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THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Year C - 14 September 2025

Signs of Hope in Our Homes (John 3: 13 - 17)

Jesus points us to a love that is greater than anything we can imagine – a love that heals, restores, and lifts us up. For the people of Israel in the desert, looking up to the bronze serpent became a moment of hope and survival. For us today, looking up to Christ on the cross reminds us that God meets us in our struggles and offers us a way forward.

In our families, in our parishes, and in our busy, sometimes messy lives, we are called to be signs of that same hope. Whether it's the way we forgive, the way we encounter one another, or the way we gather at Mass, we can help each other see Christ more clearly.

Faith isn't just about the next life – Jesus reminds us that eternal life begins now. Every time we choose kindness over resentment, patience over frustration, or generosity over self-interest, we lift up Christ in our homes and communities. And in doing so, we help our children, friends, and neighbours discover the God who brings life in abundance.

This week, be intentional about “*lifting up*” Christ in your daily life. Choose one concrete action – a word of encouragement, an act of forgiveness, or a moment of prayer as a family – that points others to God's love. When we live with faith in shall, everyday ways, we make Christ visible and share in the eternal life he promises.

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SCRIPTURES FOR THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS — YEAR C

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm: Ps 77:1-2, 34-38

Psalm Response: *Do not forget the works of the Lord!*

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world..Alleluia, alleluia!*

Gospel: John 3:13-17

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

20 Sept - 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

14 & 28 Sept. - 1.45pm Mass

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

RUSSELL ISLAND

21 Sept. & 5 Oct. - 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

8.30am Rosary

9am Mass

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church

9am Mass & Holy Hour

MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

HEALING MASS

2nd Wednesday of the month

9am Mass

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month,
at **10am** in the **Ruby Room**. Next meetings: 15th Sept. & 6th Oct.



HOSANNA PRAYER and PRAISE GROUP

Meets on Tuesdays at 7pm in St Rita's Church

All are welcome!



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Join us for praise and worship, short talks,
prayer, sharing and much more!

Star of the Sea Parish,

53 passage Street Cleveland

Saturday, 20th September

9am - 3pm

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided

Facilitated by Hosanna Prayer Group and Catholic Charismatic
Renewal Mission Team

For catering purposes:

Please RSVP — EJ Polotan on 0489 057 080



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025
WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Today is Safeguarding Sunday and we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we

find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In

our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised.

Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

Season of Creation Prayer

Creator of all,

we praise you for the gift of life, creation and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home. May we come together as one family, to labour for your peace—a shalom where all your people may dwell in safety, and rest in quiet places of your world. Amen.

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

HISTORY OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

History is helpful for understanding such feasts as the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. After Saint Helena is claimed to have found the True Cross in AD 326, Emperor Constantine the Great, her son, ordered the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (or of the Resurrection, in Greek) to be built at the site. It was consecrated on 13 September 335, and on the following day, Helena's Cross was publicly shown for veneration. This observance spread in various forms and is still observed in all three ancient branches of the Church (Catholic, Orthodox, and Eastern Orthodox), all focusing on the veneration of the cross itself as the sign of salvation.

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Holy Spirit Church Rosary Group, Macleay Island

A Rosary Pilgrimage

Wednesday 24th September 2025

Start 8.30am at Holy Spirit Church Macleay Is.
with *Liturgy of the Word* followed by *Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary*.

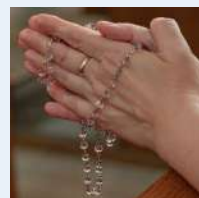
Then, 11 am at St. Rita's Victoria Pt., Sorrowful Mysteries.

Following at Star of the Sea Cleveland, Glorious Mysteries

and at Carmelite Monastery Ormiston, Mysteries of Light.

Transport provided.

**Please contact
Annette 0466071372
for more details.**



PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Dorothy Byrnes, Helen Clarke, Mariano Molina, Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, Miles Muscroft, 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.*

DECEASED: *We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord: Heather Butler, Frances Smithson, & Leo Hackett.*

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.



Missionaries of the Poor in Timor Leste

Support is needed for the Missionaries

There are two ways to help: 1. *Donate Items Needed.*
OR 2. *Give financial support - see details for EFT Donations.*

Items Needed:

Shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorants, school supplies (exercise books, pens, etc.), musical instruments, lozenges, and paracetamol.

Also children's shoes (for 5 to 12 yr olds).

**Please drop them off at the Ruby Room
(next to Parish Office).**

If you can give financial support, please see below:

Account Details for EFT Donations:

Account Name: QMHR

BSB: 012 301 Account Number: 183 752 781

Reference: MOP Timor Leste

To receive a tax-deductible receipt:

Please email the following details to:

tony.f.h101@gmail.com

- A copy of the transaction receipt (Proof of Payment),
- Your name, Your email address and The amount donated.

***Thank you for your prayers and your financial support of the
Missionaries of the Poor in Timor Leste***

St Rita's Men's Group

Many thanks to those who could attend the tour of the Cleveland Museum (and café) – a museum jam-packed with very interesting items (*John Josefski was delighted to find a morse code key*), plus the special exhibition of the Redland Coast's involvement in World War 2 to mark the 80th anniversary of VP Day. The museum staff and café staff were very helpful to our visit.

The next event is – Guided Tour of the Supreme Court Building.

When: Friday 19th September 2025 at 10:30 am

Transport – 8:54 am train from Cleveland to Roma Street, short 5-min walk to George Street. Café afterwards.

Please advise asap if you want to attend. Best regards, Mike Duggan



Join the Parish Team at St Rita's Victoria Point

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. For more information contact the Parish Office—3207 9177

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

 **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 & assisting the Parish Priest.

 **Parish Sacramental Coordinator**  **Casual – Flexible hours including weekends and evenings** This role involves coordinating the delivery of the

The Carnival of Flowers

Bus Trip

All tickets have been sold.

If you've missed out and want to come, we are happy to take your name & phone no. and will contact you if there are any cancellations.

Please phone Marie 0411 459 014



FEAST DAYS OF SEPTEMBER WEEKS 1 - 3

Wednesday 3	St Gregory the Great, Pope
Friday 5	St Teresa of Calcutta
Monday 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 9	St Peter Claver
Friday 12	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Saturday 13	St John Chrysostom
Monday 15	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday 16	Sts Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian
Wednesday 17	St Robert Bellarmine
Friday 19	St Januarius
Saturday 20	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions
Tuesday 23	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Friday 26	Sts Cosmas & Damian
Saturday 27	St Vincent de Paul
Monday 29	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
Tuesday 30	St Jerome

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)

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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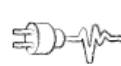
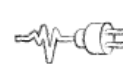
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