

St Rita's Newsletter



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 1ST March 2026 Year A

LENT – A TIME TO LISTEN TO GOD

We are on the Second Sunday of Lent Year A, the Gospel presents the powerful moment of the Transfiguration of our Lord on the mountain. Jesus Christ takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain and is transfigured before them. His face shines like the sun, and His clothes become dazzling white. In that sacred moment, the disciples glimpse the glory of who Jesus truly is. Alongside Him appear Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets, pointing to the fulfilment of God's promise in Christ.

The voice of the Father declares, "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him." These words are not only meant for the disciples but also for us during this Lenten journey. Lent invites us to climb the mountain of prayer, silence, and conversion so that we may listen more deeply to the voice of God in our lives.

The first reading reminds us of the call of Abraham, who trusted God and stepped into the unknown with faith. Like Abraham, we too are called to leave behind what is comfortable - our sins, fears, and distractions - and walk in faith towards the promise God holds for us. The Transfiguration assures us that the cross is not the end; glory follows sacrifice. As we continue our Lenten journey, we may face struggles, weaknesses, and challenges. Yet, this Gospel reminds us that God's grace is at work even in our darkest moments.

Let us use this season to listen more attentively to the Lord through prayer, Scripture, and acts of charity. May the light of Christ strengthen us, transform our hearts, and prepare us to walk faithfully with him towards Easter Joy. May you all a grace-filled and transformative Lenten journey.

May God Bless you
Fr. Joseph Kanatt mcbs

Second Sunday of LENT

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Psalm: Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

Psalm Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Matthew 17:5

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Event News

MASS MINISTERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK at St Rita's Church

Mass Coordinators, Altar Servers, Readers, Communion Ministers, Data Projectionists and Offertory Gift Bearers

are invited to nominate in assisting at the Holy Week Masses (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday Passion and Easter Vigil)

To Nominate: please fill in a slip for the Ministry you wish to nominate for and place it in the box. These are located at the back table at St Rita's Church.

St Rita's Bus Trips 2026 — Save the Dates! 7 May — Kilcoy & Somerset Dam. Meet the Kilcoy Yowie, browse local arts and crafts, soak in the dam views, and enjoy lunch at the Exchange Hotel.

15 September — Mount Tamborine in Spring. Stroll Gallery Walk at its best, with lunch at St Bernard's Hotel.

11 December — Christmas with Bubl ! Boonah's Morning Melodies Christmas Experience, followed by lunch at the Boonah Golf Club. All trips depart from the school's lunch area and Weinam Creek Marina, Redland Bay

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6PM, starting Friday, 20th Feb, at St. Rita's Church. All are welcome.



Lenten Groups

Join us this Lent for prayer and fellowship:

Hosanna Prayer Group

Tuesday from 17th February, 7:00 PM, St Rita's church

Morning Group

Thursdays from 19th February, 10:00 AM, Ruby Room

All welcome. Contact the parish office for details.



Sacramental Program — Upcoming Schedule

Please take note of the following upcoming dates for our Sacramental Program.

First Penance — Youth Session 1 will be held on 4th March 5:30pm.

Confirmation - Workshop 1 will be held on 9th March 5:30pm.

Attendance is essential for all participants. Please mark these dates in your calendar.

For any questions, contact the parish office or visit our website for the schedule.

Your Child's Sacramental Journey

What a joy to walk this path with your family! Please complete these two quick steps:

Step 1: Update Your Contact Info
Scan the QR code to review your family's contact details so we can keep you informed.



Step 2: Complete Enrolment
Scan the QR code to submit your child's enrolment application.



Questions? Contact Deb SC at sc.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au
Thank you for partnering with us in this sacred journey!

Mass & Confession Times

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Confessions — 4.15pm
Vigil Mass 5pm

Russell Island

Confessions before Mass
14th Mar 7:45am Mass Liturgy of the Word with Communion — every other Sunday at 2pm

Coochiemudlo Island

Confessions before Mass 21st Mar
11am Mass Liturgy of the Word with Communion — every other Saturday at 11am

Macleay Island

Confessions before Mass
7th Mar 9am Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion — every other Sunday at 9am

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church Masses
7.00am & 9.00am

MONDAY

St Rita's Church 8.30am
Rosary, 9am Mass Pro-Life
Rosary after Mass

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church
No Mass or Rosary

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church
8.30am Rosary, 9am Mass

THURSDAY St Rita's

Church 8.30am Rosary,
9am Mass

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church
9am Mass & Holy Hour

DURING THE MONTH

Estia Health 1st Wed of Month
Eucharist Healing Mass Wed. 11th March

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.

