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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – 28 July 2024

The Gospel readings for the next two weeks are taken from John 6, a section of the gospel that focuses on food and related themes: on hungry people; on the need for food/bread; on food/bread as metaphors for life. Bread has been the staple food for millennia in bible lands. To be without bread is to lack the very basics of existence, and that is how it is for so many in our world. Even the impoverished in the so-called “first world” know what it is like to be without the means of subsistence in a world of plenty.

The present cycle of readings confronts us with questions about our own lifestyle, our exploitation of earth's precious resources, and our capacity to make a positive change in the lives of those whose access to the fruits of our earth is much more limited than ours.

In John's account of the feeding of the 5000, the crowds keep following Jesus because they see the “signs” he works among the sick. The Johannine Jesus consistently tries to lead the people beyond a form of discipleship that is simply based on seeing the signs that he works. The inadequacy of the crowd's response on this occasion becomes clear towards the end of the reading. Both place and time function powerfully in the story. The “mountain” place evokes the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt Sinai. For the crowds,

Jesus is the prophet like Moses who points to a way of satisfying hunger in the wilderness of life. The time is Passover, drawing into the narrative the passing over of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the desert and ultimately of the land where they could worship their God.

This story is about the liberation that God brings through the agency of Jesus. Jesus demonstrates that the answer to the suffering of the people, their liberation, is to be found in their care for each other. If they simply take the time to sit down together, discover the riches in their midst, give thanks, and distribute what they have, they may find they have more than they need. They must gather up the fragments, the “more-than-enough”, so that nothing will be lost and others might benefit from their sharing. Again, we are reminded of those in our world who have access to health care and vaccines and those who do not, of those who have financial support at this time and those who do not.

Although the people partially understand Jesus' identity and teaching, their ultimate response is misdirected, even violent: they want to take him by force and make him king.

He leaves them and returns to the mountain alone. We so often seek spectacular solutions to our problems.

It may be that we too need to sit down together, on the grass or wherever, and discover the wealth we have at our disposal to satisfy the hunger in our world.

That is what it means to be a Eucharistic people

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Today's Readings: Kings 4:42-44, Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:1-15

Response to the Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us;
He answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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

July 14 – 2pm

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

RUSSELL ISLAND

July 7 & 28 – 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 Aug 19th, Sept 2nd & 16th, Oct 7th & 21st, Nov 4th & 18th and Dec 3rd



ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS

Living the Eucharist: When we receive the Eucharist, we become one with Christ Jesus and with the whole Body of Christ - the Church. Jesus is 'in' us and we are 'in' Jesus. At the end of Mass we are dismissed and sent forth with a blessing, so that just as Jesus has shared himself with us in the Eucharist, we are sent live the Eucharist and share Jesus' love with others. Jesus gave us many examples of how to do this but one in particular happened during the Last Supper:

So during the meal Jesus got up, removed his outer garment, and wrapped a towel around his waist. He put some water into a large bowl. Then he began washing his disciples' feet and drying them with the towel he was wearing. But when he came to Simon Peter, this disciple asked, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You don't really know what I am doing, but later you will understand." "You will never wash my feet!" Peter replied. "If I don't wash you," Jesus told him, "you don't really belong to me." Peter said, "Lord, don't wash just my feet. Wash my hands and my head." Jesus answered, "People who have bathed and are clean all over need to wash just their feet. And you, my disciples, are clean, except for one of you." Jesus knew who would betray him. That is why he said, "except for one of you." After Jesus had washed his disciples' feet and had put his outer garment back on, he sat down again. Then he said: "Do you understand what I have done? You call me your teacher and Lord, and you should, because that is who I am. And if your Lord and teacher has washed your feet, you should do the same for each other. I have set the example, and you should do for each other exactly what I have done for you." John 13:4-15

Family Fun Have a conversation with your child about how they can follow Jesus' example and share His love with others through service. Perhaps you could put it into practice by making a meal together and giving it to someone who is sick or by visiting someone who lives alone. There are so many options!

Evangelisation Brisbane

INSTALLATION MASS OF FR JOSE

By Archbishop Mark Coleridge



5pm

Saturday 17th August 2024

Followed by a POTLUCK Dinner
in the Unitas

To help with setting up and catering the organisers need to know numbers, so there will be a person at the door collecting RSVP numbers at all masses on 3rd and 4th August 2024.

Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Office.



HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

Meetings are held on

Tuesdays at 7pm

St Rita's Church



JULY FEAST DAYS, Sundays in Ord. Time

& Notable Celebrations

- 27/28 17th Sunday Ord. Time – World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly
- 29 Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus
- 30 St Peter Chrysologus
- 31 St Ignatius of Loyla

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Isabel Scullion, 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 Paul Litfin, Gertie Scotcher, Michelle Mary Morris, Jim Sheppard, Trevor Stagg and Bernadette McLennan.*

DECEASED: *We commend the recently deceased, Shelley Singh and Keith Laker.*



**SACRAMENTAL
NEWS**

Family Session 1

6pm-6:45pm

Monday 5th August 2024

St Rita's Church

Please bring:

*Childs Activity Book

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WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – no activities.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – water blast pathways around Parish Office, replace rotted out timber planking in OSHC verandah (quote pending), 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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Booked Out – Straddie Trip, Tuesday 13 August.

As anticipated, St Rita's Bus Trip to Stradbroke Island, has proved to be extremely popular and has been fully sold out. We have had to hire a larger bus to cater for the demand. A waiting list has been created in case any vacancies arise. If you wish to put your name down for a possible seat, please ring Marie on 0411 459 014.

Please note, the Blue Bus will leave the marina at 7.40 am on Tuesday 13 August. Please be at the Marina by 7.30 am.

As we have a ferry to catch, we won't be able to hold the bus for late comers.

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