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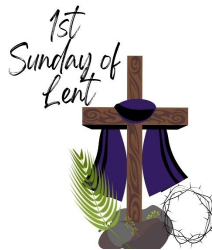
1st Sunday of Lent, Year C 9th March 2025

Gospel Reflection

Bowed Head, Humble Heart

The devil had a few bargains he was peddling that day in the desert: all the bread you could eat, power and glory fit for a king, a legion of angels for protection. But Jesus wasn't buying. He knew those bargains had a supreme price tag no one should pay. As Son of God, all of those things were already available to him. And as heirs of God's kingdom, those things will be ours as well. The only currency the devil was really peddling was the word Now. Immediate gratification is the definition of most of our temptations.

Do we want to eat and drink and be merry now, regardless of the hunger of the world around us, not to mention the danger of our own over-indulged bodies? Do we want to live in our dream house now, while our sisters and brothers live on the street? Do we want our children to go to the best schools today, while much of the world cannot read or write? Do we want to sit in front of the TV tonight, when a lonely person is starving for our company not far away? If we bow to God alone, then the devil's bargain won't sound like such a deal. "Now or never" is not the choice, it's now or forever.



Which of the devil's three temptations – self-satisfaction, power, or security – has the strongest allure for you? What helps you to resist the temptation?

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The **Parish Secretary** is on **leave** from Monday **3rd March**
till Friday **14th March**.

OUT OF OFFICE

IMPORTANT NOTICE

No 6pm Mass on Ash Wednesday. No Masses, Holy Hour, Stations of the Cross and meetings on Thursday 6th & Friday 7th March due to current weather event.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (Year C)

Responsorial Psalm: Be with me Lord; be with me Lord, when I am in trouble and need.

Reading: Romans 10:8-13 (Year C)

Gospel Acclamation: No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Gospel:** Luke 6:39-45 (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

<https://tinyurl.com/Safeguarding-Incident-Report> <https://tinyurl.com/New-Protecting-Children-Laws>

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Reconciliation 4.15pm

Mass 5.00pm Vigil

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

1st & 15th March —Mass

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion every other Saturday at 11am)

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

9th & 23rd March – 1.45pm

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sundays at 9am)

RUSSELL ISLAND

1st, 15th & 29th March - 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: 17 March and 7 April 2025

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Starting on Friday
14th March at
5pm in St Rita's
Church and then
each Friday
during Lent



FUNERAL NOTICE

The Funeral Mass for Fr. Leo Bourke
will be held at 10am
on Friday 14th March at
St. Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane City.



First Sunday of Lent
8th and 9th of March 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-fah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.



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AWAKEN IN CHRIST

'Call to Me, and I will answer you,
and show you great and mighty things,
which you do not know.'
Jeremiah 33:3

Join us for
Miracle Night

WORSHIP, PRAYER & HEALING
Facilitated by Steffanie Le

March
15
2025

7 pm - 10 pm
St Rita's Church
37 Benfer Road
Victoria Point

(6pm-7pm free sausage sizzle,
drinks, tea and coffee)

Testimonies

"I could not walk properly but
after the pray over by Steff
the pain in my back disappeared
and I was able to walk normally."
Danny

"Felt the presence of the Holy
Spirit in a massive way.
Overwhelming sense of
peace and love."
Emily

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PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, 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 Anna Kwiatkowski, Jack Taylor, Kathleen Foat, Bernice Muir and Jean Sheppard.

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Fr. Leo Bourke.

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Our faith will sustain us through challenging times.

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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.



The Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Enrolment Sessions

Tuesday 11th March
The Ruby Room
(beside Parish Office)
8am-9am and 5:30pm-6:30pm

Please ensure both birth parents have signed the Enrolment Form.

Also note, we don't have Eftpos facilities

Rite of Enrolment Mass

5pm—Saturday 22nd March
9am—Sunday 23rd March
St Rita's Church, Victoria Point

Children will receive their Workbooks during Mass, to start on at home.

Don't forget to bring your child's "Please pray for me" slip.

If you wish to find out more, please contact the Sacramental Coordinator Jennifer Fielding
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(07) 3207 9177

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For more information please contact:
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RCIA

We formally welcomed William into the RCIA program on the weekend. He happily received God's Word and blessings from Fr Jose and his Godmother Ann.

Please support William with your prayers as he prepares for his Sacraments.

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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