



# Victoria Point Catholic Parish

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Coochiemudlo Island and the Southern Bay Islands.

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## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – 17th November 2024

### The Time of Distress

Jesus said, “Take a lesson from the fig tree. From the moment you notice its buds form, the merest hint of green, you know summer’s just around the corner. And so it is with you. When you see all these things, you know he is at the door. Don’t take this lightly. I’m not just saying this for some future generation, but for this one, too – these things will happen. Sky and earth will wear out; my words won’t wear out.” (Mark 13: 28 - 31)

Some of us respond quicker to bad news than to good. That’s how the news media manages to garner our attention. Dire headlines grab eyeballs. We’re conditioned to respond to the bad, because the consequences of not responding can be costly.

Jesus does deliver some bad news in the gospels. Make no mistake: this world is passing, and it’s all going away for each of us personally and for all creation eventually. We can’t hang our hopes on the sun, moon, and stars, because even these mighty forces are mere creatures with built-in obsolescence. And if we’re willing to hedge our bets about the end of the world, wagering that our time will not see the end-time, then we’re still left to comfort our own mortality in the mirror every morning. Some days we may feel invincible, but you don’t want to found your future on a feeling.

Because gospel means good news, the message can never end on a dire note. Creation’s last chapter is coming, but the words of Jesus belong to eternity. If we’re looking for an escape route through inescapable death and destruction, Jesus is the door.

**How do the words of Jesus bring new life to you?**

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## NO WEEK DAY MASSES THIS WEEK

There will be Liturgy of the Word Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri.

Fr Jose will be at Retreat this week and unavailable.

**Today's Readings:** Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-14, 13, Mark 13:24-32

**Response to the Psalm:** Keep me safe, O God;

Keep me safe for you are my hope! Keep me safe O God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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For safeguarding inquiries or to raise any concerns, disclosures or allegations please contact our

Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698 [sa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au)

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## MASS TIMES

### SATURDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Reconciliation 4.15pm

Mass 5.00pm Vigil

#### COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

5 & 19 Oct 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

Oct 6 & 20 – 2pm

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

#### RUSSELL ISLAND

13 & 27 – 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 – Eucharist

#### HEALING MASS

2nd Wed Mass – 9.00am



## St Vincent De Paul meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, at 10am, in the Ruby Room

Meetings held Nov 4th & 18<sup>th</sup> and Dec 3rd

### REFLECTION BOOKS

This year, there are two different resources for individual ordering:



“The Light” (Wollongong Diocese)

OR



“Hope Reigns” (Evangelisation Brisbane).

Posters explaining where to order online for yourself, will be on the table beside the church windows. If you need help ordering please contact the Parish Office. For more information regarding the individual resources, please see posters provided.

### FEASTS for NOVEMBER

Sat 9th	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Mon 11th	St Martin of Tours
Tues 12th	St Josaphat
Fri 15th	St Albert the Great
Sat 16th	St Margaret of Scotland St Gertrude

### HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7pm at St Rita's Church.

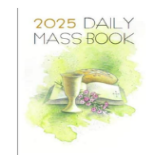


(Dec 18 will be last meeting for the year)

### BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2025

Readers \$10  
Non Readers \$26

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### 2025 DAILY MASS BOOKS

\$26

### Sacrament of Penance

#### Youth Session 2

Wednesday 27th November

5:30 – 6.45pm

Please bring your child's “My Sacramental Journey Penance” booklet.

Children can be dropped off and picked up by a parent at 6.45pm. Parents must sign children in and out and fill in emergency contact details.

### CHURCH REAR ENTRANCE/EXIT DOOR

Parishioners are advised that during the school Christmas holidays that modifications will be made to the church rear entrance/exit to provide a safer passageway over the height difference between the church floor and the external pathway along the verandah. This will better enable transition of coffin trolleys, tea trolleys and general pedestrian traffic. The changes will require removal of all three semi-circular garden beds and repositioning of the end fence back to the end of the building.

**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 and distributed 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 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, Lois Hodges, 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 Terrance Bennett.*



# HAVE A CHAT Club!

Ladies will get together again at the Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on Thursday 28th November at 11am.

The is the LAST catch up for 2024!

We will be back again Thursday 30th Jan 2025!

Our club is for ladies who like to get out of the house and meet other ladies, have a laugh and a nice meal.  
Seniors Meals available.

**Lucky door prize to win!!!**

**All Welcome!!!!!!**

For more information call Elaine Pascoe 0429 925 989



## St Rita's Men's Social Group

St Rita's Men's Social group is meeting on Thursday 21st November for a guided site tour of Resitech, a major recycling facility in Wacol. Please let Mike Duggan know as early as you can if you want to attend as carpooling and high-vis vests need to be organised. Looking forward to seeing you on this adventure.

### **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.

### **WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:**

**RECENT ACTIVITIES** – no activities

**CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE** – replace rotted/damaged fence palings after Vinnie bins removed from carpark, replace twisted/split church gate, 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  
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