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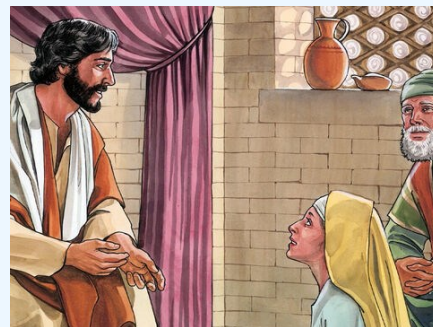
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C - 20 July 2025



Martha took up duties in the house.

Mary chose the better part. Luke 10:38-42

This Sunday's Gospel highlights another aspect of discipleship. Mary 'sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking'. The Greek [translation] is more specific: Mary 'listened to his word'. Moreover, Mary's posture indicates what is happening in this scene. 'To sit at the feet' is the posture of a disciple.

In Acts 22:3, Paul explains his rigorous Jewish background: 'At the feet of Gamaliel I was educated strictly in our ancestral law'. Any action at the feet of another recognises the authority of that person. Disciples are those who are silent and listen to a Master; the Master instructs, the disciple learns.

In a patriarchal society it is very unusual for a woman to be in the place of a disciple. Yet Mary has presumed to take this traditionally male place and Jesus, in violation of expected custom, not only accepts her, but declares that she has chosen the better part. In this, Mary models for disciples the essential attitude of attentiveness: 'blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it (Luke 11:28).' Not only do those who are instructed by his word become disciples, they are his family: 'My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it' (Luke 8:21).

Martha acknowledges Jesus as the Master by addressing him as 'Lord'. But then she presumes to give him instructions, 'Tell her to help me!' In her eagerness to serve at table she has neglected his word - something the apostles will refuse to do. To follow Jesus, disciples must listen 'at his feet'.

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SCRIPTURES FOR 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Psalm: Ps 14:2-5 **Psalm Response:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. *Alleluia, alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Vigil Mass 5pm

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

19 July & 2 Aug. - 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 & 3 Aug. - 1.45pm

Mass

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

RUSSELL ISLAND

27 July & 10 Aug. - 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

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 — 21 July & 4 August



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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.

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



HOSANNA PRAYER and PRAISE GROUP

Meets on Tuesdays at 7pm.

All are welcome!



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2025

5th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated next weekend 26/27 July

The theme will be *"Blessed are those who have not
lost hope (Sir 14:2)"* and fits into the context of
the Jubilee of Hope 2025.

In the Holy Father's Message for this World Day, he
invites us to recognise the elderly not only as
recipients of pastoral care, but as witnesses of hope
who are active protagonists in the life of the Church.

Old age can be a time of blessedness in which hope,
tested in the fire of a long life, becomes a source of joy
and renewed trust in the Lord. God "teaches us that, in
his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and
that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of
hope." states Pope Leo XIV in his Message.

*Copies of the Holy Father's Message for the 5th World Day for
Grandparents and the Elderly are available on the tables in
St Rita's Church or contact the Parish Office for one.*



THE BETTER PART (Luke 10:48-32)

In a world that never stops spinning, we live in
a culture obsessed with busyness. Many of us
feel like Martha – always doing, always rushing,
always anxious about the next thing. But then
there's Mary. Sitting. Listening. Present.

Jesus gently reminds Martha and us, that
while the hustle may seem urgent, the heart of
life is found in presence. Mary chose "what is
better," not because work is bad, but because
worship is essential. She prioritised connection
with the Lord over chaos.

Here's the challenge: This week, carve out
times just to be. Not to tick something off a list,
but to sit, breathe, and listen. Maybe it's five
minutes in silence. Maybe it's a walk without
your phone. Whatever it looks like for you –
choose the better part.

And here's the good news: Jesus is inviting
Martha and us – into a life that isn't ruled by
anxiety but anchored in love.

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St. Rita's Men's Group

Upcoming Event for July:

A Boat Trip on the River Cats
followed by lunch

More details coming soon.



JOIN US FOR

'CUPPA AFTER MASS'

On weekend of 2/3 August



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 Paul Litfin, Bernadette McLennan and Jim Sheppard

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

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:

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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.



A HEARTFELT GIFT: FREE HAVANESE PUPPY TO A LOVING PARISH FAMILY

Due to changing circumstances, I am seeking a new home for my sweet 7-month-old Havanese puppy.

Although he came into my life at great expense from a breeder and is desexed, vaccinated etc., I feel deeply called to offer him - free of charge - to a young family within our parish who can give him the love, time and affection he so deserves. He is gentle, playful & full of charm, and I would be grateful to see him thrive in a household where joy & companionship abound.

If you feel your family could offer him a warm forever home, please contact me directly for more details. Bonus: He has been blessed by Fr Jose!

With love & hope, Wendy Sheppard

Email: jshep7@bigpond.com

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



SACRAMENTAL NEWS



**Congratulations and
God's Blessings to Joseph
who receives First Holy Communion
at the Saturday Vigil Mass, 19 July**

*May your faith and love of Jesus
continue to bloom in your heart.*

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 — from 21 July

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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A PRAYER FOR 16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Dear Lord, with Abraham and Sarah
 we open wide our hearts to serve you;
 with Mary of Bethany
 we open wide our ears to hear your word;
 with Martha
 we open wide our hands to do your work.
May our prayers today centre our lives on your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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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