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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – 22nd September 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Today's Gospel reading from the book of Mark 9:30-37 reminds us of the profound teachings of Jesus on humility and service.

In this passage, Jesus gathers his disciples and tells them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death he will rise." However, the disciples did not understand this teaching and were afraid to ask Jesus about it.

Reflecting on this, we can see the disciples were focused on their own concerns and ambitions, rather than trying to grasp the deeper meaning of Jesus' words. They were preoccupied with their own expectations of power and glory, rather than embracing the humility and selflessness that Jesus was trying to teach them.

Jesus then goes on to ask his disciples, "What were you arguing about on the way?" The disciples were embarrassed because they had been arguing about who was the greatest among them. Jesus responds by saying, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

This powerful message from Jesus challenges us to examine our own attitudes and actions. Are we more focused on seeking recognition and status in the eyes of others, or are we willing to humble ourselves and serve those around us with love and compassion?

Jesus then takes a child and places them in the midst of the disciples, saying, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the one who sent me."

By using a child as an example, Jesus is emphasizing the importance of humility, innocence, and simplicity in our approach to faith. Children are not concerned with power or status; they approach others with openness and trust, qualities that we often lose as we grow older.

So, what does this mean for us today? It means that we are called to set aside our pride and ego, and instead embrace the humility and servant-heartedness that Jesus exemplified throughout his life. We are called to serve others with love, to treat each person we encounter with dignity and respect, and to approach our faith with the innocence and trust of a child.

Let us remember that true greatness lies not in seeking recognition or power, but in humble service to others. As we go forth from this place, may we strive to follow the example of Jesus in our daily lives, seeking to serve one another with love and compassion. Amen. Fr Jose P CMI, Parish Priest

Today's Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20, St James 3:16-4:3, Mark 9:30-37

Response to the Psalm: The Lord upholds my life. .

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia, 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

(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 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, at 10am, in the Ruby Room

Meetings held Sept 2nd & 16th, Oct 7th & 21st, Nov 4th & 18th and Dec 3rd

MASS DUTIES FOR 5th SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER

Readers and Communion Ministers at Mass, please be aware that this month has a 5th Sunday. The weekend of **Sat. 28th & Sun. 29th September will be looked after by the Readers and Communion Ministers of the 3rd Sunday of the Month Team.**

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

FEASTS for SEPTEMBER

Mon 16th	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
Tues 17th	St Robert Bellarmine St Hildegard of Bingen
Thurs 19th	St Januarius
Fri 20th	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
Sat 21st	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
Mon 23rd	St Pius of Pietrelcina - Padre Pio
Thurs 26th	Sts Cosmas & Damian
Fri 27th	St Vincent de Paul
Sat 28th	St Wenceslaus St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
Mon 30th	St Jerome

ST RITA'S MEN'S GROUP

St Rita's Men's Social group is meeting on Thursday 3rd Oct in the Ruby Room for morning tea and an 'enlightenment' session via a podcast about Queen Isabella of Castile. In the 1400s, Christians, Jews and Muslims all existed reasonably peacefully in religious diversity across the Iberian Peninsula. Come and find out how all that changed. Please advise Mike Duggan if you are attending for catering purposes.

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE



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



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

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

Each year from 1st September to 4th 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>

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, 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, Nan McLennan and Michael McLennan.*

DECEASED: *We commend the recently deceased, especially Bill Mellor.*



• REQUIEM MASS FOR •

Bill Mellor

10:30am

Tuesday 24th September 2024
St Rita's Catholic Church

HAVE A CHAT Club!

Ladies will get together again at the Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on Thursday 26th September at 11am.

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.

All Welcome!!!!!!

For more information call
Elaine Pascoe 0429 925 989

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

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Account Name: Parish Donation

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WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – reattachment of fence railing after Vinnie bins removed from carpark, onsite meeting with Archdiocesan Project Management and contractor to assess options for church rear door egress.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – replace rotted out timber planking in OSHC verandah (scheduled Saturday 13 Oct), 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).

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.

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