



# Victoria Point Catholic Parish

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## **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY**

## **IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Year C - 31 August 2025**

### **Making Space at OUR Tables?**

(Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14)

In today's Gospel, Jesus notices people competing for the best seats at a dinner. He uses this moment to teach that real greatness isn't found in being noticed, but in humility and generosity. He even challenges us to invite to our tables those who cannot repay us – the poor, the lonely, the forgotten. This message cuts right into our everyday lives. Our world tells us to "get ahead," to look successful, to sit in the best seat. But Jesus asks us something different: Who are you making room for? Who do you invite in – not just into your home, but into your time, your attention, your care?

As families and parishioners, this means looking beyond those who are easy to welcome. It's natural to spend time with people who like us, think like us, or can give something back. But the Gospel pushes us further: to reach out to the neighbour who is isolated, the newcomer who doesn't yet belong, the relative who is hard to love. When we do this, our homes and parishes become more than places of comfort – they become signs of God's Kingdom, where everyone has a seat at the table.

This week, take up Jesus' challenge to make space at the table in a real and practical way. Perhaps it means inviting someone new into conversation or sharing a meal with a person who might otherwise be alone. It could be as simple as reaching out to a neighbour or parishioner who has been feeling isolated, or as a family taking time to pray. However it looks, let this Gospel shape the way we open our homes, our hearts, and our parishes – with God's own generous love.

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### **SCRIPTURES FOR 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C**

**First Reading:** Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

**Psalm:** Ps 67:4-7, 10-11

**Psalm Response:** *God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.*

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia, alleluia!*

**Gospel:** Luke 14:1, 7-14

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;

**Parish Office** [sa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au) or <https://bncatholic.stoplinereport.com>

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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

7 & 21 Sept. - 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 - 10 September

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** meet on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month,  
at 10am in the **Ruby Room**. Next meetings: 1st & 15th September



## 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**

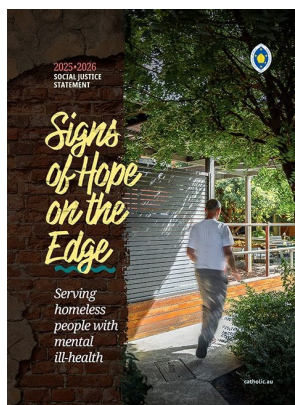
*Facilitated by Hosanna Prayer Group and Catholic  
Charismatic Renewal Mission Team*

**For catering purposes:**

**Please RSVP — EJ Polotan on 0489 057 080**

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

On this Social Justice  
Sunday, Australia's  
Bishops invite us to  
seriously consider our  
Christian responsibility  
to those who are in  
homelessness and  
mental ill-health. Like  
Jesus, we are to "offer  
service...to our sisters  
and brothers created in  
the image of God."



Yet it is more than practical assistance or knowing  
about situations and causes of poverty. We are called  
to get to know the names of people and to hear their  
stories. God is love, and love notices, listens and  
responds to each person uniquely.

As pilgrims of hope in this Year of Jubilee, we walk as  
equals with each other, and work towards a society of  
dignity and inclusion for all. Let us build a culture of  
encounter with those living in homelessness and men-  
tal ill-health. Let us find and be 'Signs of Hope on the  
Edge.' SOURCE: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2025/08/06/signs-of-hope-on-the-edge-social-justice-statement-2025-2026/>

## 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

## Farewell Mass for Archbishop Mark Coleridge

The Archdiocese of Brisbane will celebrate a  
Mass of Thanksgiving for  
Archbishop Mark Coleridge:

**On Sat. 6 Sept. 2025, at 11:30am  
at the Cathedral of St Stephen.**

Mass will be followed by morning tea in the  
Hanly Room. All are welcome to attend as we  
celebrate his service and leadership as  
Archbishop of Brisbane for over 13 years.

## INSTALLATION MASS FOR ARCHBISHOP-ELECT SHANE MACKINLAY

**At 11am, Thursday 11 September**

Archbishop-elect Shane Mackinlay will be in-  
stalled as the Archbishop of Brisbane. Due to the  
number of visitors and clergy attending from  
across the country, *seating in Cathedral is lim-  
ited to invitation only.*

*For those who wish to attend the festivities,  
there will be limited seating in the Hanley Room,  
which is located in the Francis Rush Centre beside  
the Cathedral. Mass can be viewed there  
on large screens.*

**The Mass will also be live-streamed.**

*More information about this will be shared in the  
coming weeks.*

**All are welcome to attend Archbishop-elect  
Shane's first Mass as Archbishop  
on Sunday 14 September at 10am  
at the Cathedral of St Stephen.**

**NO MASSES DURING THE WEEK  
STARTING 1ST TO 5TH SEPTEMBER**  
**There will be Liturgy with Communion.**  
**Fr Jose will be on Retreat.**

**ROSARY CRUSADE  
PRAY FOR THE UNBORN**  
After 9am Mass on  
Mondays



## 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, especially Margaret Berton.

**DECEASED:** We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Ron Schmidt, Ellen Beitz, & Bob Horvath

### 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.

### JOIN US FOR 'A CUPPA AFTER MASS'

at St Rita's Church next  
weekend, 6/7 September



**Missionaries  
of the  
Poor  
in Timor Leste**

Support is needed for the Missionaries once again. If you can give financial support, please see below:

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Reference: MOP Timor Leste

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- 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

### Parish Spring Fun Night

When: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Time: 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Arrival & Welcome

Where: Unitas Center

What's Happening

Potluck Dinner: Bring a dish to share with everyone!

Family Fun Night: Games, trivia, and activities for all ages.

Fellowship & Fun: Enjoy an evening of laughter, community, and celebration.

For All Enquiries Phone: Grace – 0450 063 408

"Come, share, and celebrate with your parish family!"



### 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](mailto: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, and assisting the Parish Priest.



#### 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).

### The Carnival of Flowers Bus Trip

Thursday 18 September

Cost: \$45.00 cash only— includes morning tea & lunch

Tickets on sale:

30/31 August and 6/7 September

For enquires please phone Marie 0411 459 014

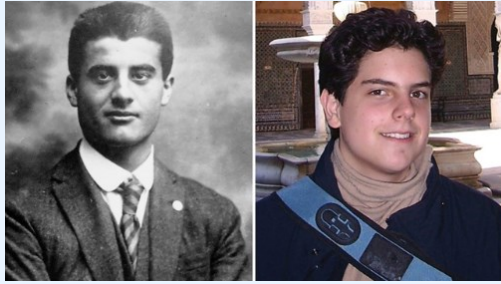
Keep a day free for our Parish End of Year Lunch

at The Golf Club on 20 November Cost \$30.00 cash



## Canonisation Celebration

On 7 September Pope Leo XIV will canonise two young saints—one from the early 20th century, Pier Giorgio Frassati (left) and the other from the 21st century, Carlo Acutis (right)



You're invited to celebrate the Canonisation of the two saints and venerate their holy relics.

**When: Sunday 13 September from 4:30pm**

**Where: St Patrick's Catholic Church, Fortitude Valley**

**All are welcome to join in a Holy Hour leading into a Youth Mass followed by a festival and celebration.**

To find out more, please visit [catholiccollective.org.au](http://catholiccollective.org.au)

Organised by The Youth and Young Adults team from Archdiocesan Ministries - the Catholic Collective.

## 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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