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Jesus is Calling

Jesus stopped in his tracks. “Call him over.” They called him. “It’s your lucky day! Get up! He’s calling you to come!” Throwing off his coat, he was on his feet at once and came to Jesus. Jesus said, “What can I do for you?” The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” “On your way,” said Jesus. “Your faith has saved and healed you.” In that very instant he recovered his sight and followed Jesus down the road. (Mark 10: 49 - 52)

At Mass today, I brought with me a long list of prayer intentions. I have friends who are out of work or who hate the jobs they have. I know people who are depressed, sick, or lonely; lots and lots of people who wish their lives were different than what they are. Sometimes I want to call out, like the man on the side of the road: Jesus, have pity! Have pity!”

And Jesus is calling back, “What can I do for you?” I don’t always know. What’s best got all my suffering friends? The right job or the right relationship may not be enough. Happiness doesn’t arrive in the neat packages we expect. Bartimaeus was sure of what he wanted, and he had the courage and strength to spring up and run to Jesus. Maybe his response is the best one, and the only one we need: “I want to see.” If each of us could clearly see, we might not be so regularly paralysed by the events in our lives. We might spend less time frozen on the diving board, and more time in the water.

**What aspects of your life are unclear to you?
Where is Jesus calling you to be right now?**

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Today's Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9, Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52

Response to the Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy, we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Reconciliation 4.15pm

Mass 5.00pm Vigil

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

5 & 19 Oct Priest Mass

(Liturgy of the Word with

Communion – every other

Saturday at 11am)

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

Oct 6 & 20 – 2pm

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

RUSSELL ISLAND

13 & 27 – 2pm

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sundays at 2pm)

MONDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00am

Rosary Crusade Pro Life – 9.30am

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00am

Praise & Prayer – 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass – 9.00am

Art Group – 10.00am

Choir – 3.30pm

THURSDAY

St Rita's Church

Priest Day Off — NO MASSES

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary – 8.30am

Mass & Benediction – 9.00am

MAREBELLO

1st Wed – Eucharist

HEALING MASS

2nd Wed Mass – 9.00am



St Vincent De Paul meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, at 10am, in the Ruby Room

Meetings held Oct 21st, Nov 4th & 18th and Dec 3rd

GOLDEN JUBILEE

This year *Star of the Sea* church is 50 years old!

To prepare for our celebrations, we need memories and memorabilia.

If you have any of the coins showing the church from 1974, the history booklets, or any photos of that time, we would love to see them.

If you or anyone you know were involved in the planning and building of the church, we would love to speak with you.

Please contact parish office: 07 3821 4902 or cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au

FEASTS for OCTOBER

Sat 19th	St Paul of the Cross Sts John de Brébeuf, & Isaac Jogues & Companions
Tues 22nd	St John Paul II, Pope
Wed 23rd	St John of Capistrano
Thurs 24th	St Anthony Mary Claret
Mon 28th	Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7pm at St Rita's Church



Sacrament of Penance

Candidates to attend Mass the weekend of 2nd & 3rd November.

Please remember to bring your "Please Pray for Me" page (with child's first name on it—not surname).

Candidates will receive their First Penance Activity Book at the Mass.

November Remembrance Sheets are located at the back of the Church for All Souls Day held 4th November 2024



ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

Friday 1st November
9am

All souls day

Monday 4th November
9am in the Unitas,
followed by the Remembrance
Ceremony in the Columbarium

A morning tea will be held afterwards
Please bring a plate, if you can.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Please pray for Deborah who is on her Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) journey in our Parish. She celebrates her Blessing and presentation of the Creed this weekend and receives a copy of our Creed.

May the Holy Spirit help her in her faith journey to grow ever closer to God the Father and in her desire to become His child through the power of the Sacraments.

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, 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, Anthony and Annie Dunne.*

DECEASED: *We commend the recently deceased, especially Jan Joseph, Margaret Ross and Bill Mellor.*

SALT MASSES

Weekend Masses on 2nd and 3rd November at St Rita's Church will be Salt Masses.

Parishioners will be able to bring salt, water, and other sacramental items to be blessed by the Priest at each of the Masses.

A MORNINGS PRAYER

You are warmly invited to join us for our final A Morning's Prayer for the year on Saturday 9th November.

The theme for this morning's retreat is "The grace of prayer"<https://tinyurl.com/A-Mornings-Prayer>

Date: Saturday 9th November 2024

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre

Cost: \$25 per person (morning tea included)

RSVP: Wednesday 6th November 2024



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR PARISH...

John Evans—PPC Chairperson

My name is John Evans, I am the Chairperson of the Parish Council.

My wife Sally and I moved to Victoria Point from Hokitika in 2004, Hokitika is a small town on the West Coast of the South Island in New Zealand. We have been a part of St Rita's Parish since 2004. St Rita's became a very important part of our lives as we meet new people that became good friends which helped us as a family to settle into a new country away from home, we will always be grateful to the community of St Rita's for making us feel so welcome.

Sally and I have 5 children and 10 Grandchildren. I work as an Alcohol and Drug Counsellor/Case Manager, I am also a Trauma Therapist working with people suffering from PTSD.

My faith has strengthened over the years and has helped me immensely in my personal and professional life. Serving on the Parish Council has been challenging at times, but very rewarding. Together we will continue to grow a strong community within our Parish. God bless you all, John.

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. Please contact the parish office for further information on 3207 9177.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – meeting with school WH&S Officer to discuss updates to Emergency Exit signs in the church (following safety audit), replacement of chapel AC harness (chewing rats again)

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – replace rotted/damaged fence palings after Vinnie bins removed from carpark, replace twisted/split church gate, complete the painting of OSHC verandah wall, removal of mould and sanding/ painting of presbytery window sills doors and door frames (scheduled for 2024), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold), plaster repairs to ceilings in presbytery.

POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING – replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval), replace carpet in chapel and church.

If any parishioner observes any task on the Maintenance To-do List which they can carry-out or help in, please contact Mike Duggan



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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation will take place
THURSDAYS at 3:30pm in the
St Rita's Chapel.

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