



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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## Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time -Year C – 24th July 2022

This Week's Readings: Genesis 18:20-32, Ps 137:1-3, 6-8, Colossians 2:12-14, Luke 11:1-13

Next Week—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Ecclesiaste 1:2; 2:21-23, Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17, Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11, Luke 12:13-21

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### "THE COURAGE TO PRAY"

Prayer requires courage. Imagine the flutter in Abraham's heart when he asked God to consider the innocent who would suffer with the guilty in the destruction of evil cities! Who is Abraham to tell God what is just? Yet our every prayer of petition is roughly the same. With hearts fluttering, we ask God to act according to our perception. It's a bold thing to do.

Jesus encourages his disciples to pray with daring. He tells us to ask for God to reveal divinity to us! That's a big request. Jesus also teaches us to ask for more immediate and practical concerns like food, forgiveness, and to be spared the tug of sin on our hearts. Jesus says we can ask for anything in prayer, big or small, trusting the One who loves us desires our welfare more than we do. With confidence, then, let us pray.

What are the most common obstacles you face in prayer, and how can you overcome them?

Renew your dedication to prayer. Consider what works for you - meditation, ritual prayer, song, movement - and which environment is most conducive, whether indoors, outdoors, a pew, a favourite chair. Be there for the conversation!

"Ask and you'll get; seek and you'll find; knock and the door will open. Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need".

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## WEEKLY DIARY

### Monday 25 July

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

### Tuesday 26 July

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

### Wednesday 27 July

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church  
9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church  
10:00am Art Group—Ruby Room  
4:00pm Choir - St Rita's Church  
6:30pm Men's Ministry—The Ruby Room

### Thursday 28 July

10:00am St Rita's Men's Social Group  
11:00am Have A Chat Club Event

### Friday 29 July

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

### Saturday 30 July

4:30pm Reconciliation—St Rita's Church  
5:00pm Vigil Mass—St Rita's Church

### Sunday 31 July

#### 18th 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

## READERS REMINDER

5th Sunday this month is being Looked after by 3rd Sunday Reading Team

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

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

All those who are **ill**, especially *Pauline Walker, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Toby Bernal, Helen Stockwell, Benjamin Sloane, Daphne and Phil Dwiar, 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, especially *Bernadette McLennan, Peter Joseph, Jim Sheppard and Trevor Stagg.*

**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.**



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**Pope's Prayer Intention  
July 2022**

**Elderly**

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

**A Notice from Fr Ladu**

The protection and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults is at the core of Church mission, and setting the right approach to safeguarding is important. The thoughts and views of children and the Church community are essential in helping shape that approach. The Archdiocese has prepared two short safeguarding surveys to help gather feedback from children and the Church community. Your help in administering the surveys would be very much appreciated.

The surveys can be completed on a computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone.

Online Child Safeguarding Survey (5 – 12 years)

Scan the QR Code to take the short (8 questions) online Child Safeguarding Survey. The survey is seeking information from children 5-12yr

\*\* Parents and Guardians may wish to assist children in completing the survey and explore their responses if needed.

Online Parish Safeguarding Survey (Adults)

Scan the QR Code to take the short (10 questions) online Parish Safeguarding Survey. This survey is seeking information from parish workers and parish congregations/communities, and should take less than 1 minute to complete.

The surveys are completely anonymous and the parish will not be identified.

Scan the QR Codes displayed at the Church or Parish Office. They are also located on the next page for your convenience.

God Bless, Fr Ladu

**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 **10 July 2022: \$2 304.80**

Collections and donations for the weekend of **17 July 2022: \$2 398.40**

**Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:**

**RECENT ACTIVITIES:** Carried out annual termite inspection and pest control in Presbytery, Parish Office, Church and OSHC building.

**CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE:** high-pressure water-blast pathways around Presbytery, high-pressure water-blast pathway leading to church, fix downlight in chapel, paint altar alcove wall, cleaning of carpets in Parish Office, polishing vinyl flooring in church, paint 3 doors at front of church, paint handrail at ramp entrance to church.

**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

13th Aug - 5pm Rite of Enrolment Mass  
(The Church)

14th July - 9am Rite of Enrolment Mass  
(The Church)

### SAFEGUARDING SURVEY

The protection and wellbeing of children and the vulnerable is at the core of Church mission, and setting the right approach to safeguarding is important.



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!



TAKE THE SURVEY

CHILD SAFEGUARDING SURVEY  
(CHILDREN 5-12 YRS)



PARISH SAFEGUARDING SURVEY  
(ADULT)



### HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

*"and Jesus reply, I desire mercy, not sacrifice.." Mt 12:1-8*

All are welcome to join our Catholic Charismatic Group, which meets for praise and worship at St Rita Parish, chapel, every Tuesday night from 7:00pm till 9:00pm

Please bring your bible.

Please call MAY RICHARDSON 0435212787 or EJ POLOTAN 0403658827



Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which took place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15).

### THANK YOU FROM SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you to all our fellow Parishioners who responded to our Winter Appeal held on 9th/10th July. The Appeal will stay open until the end of the month and donation envelopes are still available beside the boxes at the Church doors. Remember to give us your name and address if you would like a receipt for taxation purposes.

We will be letting you know the result of the Appeal when it is finalised.

If you would like more information about the work of the Society in our Parish, we can be contacted through the Parish Office.

On behalf of those we help,  
God Bless you for your support!



## Men's Ministry

6:30PM

WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY  
THE RUBY ROOM

## Have A Chat Club!

THURSDAY 28 JULY 2022  
11AM



VICTORIA POINT TAVERN



Come along and Have A Chat and a laugh!

ALL WELCOME!

For more information please contact  
Elaine Pascoe 3207 9866.

The St Rita's Men's Social group will be visiting the Gold Coast War Museum and Collector's Armoury, Mudgeeraba (42 John Rogers Road, 1hr 12 minutes' drive) on Thursday 28th July at 10am. Entry fee \$10. Please advise Mike Duggan 0429629211 or duggancasa@outlook.com if attending and if require to car pool.



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