



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time—Year C — 9th October 2022

This Week's Readings: Kings 5:14-17, Ps 97:1-4, St Paul 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

Next Week—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Exodus 17:8-13, Ps 120, St Paul 3:14-4:2, Luke 18:1-8

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

"LIFE WITHOUT CHAINS "

Luke loves this kind of story. Jesus straddles the border between Samaria and Galilee when he heals some folks. This means we don't know how many in this leper band were Jews, how many were foreigners. But we do know only one Samaritan shows gratitude. Luke celebrates the unlikely hero: foreigners, sinners, women, the poor. A Samaritan leper inhabited the near bottom of the social barrel to the crowds around Jesus. (The only person lower would have been a poor Samaritan female leper!)

It's intriguing to note these ten travelled together as lepers: the distance between Jew and Samaritan dissolved by their common affliction. Once healed, would these ten even speak to each other on the street across the chasm of ethnic identity? That's why Jesus commends the faith – the faith – of the Samaritan. Because faith in Jesus' eyes isn't about group identity or religious systems. It's about knowing divine grace when you receive it. The Samaritan, who will be despised by all tomorrow, walks away free with salvation in his pocket. The other nine, cleansed of leprosy, will still wear their chains.

How many people do you recognise outside of your religious systems who obviously enjoy a state of grace?

Many of us are still burdened by chains of fear, unforgiveness, indecision, or bitterness. Pray for the release of these chains that bind your heart or the heart of someone close to you.

If we die with him, we'll live with him. If we stick it out with him, we'll rule with him.

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WEEKLY DIARY

Daily

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church

Monday's

9:30am Pro Life Rosary—Chapel

Tuesday's

2:00pm St Rita's Primary Mass—
St Rita's Church

7:00pm Prayer & Praise—Chapel

Wednesday's

10:00am Art Group—Ruby Room

4:00pm Choir - St Rita's Church

Thursday's

Parish Priest Day Off

Friday's

9:00am Mass & Holy Hour—
St Rita's Church

MASS TIMES

ST RITA'S CHURCH

Weekdays 9am

Saturday 5pm (Vigil)

Sunday 7am & 9am

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:30pm

HEALING MASS: 2nd Wednesday of

the Month 9am

MAREBELLO: 1st Wednesday of the

Month 9:30am

BAY ISLAND MASS CENTRES

Coochiemudlo Island

Coochiemudlo Island Community Hall

345 Victoria Parade,

Coochiemudlo Island Q 4184

11:00am Saturday (Fortnightly)

Macleay Island

Church of the Holy Spirit

Scotts Road, Macleay Island Q 4148

5pm Sunday (1st & 3rd Sunday)

Russell Island

St Peter's Anglican Church

25-27 High St, Russell Island

2pm (2nd & 4th Sunday)

Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are ill, especially Edith Quilty, Julie Davey, Virginia Casinto, Chris Venter, 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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I'd like to extend thanks to Fr Francis Belcina and Augustinian Parishioners who joined members of St Rita's Primary School, along with founding members and parishioners of St Rita's Victoria Point on Friday, to pay their respects and honour Fr Gerry Dullard at the Memorial.

Fr Gerry Dullard was the Founding Parish Priest of St Rita's Catholic Parish along with Associate Pastors during the early years, Frs John O'Sullivan (died in Ireland in 2017) and Fr Maurice O'Connor (died in Sydney in 2002).

God Bless you all, Fr Ladu.

Pope's Prayer Intention October 2022



A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

PRIMARY SCHOOL MASSES

Every Monday, Father Ladu welcomes a different class to attend a Buddy Class Mass at 2pm with St Rita's Primary in the Church.

Classes 3T, 3L and 3K will be in attendance this week, Monday 10th October 2022 at 2pm.

We invite parents and family to attend.



HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

"Jesus said, don't be afraid, only believe." Mark 5:36

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 Teaching night, Video.

Please call MAY RICHARSON 0435212787 OR EJ POLOTAN 0403658827

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 **2 October 2022: \$3158.20**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES: Installed window framing and plate glass in the chapel to accommodate the leadlight panels and fixed leaking female toilet in the Church.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE: clean and paint presbytery walls on shady side of building, obtain quotes for removal of trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery (roots in drains), high-pressure water-blast pathway leading to church, 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

Confirmation Practise

5pm & 6pm (The Church)

15th Oct

Confirmation Ceremonies

9am & 11am (The Church)



HEALING MASS

The Healing Mass will be held at

9am

WEDNESDAY 12th October

ALL WELCOME!!!



THE GRACE OF BAPTISM RETREAT



Discover how precious you are in Christ, experience the Healing Touch of God, encounter the Holy Spirit....

Presented by: The Mission Team of CCR Brisbane
A group of lay people whose mission is to encourage others to "foster a personal conversion and relationship with Jesus Christ through the release of the Holy Spirit."

Date: 15 October 2022, Saturday

Time: 9.30am – 4pm

Venue: St Rita's Catholic Parish, Unitas Centre
37/39 Benfer Road, Victoria Point

Lunch, morning & afternoon tea provided.

Please register for catering purposes please.

Registration: May 0435212787 or
EJ 0403658827

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name altered to protect identity.



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THE SEASON OF CREATION

Listen to the
Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The 2022 "Season of Creation" concluded last Tuesday,
the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

In the burning bush speaking to us still?

Are we listening to its message of taking care of God's world
as he requested us?



The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

"Keep in mind the principle of subsidiarity, which grants freedom to develop the capabilities present at every level of society, while also demanding a greater sense of responsibility for the common good."

Pope Francis Laudato Si #196



PUBLIC ROASARY will take place Saturday 15th October at 11am. Held at Capalaba Park next to Bunnings. Bring a chair and hat. More info at back of Church.

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