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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C - 13 July 2025

"And who is my neighbour?"

In Luke 10, a lawyer asks Jesus a question that still echoes through every city street, online feed, and quiet heart: "Who is my neighbour?"... Jesus responds with a story that breaks all the rules.

A man beaten, robbed, and left for dead. Two separate religious figures – people who knew all the right words and lived all the right rituals – walk right past him. Maybe they were busy. Maybe they were afraid. Maybe they just didn't want to get involved.

Then comes a Samaritan. The outsider. The one no one expected. He sees the man, is moved with compassion, and acts. He crosses the road, binds wounds, pays expenses, promises to follow up. He doesn't just feel empathy – he embodies mercy.

This parable isn't just a call to kindness; it's a challenge to our comfort zones. Jesus refuses to let us draw the lines of love too narrowly. Our neighbour is not just our friend, or someone who shares our values, language, or politics. Our neighbour is the person we've ignored. The person on the other side of the argument. The person whose pain makes us uncomfortable.

In an age of distraction and division, "Who is my neighbour?" is a question that demands a new kind of attention. Are we willing to see the suffering that's inconvenient? Are we willing to love across boundaries that culture, fear, or pride have drawn? Are we willing to stop, to stoop down, and to show up? The Samaritan didn't ask, "What will happen to me if I stop?" He asked, "What will happen to him if I don't?" Jesus ends the story with four words that echo louder than the question that started it: "Go and do likewise."

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SCRIPTURES FOR 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

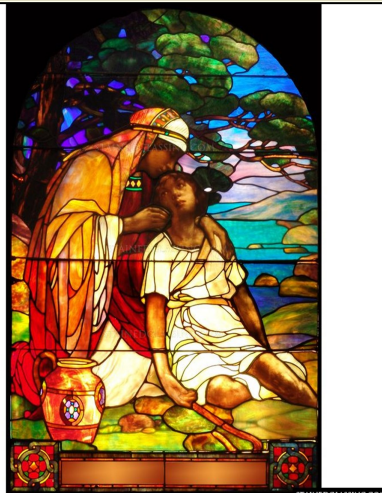
First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Psalm: Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37 **Psalm Response:** *Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. *Alleluia, alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37



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.

Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698;

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Vigil Mass 5pm

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

19 July - 11am Mass

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

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

20 July - 1.45pm Mass

Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every other Sunday at 9am

RUSSELL ISLAND

13 & 27 July - 2pm Mass

Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every other Sunday at 2pm

MONDAY

St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Mass

Pro-Life Rosary after Mass

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church

No Mass or Rosary

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Mass

THURSDAY

St Rita's Church

17 JULY - NO MASS

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church

9am Mass & Holy Hour

MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

HEALING MASS

2nd Wed of August

9am Mass 13 August

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month,
at 10am in the Ruby Room. Next meetings — 7th & 21st July



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

WINTER APPEAL—July 2025

St. Rita's Victoria Point Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society continues its
Annual Winter Appeal until the end of the month of July.

Please place giving-envelope donations in boxes at the Church doors.

Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated.

PEACE - FORGIVENESS - SPIRITUALITY OF ST FRANCIS PARISH RETREAT

Come and join us for a special Parish Retreat as we explore the
life-giving spirituality of St Francis of Assisi - a path of peace,
forgiveness, and deep connection with God.

This is a time to step away, reflect, and allow the gentle spirit of
St Francis to inspire your heart.

It's next Saturday, 19 July – 9am to 3pm

At St Rita's Church, 37 - 39 Benfer Rd., Victoria Pt.

Morning Tea provided - please bring lunch to share (finger food)

For all enquiries please contact Grace on 0450 063 408

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RCIA - PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

celebrated on Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Sunday

With open hearts we prayed for and celebrated the gifts of Australia's first people to our Catholic Church on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, last weekend. We also prayed for our RCIA candidate, William (pictured below right). We celebrated his Blessing and presented him with The Creed, orally, just as the first Christians did. *May William share with others the wonder of his own meeting with Christ and continue to deepen in his faith. Amen.*

12th Anniversary



THANKSGIVING MASS
15 July 2025,
Tuesday at 7pm
St Rita's Parish Church

CELEBRANT:
Fr Joseph Panampuzha
All are welcome to join
(Cup of tea to follow)

JOIN US FOR

'CUPPA AFTER MASS'

This weekend of 12/13 July



PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Helen Clarke, Mariano Molina, 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 Bernadette McLennan & Jim Sheppard

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Carmel Taylor & Eric Gillis

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.

We're Hiring! Join the Parish Team at St Rita's Victoria Point

Are you looking for meaningful work in a welcoming, community-focused environment?
St Rita's Parish is currently recruiting for the following roles:

✉ Interested applicants should email their resume to: hunterb@bne.catholic.net.au

Come be part of a team making a real difference in our parish community.



Parish Secretary

🕒 **Part-Time – 20 hours/week (Mon - Wed, Fri)**

This key administrative role supports the day-to-day operations of the parish office.

Responsibilities include reception, records management, liturgy and newsletter preparation, data entry, volunteer coordination, and assisting the Parish Priest.

We're looking for someone with strong organisational skills, attention to detail, and a respectful, professional manner.



Parish Sacramental Coordinator



Casual – Flexible hours including weekends and evenings

This rewarding role involves coordinating the delivery of the parish's sacramental programs (Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, RCIA).

Duties include preparing session materials, engaging families, communicating with schools and parents, attending sacramental celebrations, and supporting children's faith development.

Both roles require alignment with Catholic values, a current Blue Card and Police Check (or willingness to obtain), and a commitment to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

**ST RITA'S MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP
WATCH THIS SPACE
FOR UP COMING EVENTS**



St Rita's Men's Social Group enjoying morning tea recently at Coochiemudlo

A warm invitation is extended to all past and present staff, students of schools and ministries associated with Edmund Rice Ministries and the Christian Brothers to join in celebrating:

150 Years of Edmund Rice Ministry in Queensland with a Thanksgiving Eucharist

Date: **Thursday 31st July 2025** Time: **1.30pm**

Place: **Cathedral of St Stephen** Followed by refreshments at **The Hanley Room, Francis Rush Centre**



PLEASE NOTE:

There will be **NO 9AM MASS** on **Thurs. 17 July**, but there will be **Liturgy**

Christian Meditation

Thursdays at 4pm in St Rita's Chapel

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

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR JULY

For formation in discernment:

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

FEAST DAYS OF JULY — Up to 21st July

Friday 11	St Benedict
Monday 14	St Camillus de Lellis
Tuesday 15	St Bonaventure
Wednesday 16	Our Lady of Mt Carmel
Monday 21	St Lawrence of Brindisi
Tuesday 22	St Mary Magdalene
Wednesday 23	St Bridget
Thursday 24	St Sarbel Makhlof
Friday 25	St James, Apostle
Saturday 26	Sts Joachim & Anne
Tuesday 29	Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Wednesday 30	St Peter Chrysologus
Thursday 31	St Ignatius of Loyola

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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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