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3rd Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C —26th January 2025

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew.

We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

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First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 (Year C)

Responsorial Psalm: Your words Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading: Corinthians 12:12-30 (Year C)

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! *The Lord sent me to bring Good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners.* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (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.

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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 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, at 10am in the Ruby Room.

Upcoming Meetings: 3 February, 17 February, 3 March and 17 March 2025



St Rita's Men's Group Annual Australia Day BBQ

Under the Presbytery Trees
11:30am
Monday 27th January 2025

Bring your FOOD, DRINK and a CHAIR

Contact Mike Duggan if you are attending



Have a Chat Club

Hi Ladies! Our 'Have A Chat' Club returns on **Thursday 30th January.**

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.

DOOR PRIZE!!!!

Happy New year to you all!

Contact Elaine Pascoe for more info
0429 925 989

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

Meetings held every **Tuesday at 7pm** at St Rita's Church.

All welcome



Christian Meditation

The Group resumes on **Thursday 30th January at 4pm** in St Rita's Chapel. Please take a flyer at the door of the Church if you are interested.

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

FEASTS in JANUARY

Mon. 13th	St Hilary
Fri. 17th	St Anthony
Mon. 20th	St Fabian, Pope St Sebastian
Tues. 21st	St Agnes
Wed. 22nd	St Vincent
Fri. 24th	St Francis de Sales
Sat. 25th	Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
Mon. 27th	Sts Timothy & Titus St Angela Merici
Tues. 28th	St Thomas Aquinas
Fri. 31st	St John Bosco

POPES' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the right to an education:

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Each Sunday during the 9am Mass



Parish Office Closed Monday
27th January 2025

Australia Day
Public Holiday

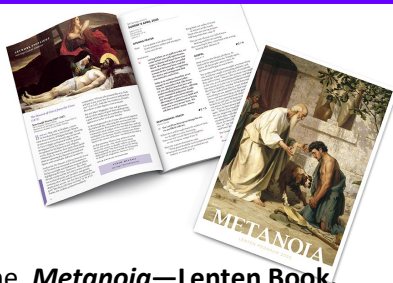
PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially 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.

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BUS TRIP DATE CLAIMERS



Tuesday 29 April
Woongooroo Estate
\$45

Fun, laughter and wine tasting for those who like a wee drop.

Thursday 18th September
Carnival of Flower
\$45

Will be popular, so please get in early when bookings open.

Thursday 20 November
Christmas Celebrations
\$30

What better way to start the Christmas season than with our Parish Family?

Further details will be given closer to each event. Bus will pick up at Benfer Road bus stop and the Marina.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding training is Mandatory within the Parish. Please make sure you are up to date with your required training at all times.

Training Essentials 1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOHA_4Ls2jw

Training Essentials 2

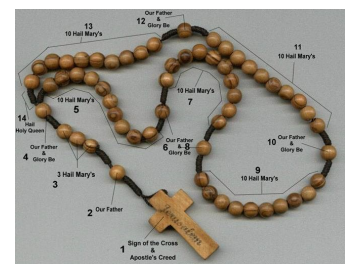
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AASki-Sr1A>

MACLEAY ISLAND ROSARY

Wednesdays

9am

Holy Spirit Church



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 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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