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3rd Sunday of Lent, Year C 23rd March 2025

Gospel Reflection

The Knowing Where You Stand

I'm a sucker for the strays of the plant world. I cultivate a small, shade-loving garden on my balcony, and there's not a plant out there that wasn't rescued from someone else's garbage. I wouldn't call it an attractive collection of life forms, but I have the satisfaction of knowing that every single stick out there owes me one. Some of them recover from original rejection and flourish, even blooming to the astonishment of my friends.

Others waver between life and death for a season or longer. I'm very patient with my orphans. But even I have a limit to the amount of time I can allow my confined space to be taken up by a plant that refuses to give back even a little life for my efforts.

I have great sympathy for the gardener who defends the life of the tree for a fourth and final year. But if the tree continues to exhaust the soil with no return, it will be cut down, and even the gardener will agree it's time to give the spot to a tree with more promise. Those of us currently exhausting the soil to no purpose should wonder what time it is, and where we stand in the gardener's forbearance.



Which aspects of your life – career, relationships, activities – are bearing fruit right now? How can you fertilise the parts that aren't?

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We wish a fond farewell to Angela, our Parish Secretary who will be leaving us on Friday 28th March.



Angela generously placed her gifts of patience and warmth into her many duties as Secretary, especially looking after the needs of our parishioners in the happy times and also through challenges or sad occasions. Her leadership has been a beacon for us all. We are extremely grateful for her expertise with safeguarding, technology, publishing of newsletters, and so many other tasks. Angela will be sadly missed, but she leaves us with many cheerful memories.

May God bless her with success and joy in her future endeavours.

Sincerely, Fr. Jose and St Rita's Parishioners



Thank you to Sarina Tomarchio and the Hospitality Group
for all their efforts with the Awaken Retreat last Saturday.

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

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Reconciliation 4.15pm
Mass 5.00pm Vigil

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

15th Mar, 5th Apr — Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every other Saturday at 11am

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

23 Mar, 6th Apr – 1.45pm
Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every other Sundays at 9am

RUSSELL ISLAND

16th & 30th Mar - 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 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month,
at 10am in the Ruby Room.

Reminder for Readers and Communion Ministers for Mass:

The 5th Sunday Masses on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th March will be looked after by the **1st Sunday of the Month Teams.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



FRIDAY AT 5PM ST RITA'S CHURCH ~DURING LENT~

Learn To Pray The Rosary

4PM MONDAY 24th MARCH

in St Rita's Church

Candidates for First Holy Communion can participate in Learn to Pray the Rosary. Please bring your Rosary Beads and Prayer Booklet.



SCRIPTURES FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 (Year C)

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reading: Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 (Year C)

Gospel Acclamation: Repent, says the Lord, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9 (Year C)



Third Sunday of Lent
22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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♦ St Rita's Men's Social group are having a morning tea and card games on Tuesday 1st April at 10:00 in The Ruby Room.

♦ Please bring some finger food to share and contact Mike Duggan if you are attending.

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Have a Chat Club

Hi Ladies! Our 'Have A Chat' Club returns on Thursday 27th March

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

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WOONGOOROO ESTATE & WINERY

Tuesday 29th April 2025

Woongooroo Estate is a family owned vineyard and cellar door cafe set in the glorious Somerset Valleys- just 1 hour from Brisbane. The wine and food are especially tasty - but even more notable is the fun they share with you - you'll have a grin from ear to ear all the way home.

This great day out is only \$45.00

Tickets can be purchased with cash at the Church:
Sat 5th April/Sun 6th April
(or until all tickets are sold)

The Bus leave from the School Bus Stop 8am.
Weinam Creek Ferry Terminal 8:15am.
For Enquiries ring Marie 0411 459 014

These days are relaxing and full of fun. So come and treat yourself!
"You'll be so glad you did!"

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, 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 Anna Kwiatkowski, Jack Taylor, Kathleen Foat, Bernice Muir and Jean Sheppard.

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Doris Williamson.

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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.

Christian Meditation

Thursdays at 4pm in St Rita's Chapel

For more information: please contact the Parish Office and your enquiry will be directed to Lorr Popple

WH&S, Maintenance and Improvements

Recent Activities

New Toilet Cisterns in the Male/ Female toilets and the Office toilet.

Current Tasks needing to be done

Repairs to downpipe on OSHC building, removal /sale of chairs and tables on presbytery side patio, complete the painting of OSHC verandah wall, removal of mould and sanding/ painting of presbytery window sills doors and door frames (scheduled for 2025), 2 Large Trees to be removed from the Presbytery Grounds, 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.

For any issues that need attention PLEASE CONTACT TONY HARRIS via the parish office

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion



Rite of Enrolment Mass

5pm—Saturday 22nd March

9am—Sunday 23rd March

St Rita's Church, Victoria Point

Children will receive their Workbooks during Mass, to start on at home.

Don't forget to bring your child's "Please pray for me" slip.

If you wish to find out more, please contact the Sacramental Coordinator Jennifer Fielding

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HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

"Can you hear me?"

LENTEN RETREAT

St Rita's Parish
(Saturday, 05 April 2025)

09:00 – 09:30	Opening Song, Opening Prayer, Introduction
09:30 – 10:00	Teaching with Fr Jose on ... "Can You Hear Me?"
10:00 – 11:00	Reconciliation
10:45 – 11:30	Station of the Cross

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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