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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

19 October 2025



Keep Coming Back: The Power of Persistent Prayer

(Luke 18: 1 - 8)

Jesus tells the story of a persistent widow who keeps coming to a judge, asking for justice. She refuses to give up, and eventually, the judge grants her request – not because he cares about her, but because of her perseverance. Jesus uses this story to teach us a vital lesson: *we should always pray and never give up.*

The widow's determination challenges us to look at our own approach to faith and prayer. How often do we give up too soon when life feels overwhelming? How quickly do we lose hope when solutions or answers do not come on our timetable? The widow reminds us that persistence is not stubbornness – it is a trust that God is present, listening, and working even when we cannot see the outcome.

For families, the story highlights the importance of supporting one another in daily struggles. Life brings challenges that test patience, resilience, and hope. Prayer and persistence provide a shared anchor. When children see parents returning to God in prayer, or when siblings encourage each other through difficulty, faith becomes lived and visible.

In parish communities, the widow's persistence calls us to pray not only for our own needs but for the needs of others. Community prayer, ongoing support, and collective perseverance become powerful testimonies of faith. When we refuse to give up on God or on one another, we strengthen the bonds that make our parishes and neighbourhoods alive with hope and love. (See Page 2 for Response in Action)

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SCRIPTURES FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Psalm: Ps 120

Psalm Response: *Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia, alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

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.

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Mass & Confession Times

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Confessions — 4.15pm
Vigil Mass 5pm

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

Confessions before Mass
18 Oct & 1 Nov - 11am Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion —
every other Saturday at 11am

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Masses 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

Confessions before Mass
26 Oct & 9 Nov - 1.45pm Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion —
every other Sunday at 9am

RUSSELL ISLAND

Confessions before Mass
19 Oct & 2 Nov - 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



DURING THE MONTH

MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month — Eucharist

HEALING MASS

Wed. 5th November

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month,
at 10am in the Ruby Room. Next meetings: 20 Oct. & 3 Nov.



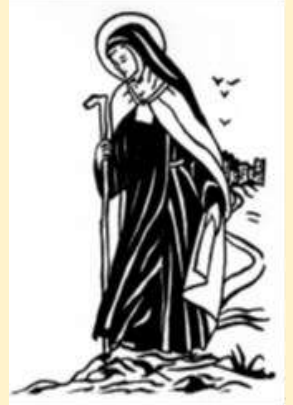
*The Carmelite Sisters invite you to celebrate
the Solemnity of St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila)*

Sunday 19 October

10.30 am - Eucharist

*Stay for a picnic lunch - tea, coffee, sandwiches on sale;
browse the stalls for cards, books, and medals of
St Teresa and other Carmelite Saints, and
the sisters' handcrafts.*

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St Rita's Parish Church

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Saturday for personal silent
prayer time

Your prayers can make a difference!

Exposition: 9.30AM - 3.30PM

Benediction: 3.30PM

Stay for Confession: 4:15 PM

Vigil Mass: 5PM

If you would like to volunteer as an adorer - to stay
and be present in the church for 1 or 2 hours or more,
please write your name on the sign-up sheet.
A minimum of two people is required for safety

Keep Coming Back:

The Power of Persistent Prayer Response in Action

(cont'd from page 1)

This week, practise the habit of persistent prayer. Encourage your family to pray together, even in small moments. In parish life, support one another in prayer, remembering God hears every word, even those we repeat in our struggles. Be persistent like the widow. Keep returning to God with hope, courage, and trust. Let your faith be visible, active, and enduring. In doing so, you model for others and yourself that perseverance in prayer transforms hearts, strengthens communities, and deepens our relationship with God.

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PLEASE NOTE - the next
Healing Mass for November
will be on Wed. 5th November
at 9 am in St Rita's Church

HOSANNA PRAYER and PRAISE GROUP

Meets on Tuesdays at 7pm
in St Rita's Church - All are welcome!



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

PLEASE ORDER YOUR 2026 BREAK OPEN THE WORD and 2026 DAILY MASS BOOK

Break Open the Word 2026 - \$33
Readers on the Reading Roster, the cost for Break
Open the Word - \$15 (subsidised by the parish)

Daily Mass Book 2026 - \$33

Please order books via the Parish Office:

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PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Denise Woosnam, 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, especially Max Kelly Snr.

DECEASED: We commend the all the deceased to the loving care of the Lord.

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.

St Rita's Men's Social Group

The next St Rita's Men's Social group outing will be on

Thursday 23rd Oct at 10:30

**A game of Putt Putt golf over 12 holes
at the Alex Hills Hotel followed by lunch**

A table has been booked. Please advise as soon as you can
if you want to attend.

Best Regards, Mike Duggan (0429629211)



FINANCE REPORT TO PARISHIONERS

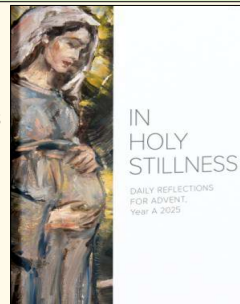
Please take a copy of the
'Report to parishioners on
Parish Finances for the
calendar year ended
31 December 2024'

Pick up your copy
from the side
tables in
St Rita's Church



In Holy Stillness – Advent 2025

Advent is coming and the Archdiocese of Brisbane 2025 Advent Book, "**In Holy Stillness**" is available to order. Advent is a special season that reminds us that growth in holiness begins in the silent soil of waiting, and hope flourishes when we allow ourselves to rest in God's promise. This Advent resource has been developed for both individual prayer and small groups. The beautiful artwork used on the front cover, and provided throughout the book, is titled "Benedictus Fructus" and comes to us from the artist, José Luis Castrillo. Cost of the book is \$5.



To order a copy of the book - please put your name on 'Advent Book Order Sheet'
in St Rita's Church by 30 October

To be part of an Advent Discussion Group - please put your name on the list in
St Rita's Church. The Group starts on Thursday 27 Nov. at 10am in Ruby Room and on the
following Thursdays in Advent

**Join us for 'A CUPPA
AFTER MASS' at
St Rita's Church
on the weekend of
1 & 2 November**



NOVEMBER - BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During November a Remembrance Book with the names of our deceased family and friends will be placed on a stand in St Rita's Church. Please write the names of those whom you wish to be remembered on a 'November—Remembrance Sheet.' (These sheets are located on the side tables in the church.) Then place your sheet in the Book of Remembrance which will be in the church. This book will be present for each Mass during the month of November and as community, we will pray for the Holy Souls.

If you wish to have a special Mass offered, then please complete a Mass Offering envelope marked 'November Masses' and return it by one of the following ways:
Place envelope on the Collection Plate at Mass OR Hand the envelope into the Parish Office.

FEAST DAYS OF OCTOBER

Wednesday 1	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Thursday 2	The Holy Guardian Angels
Saturday 4	St Francis of Assisi
Monday 6	St Bruno
Thursday 9	St Denis & Companions
	St John Leonardi
Saturday 11	St John XXIII, Pope
Sunday 12	St Carlo Acutis
Tuesday 14	St Callistus I, Pope
Wednesday 15	St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)
Thursday 16	St Margaret Mary Alacoque
	St Hedwig
Friday 17	St Ignatius of Antioch
Saturday 18	St Luke, Evangelist
Wednesday 22	St John Paul II, Pope
Thursday 23	St John of Capistrano
Friday 24	St Anthony Mary Claret
Tuesday 28	Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles

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 OCTOBER

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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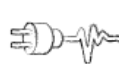
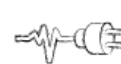
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