



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Cycle II

6 October 2024



May the Lord Bless Us

God blesses us in many ways, including through the blessing of relationships. We are created to be in relationship, in wholeness and fulfilment with another. As I reflect on my life, I realise I have been blessed with people who have come into my life at significant moments and walked with me. Some of these people are still there, loving, supporting and nurturing life in, and with me. Jesus has also reached out to be in relationship with me and taught me that the reality of love is being open to suffering. In the relationship we name 'family' I experience a bond like no other. I know that the ideal of a long marriage surrounded by children and grandchildren doesn't always eventuate but belonging to a church community where I feel respected, forgiven, loved and encouraged allows me to glimpse the grace of God. Family life may be like an emotional roller-coaster with its ups and downs, joys and pain but we know God blesses us in the many ways we live in love.

God's Word Sr Carmel Jones rsj

In the Heart of Jesus

In the Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife. He parries with a reminder that God created man and woman for each other. He clarifies that the ongoing practice of divorce was a concession given by Moses to the Jews to protect and help women obtain a writ of dismissal, thus enabling them to marry again. Previously, only a man could write a bill of divorce, dismiss his wife, and remarry. Worst of all, he could do this even for the flimsiest of reasons, such as a meal prepared not to his liking. Jesus tells the Pharisees: "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment." Clearly, this concession to human sinfulness is not God's original plan for marriage.

In speaking to the Pharisees, Jesus invites us all to consider the rule rather than the exception. In marriage, God unites man and woman in an indissoluble bond of loving intimacy and togetherness. The heart of Jesus goes out to the victims of broken marriages, not only the couples themselves, but especially the children who have no say on the matter. He remains faithful to couples who are troubled, whose unions are shaky. May we all pray for families, marriages and children affected by divorce and separation.

365 Days with the Lord Sambuhay Writers



**Feast Days
This Week**

**Our Lady
of the Rosary**
7 October
9am Mass



**Nursing Home
Mass**

Mass and
Anointing
will be held at
Opal Killarney Vale
on Tuesday
at 11am.



**Secular
Franciscans**

We meet on the
2nd Friday
of the month
(11 October) at
1pm in the
Reynolds Room.
All welcome!
Enquiries:
0439 519 018.

**WE WILL BE
CLOSED ON
LABOUR DAY**

Public Holiday
Labour Day
holiday is this
Monday
7 October.
The office will
be closed.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

This Monday 7 October Mass will be celebrated at 9am in honour of our Patron, Our Lady of the Rosary, (instead of a Communion Service).

The rosary, as given in a vision to St. Dominic, is a meditation on the mysteries of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and thus on the joys and sorrows of his Mother, as well. The rosary is one of the most cherished prayers of our Catholic Church. While reciting the rosary we meditate on the saving mysteries of our Lord's life and the faithful witness of our Blessed Mother. Thus, Mary is so deeply entwined with the rosary that one cannot think of it without thinking of Mary. In praying the rosary, we ask for the intercession of our Blessed Mother, who leads all believers to her Son.

St John Paul II in his apostolic letter *The Rosary of the Virgin Mary* wrote: "The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christ-centred prayer. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial *Magnificat* for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb." Rosary has to be prayed realising its depth and knowing its meaning and purpose. The Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous mysteries help us to recall, reflect and meditate on the history of our salvation by leading us deeper into the mystery of God becoming Man to save us. The Rosary powerfully communicates the message that if we live a life worthy of the call and keep alive the faith like Mary did in her life, God will let us live in his eternal presence.

God's Word Fr Johnson Chacko SSP

For God to Fill

There were few support networks in ancient Palestine for anyone who fell on hard times. Many did, and women and children were especially vulnerable. Begging, prostitution, or enslavement were the likely fate of children left orphaned, or wives whose husbands abandoned them. People took the view that if you had nothing, you were nothing; worse still, that somehow you deserved it. Jesus grieved for marginalised people. He cured lepers of their disfiguring infections and insisted they be reinstated into the local community. He befriended a hated tax collector. He included several unattached women in his following, such as Mary Magdalene. Lowest of the low were children. Jesus made a point of pausing to put an arm around them and lay his hands on their heads in blessing. People matter, and they mattered to him.

