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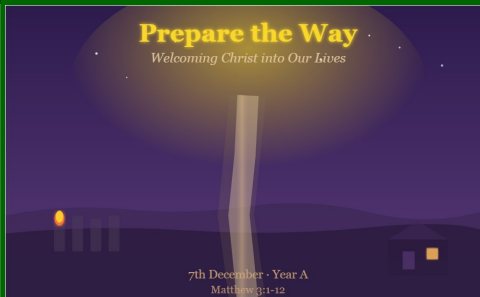
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*While Jesus was living in the Galilean hills, John, called "the Baptist," was preaching in the desert country of Judea. His message was simple and austere, like his desert surroundings: "Change your life. God's kingdom is here." (Matthew 3: 1 - 2)*

John the Baptist, a voice crying out in the wilderness with urgency, honesty and hope. For families and parishioners today, his message is not a distant echo from another time. It is a personal invitation to look at our own lives and our communities through the lens of renewal. John is calling people to wake up, to clear away whatever blocks the path to God and to step more intentionally into the life they were made for. This call is as real now as it was then.

Families live in their own kind of wilderness at times. Busy schedules, constant noise, competing priorities and the pressure to keep everything together can make it easy to lose sight of what matters most. John's voice breaks through that chaos with a reminder that God desires to meet us right where we are. His call to repentance is not about guilt. It is about possibility. It is God saying **YOU** are not stuck. **YOUR** family can grow. **YOUR** relationships can heal. **YOUR** home can become a place where grace has room to breathe.

For parish communities, John's challenge to avoid complacency is just as important. It can be tempting to settle into familiar routines and assume that showing up is enough. But John invites us to deeper engagement, to examine what needs changing in our hearts and in our parish life. He pushes us to create spaces where all people feel welcomed, seen and encouraged to draw closer to Christ. He reminds us that being a disciple is not passive. It is active, intentional and always open to conversion.

In an age when many voices compete for our attention, John the Baptist calls us back to the One voice that leads to life. His message encourages us to be people who bring hope into everyday interactions, who model forgiveness in our homes and who carry the light of Christ into our communities.

As the season of Advent unfolds, this passage invites us to lean into its spirit of expectation and preparation. Advent reminds us that God is drawing near and that our hearts and homes can make room for God's arrival in new and surprising ways. John's message urges us to clear the clutter that keeps us from noticing God's presence, to trust that renewal is possible and to live each day with a readiness for Christ who comes to heal, to guide and to transform. God is at work even now. The path can still be made straight. And each of us has a part to play in preparing the way for Christ in our world today.

## Second Sunday of Advent—Year A

**First Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Psalm:** Ps 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

**Psalm Response:** Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

**Second Reading:** Romans 15:4-9

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path: all people shall see salvation of God. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

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## Mass & Confession Times

### SATURDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Confessions — 4.15pm  
Vigil Mass 5pm

### COOCHIEMUDLO 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 **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



Thank you to everyone who spent time with Our Lord during October and November.

As we enter December, we need committed Adorers for one hour per month to ensure Jesus is never left alone during Adoration (Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.). Sign-up sheets are at the front of the church. All are welcome anytime, but the roster ensures every hour is covered.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" – Matthew 26:40

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOUR OF GRACE December 8th, 12:00-1:00 PM

Our Heavenly Mother requests:

One full hour of uninterrupted prayer (noon to 1 PM)

Put away all distractions (at home or in church)

Begin by praying Psalm 51 three times with outstretched arms

Spend the remaining time in silent prayer, adoring the Blessed Sacrament, meditating on the Passion, praying the Rosary, or using your favourite prayers and hymns

In 1947, the Blessed Virgin Mary requested this message be shared throughout the world. Please spread the word to your Catholic friends.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### ST RITA'S CHURCH - VICTORIA POINT

Wed 24 Dec: 5:40pm Carols | 6pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Thu 25 Dec: 8am Christmas Day Mass

No Midnight Mass or 6pm Mass on Christmas Day

## RECONCILIATION

Thu 18 Dec: 6pm - 2nd Rite (St Rita's)

Sat 20 Dec: 4:15pm - 1st Rite (St Rita's)

"Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:11

On behalf of St Rita's Parish, we want to congratulate you on completing another wonderful school year! You've made us so proud with your growth, kindness, and faith. Enjoy a safe and happy holiday, and may God bless you always.



