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4th Sunday of Easter, Year B – 21st April 2024

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we reflect on the message given to us in the Gospel of John, chapter 10, verses 11-18. In this passage, Jesus proclaims, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." These words of Jesus highlight the selfless and sacrificial love that our Lord has for each one of us. He is our protector, our guide, and our source of unwavering love.

As a good shepherd, Jesus knows each of us by name. He knows our joys and sorrows, our triumphs and struggles. He knows the deepest desires of our hearts and the wounds that we carry. Just as a shepherd knows his sheep, Jesus knows us intimately and loves us unconditionally.

Jesus goes on to say, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." This reveals the intimate and personal relationship that Jesus desires to have with each of us. He calls us by name, and He invites us to know Him in return. As His beloved sheep, we are called to recognize His voice, to follow His guidance, and to trust in His loving care.

In this passage, Jesus also emphasizes His willingness to lay down His life for the sheep. This speaks to the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross. He endured suffering and death out of love for us, so that we may have eternal life. This act of love demonstrates the depth of God's mercy and the extent of His grace.

As followers of Christ, we are called to imitate the example of the good shepherd. We are called to show love, compassion, and selflessness towards one another. Just as Jesus laid down His life for us, we are called to lay down our lives for others in acts of service, kindness, and generosity.

Jesus goes on to say, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

This reminds us that Jesus' love and salvation are not limited to a select few, but are offered to all who are willing to hear His voice and follow Him. As members of His flock, we are called to reach out to those who have not yet heard the Good News, so that all may come to know the love of the good shepherd.

In conclusion, let us reflect on the words of Jesus in this passage and allow them to penetrate our hearts. Let us remember that we are known and loved by the good shepherd, who laid down His life for us out of love. Let us strive to follow His example of selfless love and to share His message of hope and salvation with all we meet.

May we always listen for the voice of the good shepherd, trust in His guidance, and imitate His love in all that we do. And may we take comfort in the promise that we are held securely in the hands of the one true shepherd, who leads us on the path to eternal life. Amen.

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', **2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer** by Pope Francis. *"Dear brothers and sisters, the next months will lead us to the opening of the Holy Door, with which we will begin the Jubilee. I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live this event of grace well and experience the strength of God's hope. Today we begin the Year of Prayer, that is, a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and the absolute need for prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church and of the world."* Pope Francis, Angelus 21 Jan



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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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Reconciliation

4.30pm

Mass 5.00pm Vigil

Coochiemudlo Island

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Saturday at 11am)

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

Macleay Island

April 21, May 5 – 2pm

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sundays at 9am)

Russell Island

April 14, 28 – 2pm

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sundays at 2pm)

MONDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00am

Rosary Crusade Pro Life – 9.30am

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00am

Praise & Prayer – 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00am

Art Group – 10.00am

Choir – 3.30pm

THURSDAY

St Rita's Church

Priest Day Off — NO MASSES

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Marebello

1st Wed – Eucharist

Healing Mass

2nd Wed Mass – 9.00am



St Vincent De Paul meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, at 7pm, in the Ruby Room

Meetings held April 15th, May 6th & 20th, June 3rd & 17th, July 1st & 15th, Aug 5th & 19th, Sept 2nd & 16th, Oct 7th & 21st, Nov 4th & 18th and Dec 3rd



ANZAC DAY MASS

Thurs. 25 April at 9am

St Rita's Church

Morning Tea to follow outside the Church.

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE



Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7pm

St. Rita's Church

You're invited to A Morning's Prayer.

Date: Saturday 27 April 2024 Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington St, Ormiston)

Cost: \$25 per person (morning tea included) RSVP: Wednesday 24th April 2024

(For more information, please contact us at formation@bne.catholic.net.au.)



SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Family Session 1

Wednesday 24th April

6:30pm—7:30pm

Please bring your child's Activity Book and arrive 10 minutes early for sign in.



PENTECOST 2024 Pre-Pentecost Event

*Healing Mass
With Fr. Steve Fletcher*

Fr. Steve is a member of the Missionaries of God Love Brothers who seek bring the fire of God's love in the power of the Holy Spirit to the Church and the world. He has worked as a missionary for many years in Indigenous communities, youth outreaches, adult retreats, parishes, prisons and various faith formation and training settings. He has passion to see the church alive in the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit fulfilling the call of Jesus to go make disciples of all nations. He is 29 years ordained and presently Moderator of the MGLs based in Canberra.



St. Rita's Church, 37 Benfer Road, Victoria Point.

7pm, Tuesday 14th May 2024.

Praise, Worship, Mass, Talk, Personal Prayer.

Donations gratefully received.
Enquiries: Len 0421 977 849 or
Audrey 0435 558 390

PPC are looking for volunteers!

Self Nominations will close 30th April 2024.

Please self nominate using the PPC Suggestion Box.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

2 pm on Sunday 2 June

Cathedral of St. Stephen, Brisbane

'Make disciples of all nations' (Matt 28:19)

On June 11, the Feast of Corpus Christi, join with over 4000 other Catholics making a public

testimony of faith by walking in a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Brisbane city. It will be a colourful display as groups gather from all across the Archdiocese of Brisbane to represent their parish or cultural community. The Corpus Christi Procession will start and end at the Cathedral of St Stephen and feature prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Also Included: THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE EXHIBITION

A photographic display of over 150 Eucharistic miracles will be set up at the Francis Rush Centre next to the Cathedral on the same weekend. Sat 11am-5.30pm and Sunday 9am to 5pm

PRAYER PETITION BOOKLET: Please write your prayers in the Petition Booklet at St Rita's Church.

During the celebration this book will be brought forward.



PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Sebastian Ricca, Ross Cooper, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Bill Mellor, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Sebastian Ricca, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, Kay Grieve, 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 Kathleen Berton .*

DECEASED: *We commend the recently deceased, especially Rhondda Smith to the loving embrace of God.*



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding training is Mandatory within the Parish.
Please make sure you are up to date with your required training at all times.

Training Essentials 1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOHA_4Ls2jw

Training Essentials 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AASkl-Sr1A>

FEAST DAYS OF APRIL

Sun. 6/7 Divine Mercy Sunday
Mon. 8 Annunciation of the Lord
Thur. 11 St Stanislaus
Sat. 13 St Martin 1, Pope
Tues. 23 St George
Wed. 24 St Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Sat. 27 St Louis Grignon de Montfort
Fri. 26 St Mark, Evangelist
Mon. 29 St Catherine of Siena
Tues. 30 St Pius V, Pope

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:

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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.

The total for both collections for the weekend of **7th April '24 is \$TBA**

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – no activities.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – remove old fridge from Ruby Room, complete the painting of OSHC verandah wall, removal of mould and sanding/ painting of presbytery window sills doors and door frames (scheduled for 2024), repair/ replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold), plaster repairs to ceilings in presbytery.

POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING – replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval),

If any parishioner observes any task on the Maintenance To-do List which they can carry-out or help in, please contact Mike Duggan or the Parish Office, and your help will be gratefully appreciated.



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