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2nd Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C —19th January 2025

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle. To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels. In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity. Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him. Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity. John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened. Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine. This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfilment among us.

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First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 (Year C)

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading: Corinthians 12:4-11 (Year C)

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! *God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 2:1-11 (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.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

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

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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: 20 January, 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 will resume on
Tuesday 21st January at 7pm at
St Rita's Church.

There will be a Thanksgiving
and
Commissioning Mass to start
the new year.



Christian Meditation

The Group resumes on
**Thursday 30th January at
4pm** in St Rita's Chapel

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.



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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.

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

Yellow safety location textured paint strips have now been installed at the rear entrance of the Church.

These are to indicate a gradient change on the ground.

For any WH&S, Maintenance and Improvements that need attending to.

Please contact TONY HARRIS via the Parish Office.



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=8AASKl-Sr1A>

Reminder →

The Parish
Sacramental Coordinator,
Jennifer Fielding,
will be back in the office
when the school year
commences on 28th
January 2025.

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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