

St Rita's Newsletter



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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST 7th June 2026 Year A

MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

This weekend, we celebrate the great Feast of Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Through the Eucharist, Jesus fulfils His promise to remain with us always. In the Gospel, Jesus declares, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven" (John 6:51). When we eat the flesh of Jesus and drink his Blood in Eucharistic communion, we share his very life, a life poured out for all on the Cross.

Every time we gather around the altar, we receive not merely a symbol but the real presence of Christ, who nourishes us, strengthens us, and unites us as one family of faith. So, the gift of the Lord, the Body and Blood of Christ that we receive in the Eucharist is the greatest privilege we have as Catholics. It is his sacrifice on the cross made real for us to eat and be nourished with. So, we should never fail to appreciate the value of attending the Eucharist regularly. Our Christian life is marked by the respect and reverence we give to Holy Eucharist.

The Eucharist is the greatest gift of Christ to His Church. It reminds us that God's love is not distant but tangible and personal. As we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we are called to become what we receive - living witnesses of His love, mercy, and compassion in our homes, workplaces, schools, and community. May this feast renew our appreciation for the Mass and inspire us to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

This week, on Friday the 12th, we also celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a beautiful reminder of the infinite love Christ has for every person. His Heart burns with love, mercy, forgiveness, and compassion. The Sacred Heart invites us to trust in Him, especially during moments of difficulty, and to open our hearts to His transforming grace. As we honour His Sacred Heart, may we learn to love others with the same generosity and kindness that He shows us. Let us pray that the Eucharist and the Sacred Heart of Jesus draw us ever closer to the Lord and to one another, making our parish a living sign of God's presence and love in the world.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Joseph Kanatt mcbs

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Psalm: Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation: John 6:51-52

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Event News

THANK YOU SO MUCH

A heartfelt thank you to Grace, John & Jennifer, whose generous service to our parish community has been such a blessing. Their dedication and spirit have touched so many lives here, and their contribution will not be forgotten.

As they begin this exciting new chapter, we wish them every happiness and God's richest blessings. They will be greatly missed – but fondly remembered always.

Please join us in wishing Grace, John & Jennifer all the very best on their journey ahead.

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

Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Join us as we celebrate the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – a beautiful reminder of Christ's boundless love for each of us.

 **Friday 12th June**  **9am**  **St Rita's Parish, Victoria Point**
All are welcome.

Join us for a **Healing Mass** at St Rita's Church 

 **Wednesday 10th June**
 **9:00am**
 **St Rita's Church**

All are welcome to come and receive God's healing grace.



What a beautiful Feast Day!

What a wonderful way to celebrate, St Rita of Cascia! A heartfelt thank you to Archbishop Shane Mackinlay for joining us and making the day so special.

To everyone who came along – your presence made it truly memorable. And a huge thank you to our amazing volunteers whose hard work and generous hearts made it all happen! 🙏

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: 15th 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – WINTER APPEAL 13th/14th June
Annual Winter Appeal at all Masses next weekend, running through to the end of July.
Funds raised support locals in need. Envelopes and donation boxes at the Church doors.

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, 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 Michael Watson.



Feast Days of June

Sunday, June 7

- Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday, June 11

- St. Barnabas, Apostle (FEAST)

Friday, June 12

- The Sacred Heart of Jesus (SOLEMNITY)
- This is a major solemnity taking full precedence

Saturday, June 13

- The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (MEMORIAL)

St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor Sunday, Sunday, June 14

- Eleventh 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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