Community Highlights

St Vincent de Paul meet on **1st and 3rd Mondays** of the month, at **10am in the Ruby Room. Next meetings: 2nd March**



Christian Meditation

Thursdays at 4pm in St Rita's Chapel

For information please contact the Parish Office and your enquiry will be directed to Lorr Popple

HOSANNA PRAYER and PRAISE GROUP

Meets on Tuesdays at 7pm in St Rita's Church All are welcome!



Eucharistic Adoration **Every Saturday for personal silent prayer time**

Exposition: 9.30am-3.30pm

Benediction: 3.30pm **Stay for**

Confession:4:15pm **Vigil Mass:**5pm



Thank you to everyone who spent time with Our Lord .

As we enter a new year, we need committed Adorers for one hour per month to ensure Jesus is never left alone during Adoration (Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-3:30p.m.).Sign-up sheets are at the front of the church .All are welcome anytime, but the roster ensures every hour is covered.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" -Matthew26:40

Join us for our weekly **Art group** every **Wednesday morning** at **10am** in the **Ruby room**—all skill levels and creative spirits welcome!



Supporting St Rita's

Dear Parishioners,
Our beloved St Rita's needs your help. We are seeking donations for essential church maintenance and upgrades to ensure our sacred space remains welcoming and functional for years to come. Your generosity, no matter the amount, makes a real difference in preserving our spiritual home.

How to Donate:
Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church

Direct bank transfer:
BSB: 064-786
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Account Name: Parish Donation
Reference: Your surname
Thank you for your continued support of our parish community.

Parish Office Schedule Change

We'd like to inform you of a change to our office hours.

Effective March 3, 2025, the Parish Office will no longer be open on Tuesdays but will instead be open on Thursdays. This adjustment will help us better serve the parish community.

If you typically visit on Tuesdays, we welcome you to stop by on Thursday or any other weekday during our regular hours.

Craft & Chat Afternoon

Next Session: Saturday, March 7th | 2-4pm Ruby room

Join us! Deb Harris will demonstrate painting techniques, or bring your own projects.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



United in service, Fr. Joseph and our Communion ministers answer the call to bring Christ's presence to those unable to join us at Mass.

Parish Magazine – Volunteers Wanted!

We're starting a team to help create *St Rita's Digest* and need willing helpers to share the load.

We're looking for people interested in layout & design, writing or gathering short articles, photography at parish and school events, and liaising with parish groups and the school.

We also welcome submissions from individuals and parish groups — short stories, reflections, prayers, photos, or anything you'd like to share with the parish.

Submit all articles to:

stritasdigestvp@hotmail.com

Interested? Contact Sarina **0400060148**. No experience needed, just a willingness to help!

STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY

St Rita's is moving to a digital register to keep you better connected with parish life. By signing up, you'll receive timely updates about Mass times, events, newsletter and important announcements directly to your inbox or phone. It takes just 2 minutes to register: Visit stritasparish.flocknote.com/register or scan the QR code below.

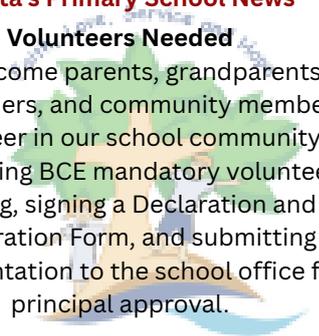


Stay connected. Stay informed. Stay part of our St Rita's family.

St Rita's Primary School News

Volunteers Needed

We welcome parents, grandparents, parishioners, and community members to volunteer in our school community by completing BCE mandatory volunteer training, signing a Declaration and Registration Form, and submitting documentation to the school office for principal approval.



Prayers For all those who are ill, especially Br. Ray Ryan FSC, Denise Woosnam, Dorothy Byrnes, Helen Clarke, Mariano Molina, Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, Miles Muscroft, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Lucas Bernal, Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Chris Venter, 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 Jack Taylor & Jean Shepherd .

DECEASED: We commend our deceased to the loving care of the Lord.



Feast Days of March

Sunday, March 1

- Second Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 2

- Monday of the Second Week of Lent

Tuesday, March 3

- Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent

Wednesday, March 4

- St. Casimir
- Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent

Thursday, March 5

- Thursday of the Second Week of Lent

Friday, March 6

- Friday of the Second Week of Lent (Day of Abstinence)

Saturday, March 7

- Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs (memorial)
- Saturday of the Second Week of Lent

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Pope's Monthly Intention for March For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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