In today's Gospel, we hear him challenge the undisputed right of a husband to cast off his wife. He expresses indignation that his disciples should chase children away. Jesus did more than care. The littlest, the last, and the least might be held up by him as models of discipleship. He pointed out a poor widow in the Temple as an example of generosity; he commended a prostitute for her loving heart. In today's Gospel, he went so far as to say that we need to become like children in our enthusiasm for God and his ways. What mattered was how much they wanted to be with him. And what matters is how hungry we are for God's love; how eagerly we place him at the centre of our lives; how affectionate we are towards one another. No one is ever turned away who holds out an empty heart for God to fill.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

Vigil of Pray for Peace

At this very difficult time in our world, Bishop Anthony, from Rome, has asked that we gather as a Diocese and pray for peace. He urges us to invoke the intercession of Mary, Mother of God, by praying the Rosary individually, in families, groups and communities. A Vigil of Prayer for Peace will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Monday 7 October at 8pm, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please all join us.

Annual Public Square Rosary

Join us in this nation-wide crusade next Saturday 12 October at 4pm. We meet at the Bayview Avenue Fountain (next to the old cinema site). Religion is being banished from public life and we wish to let people see that prayer is happening in a public witness of the faith. For enquiries speak to Alba or call 4332 2216.

Night of Light

You are invited to our Night of Light on Thursday 31 October at 5:45pm in the Church grounds, for a BBQ, snacks, activities, games and prizes for the best Saint costumes! Halloween (All Hallows Eve), is the evening before the feast of All Saints, in which we celebrate the glory of God in his Saints. Make this a memorable night for your children - encourage them to dress as their favourite Saint or in white. Everyone else attending please wear something white as a reminder that this is a Night of Light! Make the Light shine on Halloween again! RSVP (free) by 27 October to 4332 2216.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for October

For a shared Mission: We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Please Note

Maronite Mass

The Maronite Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in our Church each Sunday evening from 20 October at 5pm. Confession should be available before the Liturgy, while the Rosary is being prayed. If you have any queries please contact Fr Yuhanna Azize on 0435 764 824.

Fatima Movie Day

Come and join us at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Terrigal Sunday 13 October 11:45am for the Rosary, movie "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima" and lunch. Cost is free. RSVP by Monday 7 October to: 0481703206 or 0404214459.

Celebrate the Feast of Blessed Carlo Acutis

All are warmly welcomed to join our Feast Day celebration of Carlo's life by joining the Vigil Mass, Veneration of his Relic, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7pm Friday 11 October at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood. Adoration will continue all night, finishing at 9am on Saturday 12 October.



Welcome
to the
Tisdell Family
for the Reception
of their children
for the Sacrament
of Baptism.



**Happy 99th
Birthday**
& many
blessings to
Daphne Parsons
for
**11 October
2024!**



Grandparents Blessing

There will be a
special blessing of
all Grandparents
at the 9:30am
Mass next Sunday
13 October,
followed by the
Parish Morning
Tea.

Parish Morning Tea



The Simply the
Best Family
Group is hosting
our Morning Tea
next Sunday
13 October in the
Parish Centre
after 9:30am
Mass. All
Welcome!

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)
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

27th Sunday

Genesis 2:18-24

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, o Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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

Recently Deceased: Eleanor Matthews, Bill Mahony, Rosemary Allen, Steven Whitehead, Nan Newton.

Funerals: The funeral of Bill Mahony was held during the week. Please pray for Bill and his family.

Anniversaries: Robert Fowler.

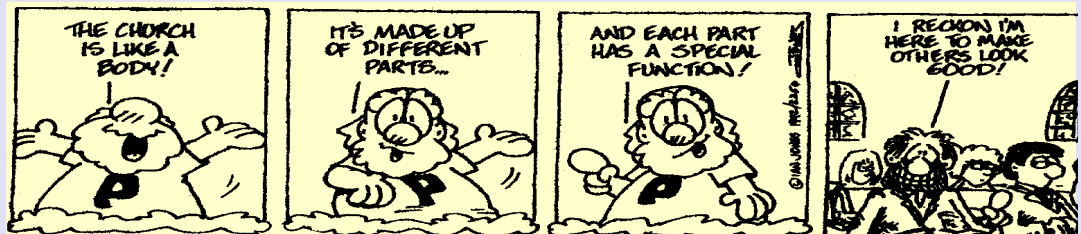
Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Delma Clarke, Anne Allen, Charles Gatt, Robert Mennie, Frank & George Grech, Carolyn Finch, Joe Bond, Dennis Farrell, Pam Wilton, Sam Marmara, Charlie Borg, Martin & Lela Borg and all the Holy Souls.

Families: Grech, Zahra, Grima, Cassar, Sciberras, Camilleri, Falzon & Patterson.

Sick: Dino Gava, Margaret Ayres, Marilyn Wall, Pam Elliott, Glenda Way, Jacob McCarroll, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Frano Stitic, Jonah Langlely, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Sacramental Programme: Please pray for the 103 children and their families who are preparing for Confirmation.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Everyone Welcome!

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

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Enquiries 4332 2216