

St Rita's Newsletter



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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21st June 2026 Year A

DO NOT BE AFRAID OUR GOD IS WITH US

The Scripture readings for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to place our trust completely in God, especially in moments of fear, uncertainty, and suffering. In the Gospel (MT: 10:26-33), Jesus repeats a powerful message: "Do not be afraid." Three times He encourages His disciples not to let fear control their lives.

Fear is a common human experience. We worry about our health, our families, our future, and sometimes even about living our faith openly. Jesus understands these fears, yet He reminds us that we are deeply loved by the Father. He says, "Even the hairs of your head are all counted." This beautiful image tells us that God knows us personally and cares for every detail of our lives.

The first reading from Jeremiah presents the prophet facing rejection and persecution. Despite his suffering, Jeremiah places his confidence in God, proclaiming that the Lord is with him like a mighty champion. His example teaches us that faith does not remove difficulties, but it gives us the strength to endure them with hope.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that while sin and suffering entered the world through one man, Adam, salvation and grace have come through Jesus Christ. God's grace is always greater than our fears, failures, and weaknesses. As followers of Christ, we are called to witness to our faith with courage. The Lord does not promise a life free from problems, but He promises His presence and protection. When we trust in Him, we can face every challenge with Confidence.

This week, let us hear Jesus speaking personally to each one of us: "Do not be afraid; you are precious in my eyes." May we place our worries into His loving hands and become courageous witnesses of His Gospel in our families, workplaces, and community. May the Lord fill your hearts with peace and strengthen your faith.

May God bless you and your families abundantly.
Fr. Joseph Kanatt MCBS

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm: Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

Psalm Response: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Event News

Dear Families,
We warmly invite families to attend the First Eucharist Information Night, which will be held on **Wednesday 19th August at 5.30pm in St. Rita's Church.**

This evening will provide important information about the First Eucharist program and outline the steps involved in preparing your child for this Sacrament.

Families wishing to commence the enrolment process may do so by scanning the QR code below.



Please note that the **Rite of Enrolment Masses** will take place on **Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September.**

To ensure your child can participate, we strongly encourage families to **complete enrolments by the end of August.**

We look forward to journeying with you and your child during this special time in their faith development.
Kind regards,

Debra Nye
Sacramental Coordinator



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE HOLDERS

Our 2026 planned giving envelopes have arrived and can be collected from the church.

If you donate through registered planned giving envelopes, we kindly ask that you take a moment to register your envelopes in Flocknote, our parish communication system. To do so, please complete the questionnaire using the link or QR code below.

<https://stritasparish.flocknote.com/signup/261000>



Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

The Earn to Learn campaign - Shop at Victoria Point Shopping Centre and help our school win a share of \$12,000! The Earn to Learn campaign runs from 1 June – simply keep your receipts, upload them at victoriapointshoppingcentre.com.au, and nominate St Rita's. Every \$1 spent earns us a point toward prizes of \$6,000, \$4,000, or \$2,000!

Mass & Confession Times

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Confessions — 4:15pm

Vigil Mass 5pm

Russell Island

Confessions before Mass

11th July 7:30am Mass Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other

Sunday at 10am

Coochiemudlo Island

Confessions before Mass 20th June

11am Mass Liturgy of the Word with

Communion – every other Saturday at

11am

Macleay Island

Confessions before Mass

4th July 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

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

Estia Health 1st Wed of Month

Eucharist Healing Mass Wed. 8th July

Sponsor a Seat – Church Pew Fundraiser

Friends, as we get closer to our new church pews arriving, we're launching our Sponsor a Seat fundraiser. You can sponsor 1 seat (\$120), 1 metre of pew/about 2 seats (\$240), or a whole pew (\$1200) – any amount is welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council members will be outside the church with EFTPOS before and after Mass on the weekends of June 27–28 and July 4–5. You can also donate at the Parish Office during business hours. Donations can be anonymous or acknowledged on a donations plaque that will go on the back wall of the church.

Thank you in anticipation of your generous support to help us improve and beautify our sacred space. PPC

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: 6th July**



HOSANNA PRAYER and PRAISE GROUP

Mission

- Facilitate the experience of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit
- Encourage people to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Empower people to use the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives

Meets on Tuesdays at 7pm in St Rita's Church — All are welcome!



Craft & Chat Afternoon

Next Session: Saturday TBA July
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.

Ministers for Masses

Volunteers are needed for our Mass Ministry in the roles of Readers, Communion Ministers, Data Projector Operators, and Mass Coordinators. Please consider and pray about being involved in one of these roles. Training will be given for all new ministers.

If you are interested or need more information, please write your name and contact details on the Mass Ministry Forms at the back table. Then place it in the locked box at the back table.

We ask everyone to please pray for our parish - that people with the gifts and skills required, may hear God's call to serve our community at Mass and respond generously.

Chat Club – Ladies' Social Group
Join us this month on **Thursday 25th June at Shark's Sporting Club, Victoria Point – 11:30am**. A relaxed setting with seniors meals available. Come along, meet some wonderful ladies, share a laugh, and enjoy great company. All welcome! Contact Elaine Pascoe 0429 925 989 or Sylvia Vassallo 0414 692 203.

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.

Volunteers needed to help set up for weekday Mass. If you're able to assist, please reach out to Fr. Joseph. Your time and support are greatly appreciated.

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

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, 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 Paul Trubody & Erlinda Andrada-Sumblingo.



Feast Days of June

Monday, June 22

- St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious (memorial)
- Monday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday, June 24

- The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (SOLEMNITY)
- This major solemnity takes full precedence

Saturday, June 27

- Saturday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, June 28

- Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope's Monthly Intention for June

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

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.

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