

St Rita's Newsletter



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Third Sunday of Easter 19th April 2026 Year A

THE RISEN CHRIST WALKS WITH US ON THE JOURNEY.

On this Third Sunday of Easter, we are invited into one of the most tender and intimate stories of the Resurrection — the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35). Two disciples, heavy with grief and confusion, walk away from Jerusalem, their hopes seemingly shattered. Yet the Risen Jesus quietly draws near and walks beside them. They do not recognise Him at first, but He listens, He speaks, and He opens the Scriptures to them. Their hearts, they later recall, were burning within them.

How often do we find ourselves on our own road to Emmaus — discouraged, uncertain, or carrying burdens that feel too heavy? This beautiful Gospel reminds us that the Risen Christ does not wait for us to have everything figured out before He comes to us. He meets us where we are, in the midst of our questions and our grief, and He walks with us.

It is in the breaking of the bread that the disciples' eyes are finally opened and they recognise Him. This is an invitation for each of us to come to the Eucharist with open hearts. At every Mass, Christ makes Himself known to us — in the Word, and in the breaking of bread. We are never alone on the journey.

As an Easter people, we are called to be like those disciples who, once they recognised the Lord, immediately rose and returned to the community with joy to share what they had experienced. May our encounter with the Risen Christ at this Sunday's Eucharist send us forth with renewed hearts — to bring hope, warmth, and the good news of His presence to all we meet this week.

May God bless you

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Psalm: Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

Psalm Response: Lord, you will show us the path of life. or Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Event News



ANZAC Day Commemoration Mass – Saturday 25 April | 9:00am

This ANZAC Day, we invite you to join us for a special Mass to honour and remember all who have served and sacrificed for our nation and for peace.

As we gather at the altar, we unite our prayers with gratitude for those who gave so much, and with hope for a more peaceful world.

**St Rita's Church, Victoria
Point
Saturday 25 April | 9:00am**

All are welcome. Lest we forget.

NOTICE

Please be advised that there will be no Mass from Monday 13th to Friday 17th and on Monday 20th. Liturgy of the Word will be held in place of Mass on these days. There will also be no Confession on Saturday 18th. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – INFORMATION NIGHT CANCELLED

Please note that the Information Night scheduled for 27th April has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled to the last quarter of the year, with details to follow. We apologise for any inconvenience. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

Thank you!

To everyone who volunteered to make our Holy Week and Easter Masses come together so beautifully. Your time and dedication mean the world to our community.

Your Child's Sacramental Journey

What a joy to walk this path with your family! Please complete these two quick steps:

Step 1: Update Your Contact Info
Scan the QR code to review your family's contact details so we can keep you informed.



Step 2: Complete Enrolment
Scan the QR code to submit your child's enrolment application.



**Questions? Contact Deb SC at
sc.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au**

Mass & Confession Times

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church
Confessions — 4:15pm
Vigil Mass 5pm

Russell Island

Confessions before Mass
9th May 7:30am Mass Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 10am

Coochiemudlo Island

Confessions before Mass 16th May
11am Mass Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Saturday at 11am

Macleay Island

Confessions before Mass
2nd May 9am Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 9am

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church
Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MONDAY

St Rita's Church
9am Liturgy of the word

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

Estia Health 1st Wed of Month
Eucharist Healing Mass Wed. 13th May

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.

Community Highlights

St Vincent de Paul meet on **1st and 3rd Mondays** of the month, at **10am in the Ruby Room. Next meetings: 20th April**



HOSANNA PRAYER and PRAISE GROUP



VISION: Hosanna is to be vibrant Holy Spirit-guided prayer and praise group serving the church through evangelisation, worship and healing prayer.
Meets on Tuesdays at 7pm in St Rita's Church All are welcome!

Craft & Chat Afternoon

Next Session: **Saturday, 2nd May 2-4pm** Ruby room Join us!
Bring your own projects.
Looking forward to seeing you there!

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. As we enter a new year, we need committed Adorers for one hour per month to ensure Jesus is never left alone during Adoration (Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-3:30p.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

Join us for our weekly Art group every Wednesday morning at 10am in the Ruby room—all skill levels and creative spirits welcome!

Supporting St Rita's

Dear Parishioners,
Our beloved St Rita's needs your help. We are seeking donations for essential church maintenance and upgrades to ensure our sacred space remains welcoming and functional for years to come.
Your generosity, no matter the amount, makes a real difference in preserving our spiritual home.

How to Donate:
Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church

Direct bank transfer:
BSB: 064-786
Account: 100027374
Account Name: Parish Donation
Reference: Your surname
Thank you for your continued support of our parish community.

PARISH BUS TRIP TO KILCOY – Thursday 7th May 2026

A great day out through the Somerset Dam Region — morning tea, sightseeing in Kilcoy, and lunch at the Exchange Hotel.
Departs Saint Rita's at 8:00am.
\$45pp including lunch.
Tickets after Mass: 18th/19th & 25th/26th April, 2nd/3rd May.
Enquiries: Marie – 0411 459 014

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

FAITH FORMATION GROUP Every Thursday | Ruby Room | 10:00am
Join us as we reflect together using **The Little White Book. Copies available for \$5.00 each.** Unable to attend? The book is still available to buy. Purchase a copy from the Piety Stall or Parish Office.

PIETY STALL

Our Piety Stall is open after 5pm Mass (Saturday) and 9am Mass (Sunday). Come along and browse our range of religious goods.

A volunteer is needed to run the stall after the 7am Sunday Mass — please contact Geraldine if you can help.

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 or scan the QR code below.



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

Have a Chat Club – Ladies' Social Group

Join us for a friendly catch-up on the last Thursday of every month!
We meet at the Shark's Sporting Club, Victoria Point at 11:30am — a relaxed setting with seniors meals available.
Come along, meet some wonderful ladies, share a laugh, and enjoy great company.
All welcome!

For more information, contact:
Elaine Pascoe – 0429 925 989
Sylvia Vassallo – 0414 692 203

Prayers For all those who are ill, especially Br. Ray Ryan FSC, 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 especially Rhondda Smith.

DECEASED: We commend our deceased to the loving care of the Lord.



Feast Days of April

Sunday, April 19

- Third Sunday of Easter

Tuesday, April 21

- St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter

Thursday, April 23

- St. George, Martyr
- St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
- Thursday of the Third Week of Easter

Friday, April 24

- St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
- Friday of the Third Week of Easter

Saturday, April 25

- St. Mark, Evangelist (FEAST)
- This feast takes precedence over the Easter weekday

Sunday, April 26

- Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Pope's Monthly Intention for April

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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://bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com>

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