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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C - 7 September
2025



The Cost of Following Christ

(Luke 14: 25-33)

In this week's Gospel, Jesus turns to the large crowd following him and speaks words that are both confronting and honest: discipleship comes with a cost. He uses the image of someone building a tower who must first sit down and calculate whether they have enough to finish the job. Jesus is reminding us that following him isn't a casual decision – it's a life-long commitment that calls for courage, perseverance, and love.

For us as parishioners and families, this message is deeply relevant. Faith is not something we simply "add on" to busy lives; it is the foundation on which everything else stands. To follow Christ is to place him at the centre – in our homes, workplaces, schools, friendships, and communities. That can mean making choices that aren't always easy: giving up time to pray together as a family, standing up for what is right when it's unpopular, or offering forgiveness when it feels impossible.

Just as builders must count the cost before beginning, so too must we recognise the challenges and responsibilities of being disciples today. In a world that often promotes comfort, convenience, and self-interest, Jesus invites us to walk the harder but richer path of love, service, and faithfulness. The "tower" we are building together is nothing less than the Kingdom of God – one act of kindness, one moment of prayer, one step of courage at a time.

Let us not settle for a faith of convenience, but a faith of conviction. As a parish family, may we count the cost of discipleship and still choose to follow Christ – building lives of love, hope, and courage that shine his light into our world.

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SCRIPTURES FOR 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17 (JB)

Psalm Response: *In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

Second Reading: Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia, alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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 or <https://bncatholic.stopinereport.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 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month,
at 10am in the Ruby Room. Next meeting: 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:

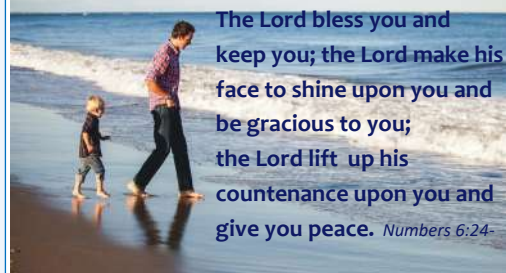
Please RSVP — EJ Polotan on 0489 057 080

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

Happy Fathers' Day



The Lord bless you and
keep you; the Lord make his
face to shine upon you and
be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his
countenance upon you and
give you peace. Numbers 6:24-

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

'Signs of Hope on the Edge.'

Download the statement from the QR Code on the
posters on the windows, or the flyers on side tables in

St Rita's Church or go to the website:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

HEALING MASS

St Rita's Church
on Wed. 10 Sept. at 9am

INSTALLATION MASS FOR ARCHBISHOP-ELECT SHANE MACKINLAY

Thursday 11 September, at 11am

Please note that due to the number of visitors
and clergy attending from across the country,
seating in the Cathedral is limited to invitation
only.

For those who wish to attend the festivities,
limited seating will be available in the Hanly
Room, where the Mass can be viewed on
screens.

The Mass will also be livestreamed via
the Archdiocese of Brisbane
Website:

brisbanecatholic.org.au/livestream/

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.

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The Season of Creation takes place
from Sept. 1 to Oct. 4, 2025, with the theme
"Peace with Creation". The theme, rooted in
Isaiah 32:14-18, focuses on the restoration
of a just and peaceful environment, transforming
desolate lands into fertile fields.

"Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is
restored. There is still hope and the expectation for
a peaceful Earth. To hope in a biblical context does
not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray,
change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator
in unity, metanoia (repentance), and solidarity."

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/season-of-creation-2025/>



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

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

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Heather Butler, 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.



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 this weekend, Sat. 6/ Sun. 7 September



Missionaries of the Poor in Timor Leste

**Support is needed for
the Missionaries once again**

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. **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

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 news-letter preparation, data entry, volunteer coordination& 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).



Parish Spring Fun Night



When: Friday 12th 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!"



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



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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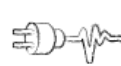
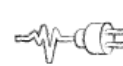
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