## 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!

## Stay Connected with Your Parish Family

St Rita's is moving to a digital register to keep you better connected with parish life. By signing up, you'll receive timely updates about Mass times, events, newsletter and important announcements directly to your inbox or phone.

It takes just 2 minutes to register:  
Visit [stritasparish.flocknote.com/register](http://stritasparish.flocknote.com/register) or scan the QR code below.



Stay connected. Stay informed. Stay part of our St Rita's family.

Reminder - Containers for change to go towards a parish ride on mower



Join us at one of 5 locations on the summer school holidays for 'Catch the Wave' a day of fun, faith and friends.  
From Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 22nd Jan  
Hosted at Birkdale, Redcliffe, Sunnybank, Petrie and Surfers Paradise.



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## 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, 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:**

**BSB: 064 786 Account No: 100027374 Account Name: Parish Donation - kindly reference your deposit with**

### St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your help



It's that time of year again when the Society needs your help in making up Christmas Hampers for the families who seek our assistance. Last year we catered for 66 families in our Parish area (including the Bay Islands) and 150 children.

We need donations of all manner of non-perishable groceries and especially tinned hams, Christmas cakes and Christmas puddings as well as all the usual Christmas goodies.

We also need toys and gifts for children of all ages up to 16yrs.

If you would like to make a financial contribution – we'll be very happy to shop for you. Donation envelopes are available on the back table of the Church and can be left on any of the collection plates or dropped in the St. Vincent de Paul boxes at the Church doors. If you would like a receipt for taxation purposes, please give us your details and it will be mailed to you.

Hampers will be sorted after 7AM Mass on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

And

Hampers will be packed and distributed from 7am Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Help us make a difference and give a "lift" to the many families who are under even more pressure at this time of year to provide the basics, let alone any of the Season's luxuries. We are sure you will all be blessed for your generosity.

### St Rita's Men's Social Group gathering

Gathering in the usual spot at Thompson's Beach for our annual Sun-downer at 4:30pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, watching the tide come in or out. Bring chair, nibbles and drinks (and insect spray?).

Mike Duggan

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### The Second Rite of Reconciliation

(Penance or Confession)

The Second Rite of Reconciliation is a communal reconciliation which celebrates God's love and mercy. It is often celebrated in parish communities during Advent and Lent.

The Second Rite of Reconciliation begins with a hymn, celebration of the Word – scripture and prayer - then a personal examination of conscience. This is followed by a one-to-one brief interaction with the priest as sins are confessed and absolved. (There will be extra priests available so that the sacrament does not take too long.)

The Rite concludes with a short thanksgiving, blessing and sending forth to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ. You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity as part of your Christmas preparation, if you possibly can.

**The Second Rite of Reconciliation  
will be celebrated on**

**THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER**

**at 6 PM in ST RITA'S CHURCH**



Thanksgiving and  
Christmas Mass  
Tuesday, 16 December  
2025 , 7pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

**Come and join us for  
'A CUPPA AFTER MASS'**

**at St Rita's Church on 6 & 7 December**





## FEAST DAYS OF DECEMBER

- December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Australia
- December 4 - Saint John Damascene
- December 6—Saint Nicholas
- December 8 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity) Catholic Australia
- December 9 - Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
- December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto
- December 11 - Saint Damasus I
- December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 13 - Saint Lucy Catholic Australia
- December 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas - Solemnity) Catholic Australia
- December 26 - Saint Stephen (Feast) Catholic Australia
- December 27 - Saint John (Feast) Catholic Australia
- December 28 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH (Feast) Catholic Australia
- December 29 - Saint Thomas Becket
- December 31 — Saint Sylvester

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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 DECEMBER

### For seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

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