

# St. Rita's Catholic Parish



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Twenty THird Sunday In Ordinary Time—Year C — 4th September 2022

This Week's Readings: Wisdom 9:13-18, Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17, St Paul 9:10, 12-17, Luke 14:25-33  
Next Week—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14, Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19, St Paul 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-32

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### "WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?"

We are a society of planners. We've got calendars scrawled black and blue with appointments; smartphones in our pockets; magnets holding up lists all over the fridge. Our budgets tell us where the money's gone to, and copious records are filed for the tax agent. I can tell you where I'm going to be and what I'll be doing on most days a year from now! This can be a little intense.

Jesus has no dispute with careful schedules and records. But he wonders aloud that we take such care to plan dental appointments six months ahead and show far less concern for responsibilities of discipleship. Which will last longer: our teeth or our souls? We know where our money's invested and how much our next pay-packet will bring in, but what spiritual riches have we stored for ourselves? I know where I'll be on Sunday a year from now. But where will I be when God's kingdom comes?

How would you go about planning a spiritual budget for a year? For today?

Add these items to your spiritual budget: Weekly Eucharist. Regular personal prayer. Time with Scripture. Seasonal self-examination and reconciliation. Annual retreat time. A spiritual audit of what you do with your time and money.

"Simply put, if you're not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can't be my disciple".

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## WEEKLY DIARY

### Monday 5 September

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church  
9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church  
9:30am Pro Life Rosary—Chapel  
10:00am St Vincent De Paul—Ruby Room

### Tuesday 6 September

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

### Wednesday 7 September

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

### Thursday 8 September

9:00am Mass for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary—St Rita's  
10:00am Men's Social Group—Ruby Room

### Friday 9 September

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

### Saturday 10 September

10:00am Confirmation—Renewal of Baptismal Promises - St Rita's Church  
4:30pm Reconciliation—St Rita's Church  
5:00pm Vigil Mass—St Rita's Church

### Sunday 11 September

#### 24th 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

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.

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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 Margaret Ross, Margaret Rizzo, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, 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**, especially Michelle Morris.

We pray for all those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time, especially Kenneth Carroll and Marguerite Murphy.



**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.**



THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

2 September 2022

Dear Bishop, Father, Deacon,

**Launch of the Archdiocese of Brisbane Refugee Sponsorship Initiative**

This September the Archdiocese will launch a new initiative to support individuals and families who are refugees. Your parish is invited to consider joining this effort.

The Church has roots in the story of a family seeking refuge. Joseph, Mary and Jesus fled Bethlehem when King Herod began to stalk the baby born as Christ the King (Matt 2: 1-23). The Holy Family took what they had and sought safety in a place far from Herod's murderous sway. They fled not because they wanted to but because it was a matter of life and death for the child.

There are many families around the world who face this same dreadful choice. They leave everything they know, own and love for an unknown place, in the hope of a still unknown safety. People are making such choices every day. There are couples who have met, married, given birth and raised children in refugee camps, with no certainty about their future or where they might find a home.

Like us, they are created in the image of God. They are no different in dignity and ability; but they are the victims of circumstances beyond their control. That is why the Church is duty-bound to offer them the welcome of Christ.

The Archdiocese is partnering with Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia in order to launch the Archdiocese of Brisbane Refugee Sponsorship Initiative. Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia is a well established and registered charity which works to support community groups in raising funds and offering welcome to people seeking to make a home in Australia.

For those parishes and school which choose to participate, Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia will partner with them to raise funds and to support and build relationships with people as they settle into their new home here.

It is an opportunity for us to reach out beyond the bounds of our own community in a spirit of mission. This will in turn make our own communities stronger, for we will be strengthened only if we turn outwards rather than inwards. Therefore, I ask that your parish or community consider being part of this initiative.

The Inclusion Team of Evangelisation Brisbane has carriage of this and would be happy to provide more information on how to take part in the Archdiocese of Brisbane Refugee Sponsorship Initiative. May the God who has welcomed us and who calls us all home inspire us to share the gift we have received and to receive the gift of new sisters and brothers.

As always in the Lord,

Archbishop of Brisbane

The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge



**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.



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS, STEP FATHERS, UNCLAS AND MALE FATHER FIGURES OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!**

**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: \$TBA**

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

**RECENT ACTIVITIES:** installed in-ground drains between presbytery and parish office, installed framed Emergency Exit signs in OSHC building.

**CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE:** complete high-pressure water-blasting of pathways around Presbytery, high-pressure water-blast pathway leading to church, fix four downlights in chapel, paint altar alcove wall, cleaning of carpets in Parish Office, polishing vinyl flooring in church, replace two remaining fluros in OSHC building, 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

- 10th Sept - 10am Renewal of Baptismal Promises (The Church)
- 14th Oct - 5pm Confirmation Ceremony Practise Group 1 (The Church)
- 14th Oct - 6pm Confirmation Ceremony Practise Group 2 (The Church)
- 15th Oct Confirmation Ceremonies 9am & 11am (The Church)

### 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.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Meeting Monday 5th September at 10am in The Ruby Room. All are welcome!



### HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

*"Open you works to the Lord and your intentions will be set in order"*  
Proverbs 16:3



All are welcome to join our Catholic Charismatic Group, which meets for praise and worship at St Rita Parish Chapel.  
Tuesday night from 7:00pm till 9:00pm.  
Teaching Night, Video presentation.  
Please call MAY RICHARSON 0435212787 OR EJ POLOTAN 0403658827

### St Rita's Men Social Group September Gathering

The St Rita's Men's Social Group will be meeting on Thursday 8th Sept at 10am in The Ruby Room for a presentation by Jane Dyson, "Waste Warrior" of the Redlands Council on how the material which we put in our recycle waste bins is managed – examples and videos explaining the process.

Morning tea will be available.

Please advise Mike Duggan on 0429269211 or

duggancasa@outlook.com

if you will be attending.



### HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE



All are welcome to join our HEALING MASS, which will be celebrated by Reverend Minh Bui LHS at St Rita Parish Church.  
13th September 2022  
Tuesday night from 7:00pm till 9:00pm

Please call MAY RICHARSON 0435212787 OR EJ POLOTAN 0403658827

Listen to the Voice of Creation  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

## THE SEASON OF CREATION

Last Thursday, September 1, the 2022 Season of Creation was launched.

The season is a time for all to recognise ourselves as "the work of the Lord's creative act" and to care for our common home.

This year's symbol is the burning bush of Moses. God's voice is still there calling us to do His will – to care for His creation, the land, the sea and their inhabitants.

'Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God.'

Pope Francis Laudato Si #119.



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