



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Cycle II

17 November 2024



Our Hope

Hope is a powerful motivating force for life, and both the First Reading and the Gospel offer hope. In Daniel's day, the people were being persecuted and put to death for their beliefs. In Mark's time, those who chose Jesus were also being driven from the temple, persecuted and killed. Both readings offer hope to the people - and to all who presently choose to follow God. Persecution of Christians continues, and we know that life can be tough: illness, violence, loneliness, etc. Wherein lives hope for us? Well, from Daniel, 'your own people (those whose names are recorded in the Book) will be spared', and from Mark, 'my words will not pass away', and that he, the Son of Man 'will send his angels to gather his chosen'.

And even though there are frequent prophecies about the ending of all we know, Jesus says that 'nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; only the Father'. Hope reminds us that by being attentive to the signs of the times, we will recognise that 'he is near' in the changing seasons, in the presence of those we love and in the wonder of all of creation.

God's Word Sr Judy McLeod rsm

Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal Thanks

Thank you for your generosity. Your donations mean our Church of Broken Bay can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding lives of the most vulnerable and those who are starting to connect with the Mission of Jesus Christ. Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, schools, parishes or the wider community.

Any further envelopes may be added to this week's collections or online at bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. (Please nominate The Entrance Parish if donating online.)

Thank you!

PASTORAL
WORKS Broken Bay



**Feast Days
this Week**

**The
Presentation of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary**
21 November
St Cecilia
22 November



**Nursing Home
Mass**

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



Maronite Mass

The Maronite
Divine Liturgy will
be celebrated
in our Church
Sunday evenings
at 5pm. Enquiries:
Fr Yuhanna Azize
0435 764 824.



**Prayers
for the
Holy Souls**

Anyone
interested in
praying for
the Souls in
Purgatory during
November please
join us Thursdays
at 2pm in the
Church. Enq:
0438 320 927.

World Day of the Poor

Today, we remember the poor people of this world, conscious that poverty can also be unrelated to finance. A student car park attendant commented that some of his clients receive cars from parents who otherwise remain uninvolved in their children's lives. Busy drop-in cafes and libraries support customers who long for company and recognition. Some torn-apart families struggle to heal the wounds of division. Tragically, we've witnessed families who, through war, lose everything they possess – but discover the riches of love, hope and courage. Sometimes affluence and destitution walk together. Today we pray for all those who experience poverty in whatever form, that they will find the security and hope for which they yearn.

Ever practical, Pope Francis has supplied the homeless people of Rome with showers, a change of clothing, haircuts, food and somewhere to sleep. He also organised for many to enjoy a day out at the seaside and a pizza meal on the way home. "Why not?" he asked. "We all like a day beside the sea." Simple things can touch the hearts and lives of the poorest people and situations. Of course, in situations of war, there is often very little that we can do, and yet there is also a contribution to world peace which all of us can make, enriching the lives of those around us. There is nothing to stop us closing a door quietly or finding something good to say about even the most irritating person. Even when we are busy, we can become an island of peace which can radiate to other people. We don't need to become messengers of doom and gloom. Some of the most materially poor people in our world are also the most generous because, having suffered themselves, they learn empathy and strive to lessen the sufferings of others. Today, as we celebrate the World Day of the Poor, we pray for those who are in need and don't know where to look for support. They don't need to feel that they stand on the edge of disaster.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

A Foretaste

The earth-shattering events which killed the dinosaurs failed to destroy crocodiles and cockroaches. Although the eruption of Vesuvius killed many inhabitants of Pompeii, some survived. Throughout history false prophets have foretold the date and time of the end of the world. To their surprise and embarrassment, it hasn't happened and life has continued, seemingly unchanged.

At this time of year, the Gospel often carries tales of doom and gloom. Today appears to be no different as we hear about stars falling from the sky – and yet we are offered hope. Jesus foretells the end of the known world and presents something beyond anything we can imagine – everlasting life. False prophets can only indicate a vantage point for their followers to watch the world's destruction before they die. Jesus declares that, yes, the world will end, but life will continue and he can guarantee it. He uses a tree and time-limited human words to teach his listeners that, as the eternal Word, he will accompany them forever and always. In the same way, Jesus' words will go beyond heaven and earth, into eternity. Our beautiful planet Earth is only a foretaste of the good things to come.

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Advent Reflection Days

You are welcome to join Deacon Rosan for Advent Reflection Days on Wednesdays during Advent after 9am Mass, in the Reynolds Room. We will be using the reflection journal from the diocese "A Journey of Hope".

Dates: 4, 11 and 18 December

Time: 9.30am

Where: Reynolds Room

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

Lord Jesus Christ,
The Holy Land is once again struck by violence, hatred, and death. Lord, look with mercy upon the land that was your earthly home. Receive the deceased into your presence. Comfort those who mourn, are wounded, or forced to flee. Be close to all who are full of fear and despair. You are our peace and the light of the nations, put an end to the spiral of terror and suffering in the Holy Land and in the whole Middle East. Let peace and justice flourish at the holy sites. You are our refuge. Let the people be safe in your Love. Have mercy on us and on our time. Amen.

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Volunteers' Thank You Happy Snaps!



Welcome
to the Toms,
Wilson, Blackley,
Norman and
Huggett Families
for the Reception
of their children
for the Sacrament
of Baptism.



Congratulations
to our children
Confirmed
this Friday
evening.
Blessing to all!
(Photo next week)

Reconciliation at Reynolds Court



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available before the 10am Mass on Wednesday or the 11am Sunday Mass. Just ask the priest in the sacristy.



November Mass Envelopes

November is a special time to pray for the Holy Souls. Mass offering envelopes will be placed on the Altar during the month.

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) 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

33rd Sunday

Daniel 12:1-13

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Mark 13:24-32

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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

Recently Deceased: Jonah Langley, Stephen Desmond, John Burke, Davide Catts.

Remembrances: In November we especially pray for all the Holy Souls. The Mass intentions are placed on the Altar during the Masses. Please place your envelopes in the November Mass Offering box on the Sanctuary.

Sick: Dino Gava, 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: Harvey English, Grayson Adams, Lachlan & Ava Hanna, Sid & Monty Waters Sewell.

Sacramental Programme: Please pray for the 102 children who are being Confirmed this weekend.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Welcome!

The Gift Centre is open weekends before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays, and during the week upon request.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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