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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

16 NOVEMBER 2025

The Strength to Keep Showing Up
(Luke 21: 5 - 19)

Jesus went on, "You'll even be turned in by parents, brothers, sisters, relatives, and friends. Some of you will be killed. There's no telling who will hate you because of me. Even so, every detail of your body – even the hairs of your head! – is in my care; nothing of you will be lost. Staying with it – that's what is required. Stay with it to the end. You won't be sorry; you'll be saved." (Luke 21: 16 - 19)

Faith has never been about comfort. It's about courage, trust, and holding steady when life gets messy. In this Gospel, Jesus reminds us that following him doesn't mean an easy road – it means a meaningful one.

Every family knows something about endurance. We live it in the ups and downs of daily life: holding our households together when work is stressful, showing love when tempers are short, keeping faith alive when the world seems to pull us in every other direction. It's not easy. Yet Jesus' words speak right into that space: "Stay with it to the end. You won't be sorry; you'll be saved."

Endurance for families today might look like choosing forgiveness instead of holding a grudge, sitting together for a meal when everyone's tired, or praying together even when it feels awkward or rushed. It's the quiet strength that says, we keep showing up for each other, because love is worth it.

When Jesus says that "not a hair of your head will perish," he is promising that no act of faith or love goes unnoticed. God is present in the small moments – in the school run, the family dinner, the late-night worry, the kind word spoken when it's hardest to say.

As parish communities, we are called to walk together through the challenges of modern life. Our endurance as families, as neighbours, as people of faith, becomes a living sign of hope to those around us. In staying faithful and loving through it all, we quietly proclaim the Gospel in ways words never could.

So keep going. Keep believing. Keep loving each other through the chaos and joy of family life. God is at work in your endurance. And through that endurance, your family's story becomes part of God's story of hope.

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SCRIPTURES FOR THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm: Ps 97:5-9

Psalm Response: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

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.

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Mass & Confession Times

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Confessions — 4.15pm
Vigil Mass 5pm

COOCHIE MUDLO ISLAND

Confessions before Mass
15 Nov & 6 Dec - 11am Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Saturday at 11am

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Masses 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

Confessions before Mass
23 Nov & 7 Dec - 1.45pm Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 9am

RUSSELL ISLAND

Confessions before Mass
16 & 30 Nov - 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



DURING THE MONTH

MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

HEALING MASS

Wed. 10th December

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on **1st and 3rd Mondays** of the month, at **10am** in the **Ruby Room**. Next meetings: 17 Nov & 1 Dec.



Eucharistic Adoration

Every Saturday for personal silent prayer time

Exposition: 9.30am- 3.30pm

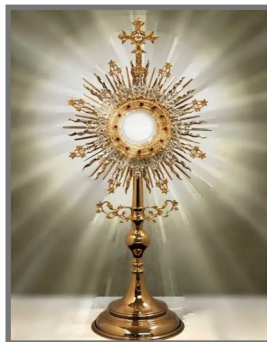
Benediction: 3.30pm

Stay for Confession: 4:15pm

Vigil Mass: 5pm

If you would like to volunteer as an adorer - to stay and be present in the church for 1 or 2 hours or more, please write your name on the sign-up sheet. A minimum of two people is required for safety.

Thank you



Answer the Call to Mercy and Compassion

Do you have a heart for those on the margins?

We are seeking one or two **kind, empathic women of deep faith** to serve as **Pastoral Visitors** to join Centacare's teams of chaplains at a women's correctional centre.

Pastoral Visitors offer friendship, hope, and spiritual support to incarcerated women through weekly visits — being a living sign of God's love and mercy.

Training, mentoring, and ongoing support are provided.

If you feel called to accompany women in their journey of faith, healing, and transformation, we would love to hear from you.

"I was in prison and you visited me..." – Matthew 25:36

For more information or to express interest, please contact:

Centacare Pastoral Ministries:

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phone 3324 3193



St Rita's Primary School - The Week That Was

What an exciting week at St Rita's! The students had the wonderful opportunity to welcome the *Today* show to the school.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our parishioners who generously assisted with the BBQ.

The school community also honoured Remembrance Day with a beautiful garden of poppies, providing the students with a meaningful moment of reflection.

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
in St Rita's Church - All are welcome!

Thanksgiving Mass

In thanks of our Parish Volunteers

When:

**Saturday 29th November
at 9am in St Rita's Church**

Please note that there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that Saturday.



Used Magazines needed

Magazines for Carmel College art department are required.

Please leave them at the back of the church or parish office and I will pick them up.

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Denise Woosnam, 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.

DECEASED: We commend our deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Mike Quilty and Carmen Zeltins.

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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WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

(20 November)

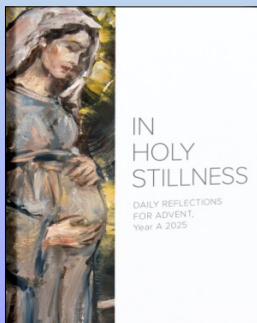
Children are a gift from God, a heritage and blessing that must be treasured, nurtured, and covered in constant prayers. Every child, regardless of age, background, or ability, is created in the image of God and holds a special place in His heart. On this special occasion of Children's Day, let us pray:

Heavenly Father, let your blessing rest upon all children. Keep them safe and loved, shine your light upon them, to be guided by Your truth. May this Children's Day be filled with your presence in their lives. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.



In Holy Stillness – Advent 2025

Advent Discussion Group



Advent Discussion Group – to be part of a discussion group, sign-up at the side table of the church.

The Group starts on **Thursday 27 Nov. at 10am** in the **Ruby Room**.

St Rita's Bus Trips

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at St Rita's Church on 6 & 7 December



FEAST DAYS OF NOVEMBER

- All Saints Day – November 1st
- All Souls Day – November 2nd
- St. Martin de Tours – November 3rd
- St. Gertrude the Great – November 16th
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary – November 17th
- St. Cecilia – November 22nd
- The Feast of Christ the King – The Last Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 23rd in 2025)
- Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – November 27th
- St. Catherine Laboure – November 28th
- St. Andrew the Apostle – November 30th

November is the Month of the Holy Souls

In November, we remember the souls in purgatory who need our prayers. This month we should make a special effort to pray for the souls in purgatory and meditate on the Church Suffering.

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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 NOVEMBER

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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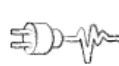
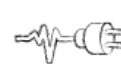
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