



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C Cycle I

19 January 2025



## Taste the Wine

**I**t may strike us as slightly curious that the first miracle performed by Jesus in John's Gospel is not a cure or exorcism of some kind, but rather it is the conversion of water into wine - fine wine and in a generous quantity. Wine is an almost universal symbol of celebration and joy, and reveals much of Christ's vision of human life. He came, after all, that we may have life and have it more abundantly. Christian life is thus a gift and an expression of God's gracious love, not merely a duty or a trial. It is good to ask ourselves from time to time, 'Am I enjoying life? Am I taking the time to do things that make me happy?' Such a question is born not of mere selfishness, but rather reflects true gratitude for God's gifts. Moreover, we have very little chance of being kind, patient and generous with others unless we are firstly kind, patient and generous with ourselves that is to say, unless we take the time to drink the wine (real or metaphoric) of the good things of creation.

*God's Word* Fr Robert Nixon OSB

## Farewell for Fr Joshi!

**F**r Joshi has been appointed as Assistant Priest at Warnervale starting from 31 January. We thank him for his fine ministry with us since his appointment in August 2023 and wish him well, and we continue to pray for him as he begins a new chapter at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop community.

We will have a farewell morning tea for Fr Joshi next Sunday 26 January in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. Please join us in thanking Fr Joshi for his time with us. Please bring a plate to share - it may be dropped off to the parish centre before the Mass.





## Feast Days This Week

**St Agnes**

21 January

**St Francis  
de Sales**

24 January

**The Conversion  
of St Paul**

25 January



## Congratulations

**Tony & Vita  
Fazzino**

on the occasion  
of your

**57<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Anniversary**

14 January 2025



## Nursing Home Mass

Mass and  
Anointing will be  
celebrated at  
Nareen Gardens  
Bateau Bay  
on Tuesday  
at 10:30am.



## Low Gluten Hosts

Please see one  
of the Priests  
before Mass  
if you are  
a coeliac.

## Family Blessings

Throughout the world, a wedding is a time of celebration, shared food and drink, community rejoicing and family bonding. In many traditions the couple's community and family are more than mere bystanders, and even active participants in the ceremony, there to witness to and bless the new state into which the couple are entering. Indeed, in some marriage services, after the couple have given their consent, the congregation are asked a question as part of the service – "Will you, the families and friends... support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?" The response is, "We will."

Without that support, the blessing of friends and family, a marriage has a much more difficult path. Families and friends can't make a marriage work, but they can certainly destroy it. So getting their consent to "support and uphold" the couple in their marriage is vital. The blessing of such an occasion is therefore not just for the couple, but also for all who are present – and that blessing comes through sharing hopes, prayers, songs, food, drink and laughter. Sharing helps overcome any animosity or bad feeling.

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## Joyful Celebration

The banquet in God's kingdom for all people, for the whole of creation, is that place where enmity is over and sharing begins – where people who arrive as strangers depart as friends, where blessing is found in the simplest of things – good food shared with love and good drink shared with delight. To picture God's banquet as a wedding feast invites us all to begin with a smile, a relaxation of the tension that we so often carry around with us, and which leads to dis-ease and disharmony between us and our fellow human beings.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus appears to be uncertain whether the time is right to show what God's kingdom looks like. So his mother intervenes and the blessing of wonderful wine for everyone is given. As this story shows, God is not mean with blessing. The guests will have drunk a lot already and here is a further abundance – enough to last for days! When we meet in worship, do we do so in a spirit of joyful celebration, or is it a grudging display of piety? Is our sharing of God's abundance too limited in our lives, in our communities? Do we dare to make room for more people, and share with them in a spirit of delight and joy? Are we bold enough to let God's blessing alight on whom it will, rather than keep it for ourselves? This is the challenge of our Gospel today.

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## Sharing the Love

I have a conviction that I want to share with you. Love begins at home, and every co-worker should try to make sure that deep family love abides in his or her home. Only when love abides at home can we share it with our next-door neighbour. Then it will show forth and you will be able to say to them, "Yes, love is here." And then you will be able to share it with everyone around you.

*No Greater Love Mother Teresa*

## Catholic Mission Appeal this Weekend

This weekend, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

We are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia) or freecall 1800 257 296. Your gift will also assist many other Church programmes around the world.

