

# St Rita's Newsletter



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## Fourth Sunday of Easter 26th April 2026 Year A

### GOD KNOWS US AND CALLS US BY NAME.

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday and a special day to pray for vocations. In the Gospel, Jesus presents Himself as the shepherd who knows His sheep, calls them by name, and leads them to safety and life. This image is simple yet deeply comforting. It reminds us that we are not alone or forgotten - we are personally known and loved by Christ. A shepherd does more than guide; he protects, provides, and stays close to his flock. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, does the same for us. He leads us through the joys and struggles of life, through moments of clarity and times of uncertainty. Even when we feel lost or burdened, His voice continues to call us gently, inviting us back to Him.

But there is also a challenge in this message. Jesus says that His sheep hear His voice. In the busyness of our daily lives, many voices compete for our attention - worries, distractions, pressures, and noise. It becomes important for us to pause and ask: Am I listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd? We hear Him in prayer, in the Scriptures, in the quiet moments of our hearts, and in the loving guidance of the Church.

This weekend is also a special day to pray for vocations. The Church invites us to pray that more men and women will respond generously to God's call to serve as priests, religious, and committed lay leaders. Just as a shepherd is essential for the flock, the Church depends on faithful and dedicated leaders who reflect Christ's love and care.

Let us take a moment this week to deepen our trust in the Good Shepherd. No matter where we are in life, He walks with us, guiding us with patience and love. May we learn to recognize His voice more clearly and follow Him more faithfully. May the Good Shepherd bless you and your families with peace, courage, and renewed faith.

May God bless you

Fr. Joseph Kanatt mcbs

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Psalm: Ps 22:1-6

Psalm Response: R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. or R. Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:1-10

# Event News

## Parish Communications

Dear Parish Community,

After two decades of devoted service, we share with both gratitude and sadness that Beverley will be finishing in her role on 30 April as part of the parish's transition of finance functions to PFS. While this parish change means her position is coming to an end, we want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the extraordinary contribution Beverley has made to our parish.

For 20 years, Beverley has been a steady, knowledgeable, and deeply committed presence in our community. Her care, reliability, and willingness to go above and beyond have supported not only the day-to-day operations of our parish, but also the people within it. Many of you will know firsthand the kindness, patience, and dedication she brings to her work, qualities that have shaped the welcoming and supportive environment we value so much.

Beverley has been a trusted colleague, a generous team member, and a vital part of parish life. Her contributions, both seen and unseen, have strengthened our community in lasting ways, and her legacy will remain part of our parish story.

Please join us in expressing our heartfelt thanks to Beverley for her outstanding service. We are grateful for her willingness to support a smooth transition and for all she has given across her many years with us.

We wish Beverley every blessing for the future and invite the parish community to extend their personal thanks and well-wishes over the coming weeks.

Fr Joseph

## **Mass & Confession Times**

SATURDAY

**St Rita's Church**

Confessions — 4:15pm

Vigil Mass 5pm

**Russell Island**

Confessions before Mass

9<sup>th</sup> May 7:30am Mass Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 10am

**Coochiemudlo Island**

Confessions before Mass 16<sup>th</sup> May

11am Mass Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Saturday at 11am

**Macleay Island**

Confessions before Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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. 13th May



Mother's Day Masses – Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th May

This Mother's Day, we warmly invite you to join us for Mass as we give thanks for all mothers, grandmothers, and the maternal figures who have shaped our lives with love and faith.

All are welcome

## **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: 18<sup>th</sup> May**



## 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

## Annual Mass Attendance Count — May 2026

During May, our parish will take part in the Archdiocesan Mass attendance count. This year it coincides with the Australian National Census, so the ACBC will also be collecting parish data.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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](http://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 Kathleen Bieron.

**DECEASED:** We commend our deceased to the loving care of the Lord especially Ronald O'Shea.



## Feast Days of April / May

Monday, April 27

- Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Tuesday, April 28

- St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr
- St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Wednesday, April 29

- St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (memorial)

Thursday, April 30

- St. Pius V, Pope

Friday, May 1

- St. Joseph the Worker

Saturday, May 2

- St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (memorial)

Sunday, May 3

- Fifth Sunday of Easter

## 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.

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