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The Ascension of the Lord, Year B – 12th May

GOSPEL REFLECTION

What Happens Next? — (Mark 16: 15 - 20)

Jesus said to them, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the message of God's good news to one and all. Whoever believes and is baptised is saved; whoever refuses to believe is damned."

(Mark 16: 16)

"Time to go." We all know what that means. If you come from a family like mine, it means we're now entering into a period of goodbyes that make us loiter in the doorway for another half hour. Sooner or later, though, we're going to finish that final conversation, give that last hug, say the last I-love-you, and wish the travellers a safe journey home. And then they're gone. For a moment, there's an almost visible space in the room shaped just like Aunt Ida and the kids. That same shaped emptiness is curiously echoed in the heart. Even the silence sounds curiously like the folks who just left.

The disciples standing around after the Ascension must have experienced something like that. A Jesus-shaped space where he stood, a Jesus-sounding silence where he'd spoken. There was a space in their hearts, too, that would always long for him to fill it.

And yet the same must have been true of them as it is for us when we take leave of loved ones. Their presence remains brilliantly in their absence. They're not here but are hardly gone for good. You can't kill love off that easily. Love never leaves the room.

How do you keep Jesus close even when he may seem absent?



*We would like to wish Mother's and Mother figures a
Happy Mother's Day!*

Today's Readings: Acts 11:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Mark 16:15-20

Response to the Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name. Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

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.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

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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 Satur-
day at 11am)

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

Macleay Island

May 5, 19 – 2pm

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

Russell Island

May 12, 26 – 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



SACRAMENTAL NEWS

First Holy Communion Family Ses- sion 2

Wednesday 15th May in the Church

6.30 - 7.30pm.

Please arrive at 6.20 for signing in.

Please bring your child's Activity book to hand in
and their Mass attendance card for Fr Jose.

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE



Meetings are held
on Tuesdays at
7pm

St. Rita's Church



"Celebrating 150 years of the Cathedral of St. Stephen
and coinciding with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,
you are invited to gather in thanksgiving for our unity in
baptism and our common mission to proclaim the Good
News of Jesus Christ in the Heart of the City".

Friday May 17

Ecumenical Prayer of Thanksgiving
6pm | The Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane City, QLD 4000



A gentle reminder that the
Church is a place of Prayer.

Please refrain from social
"catch ups and chats" in the
Church prior to Mass starting.

Perhaps do so outside the
Church and allow others to
pray silently inside the Church
prior to the Mass commencing.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

2 pm on Sunday 2 June,

Cathedral of St. Stephen, Brisbane



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.

Feast Days of May

- 10 St John de Avila
- 11/12 Ascension of the Lord— Mothers' Day
- 13 Our Lady of Fatima
- 14 St Matthias, Apostle
- 18 St John 1, Pope
- 18/19 Pentecost
- 20 Mary, Mother of the Church
- 21 St Christopher of Magallanes & Companions
- 22 Feast of St. Rita of Cascia (Patron of our Parish)
- 24 Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians (Patron of Australia)
- 25 St Bede the Venerable— St Gregory VII, Pope
- 25/26 The Most Holy Trinity
- 27 St Augustine of Canterbury
- 29 St Paul VI, Pope
- 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Isabbel Scullion, 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 Laval Bosquet and Colleen Ashe.*

DECEASED: *We commend the recently deceased.*

Domestic and family violence prevention month

MAY 2024

Get involved
www.qld.gov.au/dfvpmth



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RCIA Formation Day A NEW WAY

Sunday 26 May | 1-4pm
Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre
Charlotte St, Brisbane City



In person and livestream options available
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www.tinyurl.com/RCIA-FD24

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.

The total for both collections for the weekend of 28 April 24 is \$2 875.40

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – renewal of the termite barrier around Presbytery building, repairs to fold-up table in church, repairs to safety barrier at back of church.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – painting of chapel wall after plastering repairs completed, 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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