



# Victoria Point Catholic Parish

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



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## 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C 23rd February 2025

### Gospel Reflection

People of Earth, People of Heaven

The teaching of Jesus in Luke has a crazy, uneven sound to it. Luke is the gospel of radical dispossession. While Matthew tells us that Jesus said, “Do not turn away a person who wants to borrow from you” (5: 42), Luke has Jesus say, “Give to all who beg from you, and when a person takes what is yours, do not demand it back” (6: 30). Now that’s radical!

Jesus ups the ante in unbelievable ways throughout this passage. Love and do good for your enemies. Return a blessing for a curse. Pray for people who harm you. Do not strike when people slap you, but offer them the other cheek. This defies the time-honoured rule of reciprocity. Who would accept such a backwards way of living, contrary to the laws of self-protection and self-interest?

The answer, of course, is that a disciple of Jesus would.

And why should we do what defies logic and any human sense of fairness? Because that is how God operates, Jesus says, so the children of God can do no less. God is good to the ungrateful and the wicked, which is really not what they deserve. And oh, by the way, the ungrateful and the wicked are you and me. We should be prepared to mete out what we hope to have measured back to us, and that is surely not a strict sense of justice.

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**First Reading:** Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 (Year C)

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Reading:** Corinthians 15:45-49 (Year C)

**Gospel Acclamation:** I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you.

**Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38 (Year C)

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.

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

18 Jan & 1 Feb —Mass

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

### SUNDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

#### MACLEAY ISLAND

12, 26 Jan & 9 Feb – 1.45pm

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

#### RUSSELL ISLAND

19 Jan & 2 Feb - 2pm

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sundays at 2pm)

### MONDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Rosary 8.30am

Mass 9.00am

Pro-Life Rosary 9.30am

### TUESDAY

#### St Rita's Church

No Mass

### WEDNESDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Rosary 8.30am

Mass 9.00am

### THURSDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Rosary 8.30am

Mass 9.00am

### FRIDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Mass & Adoration at 9am

### MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

### HEALING MASS

2nd Wed of Month – 9.00am Mass



ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month, at 10am in the Ruby Room.

Upcoming Meetings: 3 March and 17 March 2025

## PREPARING FOR LENT...



### Victoria Point – Tuesdays at 7pm with the Hosanna Prayer & Praise Group

Commencing on Tuesday 25th February in St Rita's Church  
All are welcome to come along (Please bring a plate to share)



### Victoria Point – Thursdays at 10am and 2.30pm

Commencing on Thursday 6th March in the Ruby Room (next to Parish Office)  
Please put your name down on the sheets at the church

### Macleay Island – Wednesdays 9am with the Rosary Group

Commencing Wednesday 5th March in the Holy Spirit Church. Please join us.



### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Wed. 5th March - 9am in St Rita's Church



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday at 5pm in St Rita's Church - during Lent, starting Fri. 7th March



### RETREATS

Awaken in Christ - Sat. 15th March from 7pm to 10pm in St Rita's Church - details in the newsletter  
Hosanna Prayer & Praise Retreat - Sat. 5th April in St Rita's Church - more details to come

## Have a Chat Club

Hi Ladies! Our 'Have A Chat' Club returns on

**Thursday 27th February**

We will meet at **Shark Sporting Club,**  
Victoria Point at **11:30am.**

**\*\*\* Seniors Meals available \*\*\***

Come along and meet other ladies.  
Have a laugh and enjoy yourselves.

Contact Elaine Pascoe for more info  
0429 925 989

## ST RITA'S MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



PRESENTS



A MORNING TEA AND CLASSIC MOVIE  
SCREENING ON THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY

AT 10:00

IN THE RUBY ROOM



PLEASE BRING SOME FINGER FOOD TO SHARE

CONTACT MIKE DUGGAN IF YOU ARE  
ATTENDING.



**AWAKEN IN CHRIST**

*'Call to Me, and I will answer you,  
and show you great and mighty things,  
which you do not know.'*  
Jeremiah 33:3

Join us for  
**Miracle Night**

TESTIMONIES

*"I could not walk properly but  
after the pray over by Steff  
the pain in my back disappeared  
and I was able to walk normally."  
Danny*

*"Felt the presence of the Holy  
Spirit in a massive way.  
Overwhelming sense of  
peace and love."  
Emily*

WORSHIP, PRAYER & HEALING  
Facilitated by Steffanie Le

**March 15 2025**

**7pm - 10pm**  
St Rita's Church  
37 Benfer Road  
Victoria Point

(6pm-7pm free sausage sizzle,  
drinks, tea and coffee)

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## PRAYERS

**For all those who are ill**, especially Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, Miles Muscroft, Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Lucas Bernal, Annette Doherty, 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 Chris Smith.

**DECEASED:** We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Marie Hennessey.

**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 Sacrament of First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion is offered in the year when children turn nine (Year Four), they are welcomed to the Lord's Table and receive Holy Communion for the first time. This is the climax of their Christian initiation.

If you wish to find out more about the Program or Enrolment details, please contact the Sacramental Coordinator Jennifer Fielding  
[sc.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sc.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au) or (07) 3207 9177

**Enrolment Information Evening will take place 6:30-7:30pm Monday 3rd March in the St Rita's Church. Children are not required to attend.**

## Missionaries of the Poor Brisbane Supporters

### Account Details for EFT Donations

**Account name:** QMHR  
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For more information please contact:  
Tony Harris  
Mobile : 0487 166 710  
Email: [tony.f.h101@gmail.com](mailto:tony.f.h101@gmail.com)

## TIMOR LESTE NEEDS...

 Blankets (clean and not ripped)

 Jumpers and Winter Clothes

 Shoes

 Toys

 Books

 Instruments

 Games

 Towels (clean and not ripped)

For more information contact Tony Harris

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Each Sunday during the  
9am Mass



## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy spirit, Reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, Be glory and praise for ever. Amen. (Pope Francis)



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