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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st December



“Come, Lord Jesus, Come”

Advent is a season filled with themes of waiting, preparing, and staying awake. It invites us to celebrate God's immense love in entering the world as one of us . . . It begins with the proclaiming of the words of Jeremiah, a prophet who lived and wrote from a time not all that dissimilar to ours. He speaks of a time when the promise of peace will come to pass, a promise fulfilled in the coming of Jesus, and one that extends hope to us today.

In the gospel passage of Luke, Jesus shares his final teachings before the passion narrative. Jesus speaks with apocalyptic images and language to inspire both urgency and hope for the future. These words bring a feeling of awe, highlighting that God is indeed in charge of all. Jesus warns his disciples to stay awake, be vigilant, and pray for the coming of the Son of Man, which is near. . . Jesus also warns us to be aware of dividing attention and allowing our hearts to be hardened by the cares of life. Jesus' warning may sound alarming, but Jesus also tells us to "stay awake, praying at all times" (Luke 21:36). Prayer will keep the flame of our hearts burning. Prayer will draw us back to God, who is the true centre of our lives. Through prayer and following Jesus, we can stay awake and open our hearts to the love of God. . .

In the busy season of Advent, prayer keeps the flame of our hearts alive. A simple prayer like “Come, Lord Jesus, come” captures our longing for his presence and invites him into our lives. Each time we reach out in love, care, or compassion, we encounter God at work, even in the most ordinary moments. As we wait, we are called to remain open to recognising God's presence around us, especially in the quiet, everyday aspects of life.

Advent encourages us to reflect: *Where is God present in my life? Do I make Christ the centre of my life?* God invites us to deepen our relationship, to choose love, to allow ourselves to be transformed, and to become people of the Spirit. But it requires our willingness and attentiveness. We must stay vigilant and ready to respond to God's love and grace. Let us stay awake and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. In joyful hope, may we recognise God's presence in the everyday, allowing God's love to transform us and the world.

Liturgia, Liturgy Brisbane 2024

Today's Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2; and Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Response to the Psalm: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us Your mercy and love, and grant us Your salvation. Alleluia, alleluia!

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 4.15pm

Mass 5.00pm Vigil

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

7 & 21 Dec.— Priest Mass

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

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

1 & 15 Dec – 1.45 pm

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

RUSSELL ISLAND

8 & 22 Dec. - 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

Mass & Benediction – 9.00am

MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

HEALING MASS

2nd Wed of Month – 9.00am Mass



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

Next Meetings held: Dec 2nd and Jan 6th



Christmas Mass Times



Victoria Point — St Rita's Church

4:40pm Carols – Christmas Eve — Tues. 24th December

5 pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - Tues. 24th December

7 pm Mass Christmas Eve Night Mass - Tues. 24th December

8 am Mass Christmas Day - Wed. 25th December

Macleay Island — Church of The Holy Spirit, Scotts Road

6 pm Vigil Mass Christmas Eve — Tues. 24th December

Russell Island — Bay Islands Community Services, 55 Jackson Road

9 am Mass Christmas Day – Wed. 25th December

Reconciliation

St. Rita's Church

6 pm - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, Fri. 20th December

4 pm - 1st Rite of Reconciliation, Sat. 21st December

“Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you;
He is the Messiah, the Lord.” Luke 2:11



Sacrament of Penance

1st Rite of Reconciliation / Penance

Wednesday 4th December

5:30 – 6.30pm

Please bring your child's “My
Sacramental Journey Penance” booklet,
so children can use it during their
First Penance.

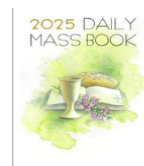
Parents please remain in the church with
phones muted or off.



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2025 DAILY MASS BOOKS

\$26

St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your help!!! It's that time of year again when the Society needs your help in making up Christmas Hampers for the families who seek our assistance. Last year we catered for 65 families in our Parish area (including the Bay Islands) and 150 children. We need donations of all manner of non-perishable groceries and especially tinned hams, Christmas cakes and Christmas puddings as well as all the usual Christmas goodies. We also need toys and gifts for children of all ages up to 16yrs.

If you would like to make a financial contribution – we'll be very happy to shop for you. Donation envelopes are available on the back table of the Church and can be left on any of the collection plates or dropped in the St. Vincent de Paul boxes at the Church doors. If you would like a receipt for taxation purposes, please give us your details and it will be mailed to you.

Hampers will be sorted after 7AM Mass on Sunday 15th December.

Hampers will be packed from 7am Monday 16th December

Help us make a difference and give a “lift” to the many families who are under even more pressure at this time of year to provide the basics, let alone any of the Season's luxuries. We are sure you will all be blessed for your generosity.

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Miles Muscroft, Janet Dunne, Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, 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 Max Kelly, Anthony and Annie Dunne.

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased, especially Lois Hodges.

PLEASE READ SLOWLY YOU'RE SELLING A MESSAGE

ATTENTION MEN OF ST. RITA'S

What do you treasure mostly in your hearts? Is it short-term earthly pleasures? OR Is it preparing for eternal life?

Jesus is revealed in the Scriptures and He provides a roadmap on how to attain eternal life. Here in St. Rita's we have a small group of men called the **Men's Ministry** which meets twice monthly for one hour in a relaxed setting. We read and discuss a gospel reading and explore Spirit-inspired ways to become better men.

For further information contact Father, John Fogarty or Danny Gablonski

FEASTS in DECEMBER

Tues. 3rd	St Francis Xavier
Wed. 4th	St John Damascene
Friday 6th	St Nicholas
Monday 9th	Immaculate Conception of the BVM
Tues. 10th	Our Lady of Loreto
Wed. 11th	St Damasus 1, Pope
Thurs. 12th	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday 13th	St Lucy
Sat. 14th	St John of the Cross

Church Rear Door Access Safety Modification

**ATTENTION
PLEASE!**

The modification work on the church rear door access will begin on Monday 9th December.

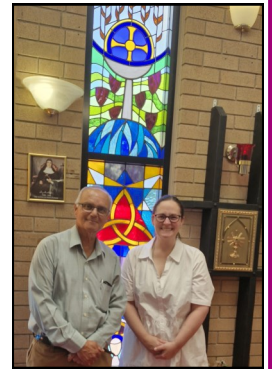
While this work is being done, weekday Masses will be held in the chapel.

RCIA NEWS

Congratulations to Deborah who celebrated her Confirmation and First Holy Communion last weekend.



Thank you to Fr Jose who was delegated to preside. Deb Harris her Sponsor and Jennifer Fielding for helping to prepare her, and to Jeremy Thomas her God Parent. May God's light continue to guide you and light your way.



HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7pm at St Rita's Church.
(Dec 18 will be the last meeting for the year)



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

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

Recent Activities – replaced rotted/damaged fence palings in presbytery/carpark fence.

Current Tasks needing to be done – modifications to rear door entrance (scheduled for week commencing 9th December), annual gutter cleaning parish office, presbytery, chapel, OSHC (scheduled 14th December), removal/sale of chairs and tables on presbytery side patio, 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), replace carpet in chapel and church.

If any parishioner observes any task on the Maintenance To-do List which they can carry-out or help in, please contact Mike Duggan



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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation will take place
THURSDAYS at 3:30pm in the
St Rita's Chapel.

For more information, please contact
The Parish Office and your enquiry will be
directed to Lorr Popple.

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