



# Victoria Point Catholic Parish

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

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## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – 29th September 2024

### Unauthorised Goodness

(Mark 9: 38 - 48)

John spoke up, "Teacher, we saw a man using your name to expel demons and we stopped him because he wasn't in our group." Jesus wasn't pleased.

"Don't stop him. No one can use my name to do something good and powerful, and in the next breath cut me down. If he's not an enemy, he's an ally. Why, anyone by just giving you a cup of water in my name is on our side. Count on it that God will notice." (Mark 9: 38 - 41)

Like the good citizens around Moses, the disciples around Jesus are jealous for the copyright to goodness. Anyone who teaches the ignorant, heals the sick, or feeds the poor without joining their Master's guild has got to be from the devil. Obviously it escapes the disciples that this is precisely the charge that's been levelled at Jesus by the religious leaders of the Temple.

Righteousness is private property. Unauthorised goodness is strictly forbidden.

It may be natural to feel a twinge when, say, the Hare Krishnas open a soup kitchen in our parish, beating up the good witness. We feel embarrassed that it's come to this. But right is right, not matter what the source is. The proper response is to praise God, grow in humility, and persevere in our own attempt to support the cause of righteousness.

**Where might you become a source of "unauthorised goodness" for others?**

## VOLUNTEER THANK YOU MASS

**Thank You Mass will be held at St Rita's Church Saturday  
26 October 2024 at 9am.**

**Following the Mass there will be a morning tea supplied to  
say Thank You to all the Volunteers of the Parish.**

**Today's Readings:** Numbers 11:25-29, St James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Response to the Psalm:** The precepts of the Lord give joy, joy to the heart .

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:

make us holy in the truth.

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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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

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

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

### 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.

### FEASTS for OCTOBER

Tues 1st	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Wed. 2nd	The Holy Guardian Angels
Fri 4th St	Francis of Assisi
Sat 5th	St Faustina Kowalska
Sun 6th	MISSION SUNDAY
Mon 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary
Wed 9th	St Denis & Companions
	St John Leonardi
Fri 11th	St John XXIII, Pope
Mon 14th	St Callistus I, Pope
Tues 15th	St Teresa of Jesus
Wed 16th	St Margaret Mary Alacoque
Thurs 17th	St Ignatius of Antioch
Fri 18th	St Luke, Evangelist
Sat 19th	St Paul of the Cross Sts John de Brébeuf, & Isaac Jogues & Companions
Tues 22nd	St John Paul II, Pope
Wed 23rd	St John of Capistrano
Thurs 24th	St Anthony Mary Claret
Mon 28th	Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles



REQUIEM MASS FOR  
*Margaret Ross*  
12pm  
Friday 4th October 2024  
St Rita's Catholic Church



ST RITA'S PARISH - VICTORIA POINT  
**MEET & GREET**  
PLEASE BRING A PLATE  
5TH & 6TH OCTOBER 2024  
AFTER ALL MASSES  
PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE

### 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)

In this, the fifth and final week of the Season of Creation, let us remember:

### ACTION IS A SIGN OF THE FIRST-FRUITS OF HOPE

You don't see hope. It's like a seed; you have to be patient and nurture it with water to make it grow. If you don't include hope, the seed might not grow.

We know sometimes the seed might die, but hope reminds us to keep [nurturing and] planting other seeds.

The first-fruits of hope can be seen when we think and work collectively, when we recognize how we depend on Creation, when we listen to the cries of the Earth and the cries of the poor, when we listen to the voices of our global neighbours impacted by climate change, when we listen to the prophetic voices of indigenous sisters and brothers, when we listen to the different creatures that are going extinct and the ones still striving to live, when we listen to the voices of young people and children, when we learn from the slow and powerful cycles of life of different species, ecosystems, and biomes, [and] when we work together with Creation and all creatures for a better future.

Taken from the Season of Creation Celebration Guide

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12M3weSD4D2mvjCil3Mxen3JQZ5Razz3/view>

## 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, 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 Margaret Ross and Bill Mellor.*



In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death.

Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.

**This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.**



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia)



## SALT MASSES

Weekend Masses on 2nd and 3rd November at St Rita's Church will be Salt Masses. Parishioners will be able to bring salt, water, and other sacramental items to be blessed by the Priest at each of the Masses.

### **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.

### **WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:**

**RECENT ACTIVITIES** – treatment of white ant mound discovered in garden bed next to church entrance.

**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 Mediation will take place  
THURSDAYS at 3:30pm in the  
St Rita's Chapel.

For more information, please contact  
The Parish Office and your enquiry will be  
directed to Lorr Popple.

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