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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 31st May 2026 Year A

HOLY TRINITY – GOD OF LOVE.

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of the Holy Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is one of the deepest mysteries of our faith. The Trinity teaches us that God is not solitude, but perfect love and communion. One God in three Persons: the Father who creates us, the Son who saves us, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sanctifies us. 34:4-6, 8-9

In the first reading from the Book of Exodus, (34: 4-6, 8-9) Moses encounters a God who is “merciful and gracious, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.” This reveals the loving heart of the Father who never abandons His people despite their weaknesses.

In the second reading, St. Paul (2 Corinthians 13:11-13) reminds the Christian community to live in peace, unity, and love. He concludes with the beautiful blessing we hear often at Mass: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” This is a simple but powerful expression of the Holy Trinity active in our daily lives. The Gospel of John (3:16-18) gives us the heart of today’s feast: “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.” The Father sends His Son not to condemn the world but to save it. Through Jesus, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and become children of God.

The Trinity is not just a doctrine to understand but a relationship to live. We are called to reflect the life of the Trinity in our families and communities through love, unity, forgiveness, and selfless service. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we proclaim our faith in the Triune God and remember that we are surrounded by God’s presence and love.

It is clear then that the Divine life of the Most Holy Trinity flows in each one of us and that it should be manifested in our Christian life & our Christian families. May this feast help us grow closer to the Father, follow Jesus more faithfully, and be guided daily by the Holy Spirit.

May God bless you

Fr. Joseph Kanatt mcbs

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Psalm: Ps Daniel 3:52-56

Psalm Response: Glory and praise for ever!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Event News

Feast Day of St Rita of Cascia

Join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of St Rita of Cascia on **Sunday, 31st May at 9:00am Mass**. St Rita's Church, Victoria Point

We are delighted to welcome Archbishop Shane Mackinlay as he joins us for this special celebration. All are welcome. Come and share in this joyful occasion with our community.

(Please be aware that on the 31st, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am only. There will be no 7:00am Mass.)

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE HOLDERS

Our 2026 planned giving envelopes have arrived and will be distributed to parishioners in the coming weeks.

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.

Mass & Confession Times

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Confessions — 4:15pm

Vigil Mass 5pm

Russell Island

Confessions before Mass

13th June 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

6th June 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. 10th June

BAPTISM PREPARATION 7th June St Rita's Church.

The morning begins with Mass at 9:00am at St Rita's Church, followed by morning tea, before the preparation session begins.

All are welcome. Please contact the parish office to register or for more information.

3207 9177

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👩 We Need You! 👨

Volunteers are warmly welcome to assist with hospitality on Sunday, 31st May. We also invite everyone to bring a shared plate to enjoy together.

Contact Deb Harris to register.

Ph: 0403113227



We are overjoyed to celebrate our wonderful group of young parishioners who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation! A huge thank you to our coordinator Deb, whose dedication and love made this all possible, and to our generous volunteers and families who supported the candidates every step of the way. Congratulations to our newest Confirmands – may the gifts of the Holy Spirit guide you always!

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: 1st June**



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 6th June
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.

🙏 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

St Rita's Parish is looking for generous hearts to help support our community!

We warmly invite parishioners to put forward their expression of interest in volunteering across a range of parish ministries and activities. Whether you have a few hours a month or would like to be more regularly involved, there is a place for you.

For more information, contact the Parish Office on 3207 9177 or email victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au.

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.

A huge thank you to Holy Cross Funerals Redcliffe, Fly World, and the Hossana Group, as well as all others who so kindly donated towards our new PA system. Every contribution made a difference and your generosity is deeply appreciated. God bless you all! 🙏

The following group is cancelled this week due to the installation of new flooring:

Adoration – Saturday 30th
Will resume as normal the following week.

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.

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



Feast Days of May / June

Sunday, May 31

- The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, June 1

- St. Justin, Martyr

Wednesday, June 3

- St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Friday, June 5

- St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Pope's Monthly Intention for May

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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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