconciliation facility, gutter outside toilets, ceiling in chapel above central window), obtain quote for Termite management system renewal around the church building.

**POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING:** replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval), repaint inside walls of presbytery, replace rusted-out gutter at chapel end of church building.



## Sacramental News

### Confirmation

- 14th Oct - 5pm Confirmation Ceremony Practise  
Sponsor to attend if possible  
Group 1 (The Church)
- 14th Oct - 6pm Confirmation Ceremony Practise  
Sponsor to attend if possible  
Group 2 (The Church)
- 15th Oct Confirmation Ceremonies  
9am & 11am (The Church)

## Safe and Supported

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2022  
SEPTEMBER 11



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported. St Rita's Parish and the Diocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)



## HEALING MASS



"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

#### COME TO:

- EXPERIENCE THE MERCY OF GOD
- BE HEALED AND SET FREE FROM SICKNESSES AND BONDAGES IN THE MIGHTY NAME OF JESUS CHRIST
- BE FILLED, TRANSFORMED, RENEWED, ANOINTED, AND SENT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Time and Place: 13 September (Tuesday) at 7:00pm,  
at the ST Rita Parish Church**

BY: **FR Minh Bui**

**NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK**  
4 - 10 September 2022



## HEALING MASS



The Healing Mass will be held at  
9am  
WEDNESDAY 14th September  
ALL WELCOME!!!

Listen to the  
Voice of Creation  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

## THE SEASON OF CREATION

"Honour the Lost"

*We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats that will never speak again.  
We grieve the loss of human cultures, along with lives and livelihoods that have been displaced  
or perished.*



*Creation cries out as forests crackle, and animals and people flee the fires of injustice that we have lit by our unwillingness to listen to the voice of creation.*

"I am", says God, "The light of the world". (Psalm 89)

"Ecosystems have an intrinsic value. Each organism, as a creature of God, is good and admirable in itself."

Pope Francis Laudato Si #140

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