



# Victoria Point Catholic Parish

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*We recognise the traditional owners of this land, The Quandamooka People.*

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## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – 1st September 2024

Dear sisters and brothers,

{Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23:}

"Today's Gospel challenges us to examine our hearts and our habits. The Pharisees and scribes criticized Jesus' disciples for not following traditional practices, but Jesus exposed the hypocrisy of prioritizing external rituals over inner purity.

True defilement comes not from what we eat or touch, but from the evil that resides within our hearts. Jesus lists the wicked thoughts and actions that flow from our inner selves, revealing that sin begins within.

We often focus on outward appearances, trying to present a perfect image, while neglecting the inner transformation that God desires. But Jesus calls us to authenticity, to acknowledge our brokenness, and to seek cleansing from within. Let us ask ourselves: What are the evil thoughts and actions that I harbor in my heart? What are the habits and attitudes that separate me from God and others?

May we allow Jesus to purify our hearts, to renew our minds, and to transform our lives. May we recognize that true holiness comes not from external observances, but from the inner working of the Holy Spirit.

As we journey with Jesus, may we become more aware of our own shortcomings and more reliant on God's grace. May our hearts be purified, our minds be renewed, and our lives be transformed to reflect the love and compassion of Christ.

God Bless You

FrJose P CMI

**Today's Readings:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8, St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Response to the Psalm:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

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

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,  
that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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

(Liturgy of the Word with  
Communion – every other

Saturday at 11am)

### SUNDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

#### MACLEAY ISLAND

Sept 8, 18 & 22 – 2pm

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

#### RUSSELL ISLAND

Sept 1, 15 & 29 – 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 Sept 2nd & 16th, Oct 7th & 21st, Nov 4th & 18<sup>th</sup> and Dec 3rd

## MEET & GREET

PLEASE BRING A PLATE

31ST AUG & 1ST SEPT 2024  
AFTER ALL MASSES

PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE

### MACLEAY ISLAND ROSARY

Wednesdays

9am

Holy Spirit Church.

## “COME TO ME, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST”

### RETREAT

7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

Saturday 9:00am to 4:00pm  
St Rita's Parish Church, 37-39 Benfer Road, Victoria Point



#### Talks

God Loves you Having a New Life	God's Gift Growing in God
Salvation Belongs To Our God	Transformation in Christ

#### Speakers

Hosanna Prayer & Praise Group	CCR Mission Team	Fr Jose Panampuzha CMI
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## TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

Each year from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, Christians unite in celebration of the Season of Creation. A time to reflect, to pray and review how we can protect our common home and its people. This year, the theme is *'To Hope and Act with Creation.'*

Creation and all of us are called to worship the Creator, working together for a future of active hope and action. Only when we work together with Creation can *the firstfruits of hope* be born. Pauline theology reminds us that both Creation and humanity are conceived from the beginning in Christ and, therefore, are entrusted to each other.

Resource: <https://seasonofcreation.org>

### Religious Education in Schools (CRI)

Calling for people who love God and children to volunteer to give children Bible story lessons in local State primary schools. Most grades have lessons once a fortnight. Curriculum is provided, you don't have to be a teacher to do this, but you will need Fr Jose's approval, and a Blue card. Training will be provided prior to starting. Looking for people to start 2025! Enquire now—Jennifer Fielding at the Parish Office

### 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 Pople.

## PRAYERS

*For all those who are ill, especially Sebastian Ricca, 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, 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 Margaret Berton.*

**DECEASED:** *We commend the recently deceased.*

## GOLDEN JUBILEE

This year *Star of the Sea* church is 50 years old!

To prepare for our celebrations,  
we need memories and memorabilia.

If you have any of the coins showing the church from 1974, the history booklets, or any photos of that time, we would love to see them.

If you or anyone you know were involved in the planning and building of the church, we would love to speak with you.

Please contact parish office: 07 3821 4902 or  
[cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au)



## 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** – Chapel split system AC requires a new outdoor thermistor cluster due to the outdoor heat exchanger thermistor being chewed by vermin, replace rotted out timber planking in OSHC verandah (scheduled Saturday 14 Sept), water blast pathways around Parish Office (scheduled 19 August), 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**



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### THANK YOU!!!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make Fr Jose's Installation such a wonderful night. People volunteered to set up, decorate, wash and dry up and pack up. The Unitas looked lovely and the food was delicious. Thanks to Helen and Wayne for the beautiful cake for Fr Jose. A fantastic community working together and using our gifts to celebrate our Parish Priest. You are all appreciated.

 Stewart & Ray Milligan 

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