## Priestly Ordination & Diary Dates

Bishop Anthony has announced that Deacon Rosan Mathew will be Ordained a Priest at OLR Cathedral Waitara on Wednesday 19 March at 7.30pm. We are also pleased to announce that Deacon Rosan has also been appointed to continue serving in our parish as Assistant Priest. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for this important occasion.

Two buses have been booked to allow parishioners to be transported to the Ordination. We will take bookings shortly. The buses will leave around 5pm and return approximately 10pm. Your own personal transport will be needed to and from the Church.

A second celebration with invited guests will be Fr Rosan's First Mass of Thanksgiving, which will be held here on Thursday 20 March at 11am, to which all are welcome to attend, followed by a light lunch in the Parish Centre. There will also be a parish celebration at the 5pm Mass on Saturday 22 March, with supper to follow in the Parish Centre.

A busy year to come - more details to follow but please mark these very important dates in your diaries!

## New Interment Fees

Cemeteries & Crematoria NSW (CCNSW) is the regulator of cemeteries and crematoria in NSW. They have introduced levies to fund their work which will take effect from 1 July 2025 as follows:

Cremation \$41      Ash Interment \$63      Burial \$156

This will affect all Ash Interments in our Memorial Walls. The fee of \$63 will be payable to the parish at the time of interment, when the Plaque Engraving cost is paid, and the parish will have to pay these fees to CCNSW quarterly. More information available at the parish office.

## Please Note

### Did you know we are on Social Media?

Facebook: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish The Entrance  
Instagram: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish The Entrance  
(olr\_parity\_theentrance)



### Welcome Visitors!

A warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish over the Christmas Season. It is lovely to have you with us.



### Welcome

to the Boase & Cooke Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.

### Fr Joshi's Morning Tea



The Simply the Best Family Group is hosting our Morning Tea next Sunday 26 January in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass, for Fr Joshi's Farewell.



### Shop Locally!

Please support the shops in the Carnival Hall building 40-48 The Entrance Road. These shops support our Parish.

# THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

*A beacon of Faith, Hope and Love*

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## Mass & Devotions

**Sunday Masses** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court) Maronite Mass 5pm.

**Weekday Masses** Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

**Reconciliations** Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

**Liturgy of the Hours** Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am

**Cenacle Prayer Group** Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Is 62:1-5** **1 Cor 12:4-11** **Jn 2:1-11**

**Entrance Antiphon:** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**Responsorial Psalm:** Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

## Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

**Recently Deceased:** Marie Williams, Patsy Purcell, Terri McFadden.

**Anniversaries:** Brian D'Costa.

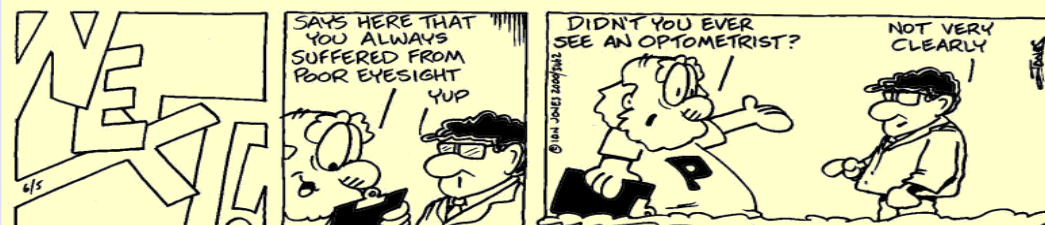
**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Rita Malone, Heather & Roy Gardiner, Simon Butcher, Charlie Borg, Sam Marmara, Molly and Andy Tobin, Alice and Ted Casey, Charlie Gatt and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Families:** Langley and Moore, Borg, Gatt.

**Sick:** Angel Gustavo Cabral, Patricia Bubb, Neville Allen, Rosalyn Evans, Charmaine Goodwin, Margaret Ayres, Glenda Way, Jacob McCarroll, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Frano Stitic, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Beau Pemberton, Lucca Trughilo Assumpcao, Grace, Oliver & Julian Thorsby.

Pearly  
Gates  
Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

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*For all your devotional needs...*

## Welcome to the Gift Centre

The Gift Centre is open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass.

You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.

**Enquiries: 4332 2216.**