



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Cycle II

3 November 2024



## Inseparable Actions

The scribe asked Jesus what the greatest commandment was. He was right in asking because there existed hundreds of statutes and commandments. It was important for a law-abiding scribe to get the opinion of Jesus as to which commandment was to be given priority. Jesus' answer combines two distinct verses found in the Old Testament: loving God with one's whole being (*Deut 6:4*) and loving one's neighbour as oneself (*Lev 19:18*). For Jesus love of God and love of neighbour are inseparable actions, like two sides of the same coin. Loving God automatically leads one to loving one's neighbour who is a child of God. Right relationship with God presupposes right relationship with our brothers and sisters. Forgiving our brothers and sisters is a precondition for obtaining forgiveness from God. Jesus the High Priest who offered the one and ultimate sacrifice to God for our sake is our intercessor before God in our effort to love and serve God and neighbour.

*God's Word* Fr Joe Eruppakkatt SSP

## Parish Volunteers' Thank You

Fr Brian would like to thank all of our Parish Volunteers, from Readers to Cleaners, Choir to Bereavement Team, and all in between. Your hard work is appreciated and all you do to make this a great parish community. Come along this Friday 8 November at 5pm to the parish centre for drinks and nibbles. You know you deserve it!

## Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal

Our Pastoral Works are at the forefront of our community, serving those in need. The Appeal mainly supports two key Diocesan ministries which get little or no government funding: The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), which takes the Gospel to approximately 12,000 public school children; and Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme, visiting more than 3,000 individual patients in our hospitals. Funds raised go directly to these ministries. Our Appeal will be held next weekend 9/10 November, with donation envelopes available on the pews. Our quota for this year is \$56,127.00. Through very generous donations we have received \$29,390.00 already, leaving a balance of \$26,737.00 owing. Donations are 100% tax deductible.



## Feast Days this Week

**St Charles  
Borromeo**  
4 November

**The Dedication  
of the Lateran  
Basilica**  
9 November

## ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD



### Congratulations Fr Joshi!

Next Thursday  
7 November  
marks the  
8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
Fr Joshi's Priestly  
Ordination.



### 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.

## The Ears of Our Hearts

The great commandment given by God to Israel begins with the words: 'Listen, Israel.' The word, 'listen' is very important. We can only love God with all our heart and our neighbour as ourselves if we are willing to listen deeply to the voice of God and the cry of our neighbour.

The conversation between Jesus and the scribe in today's Gospel is an encounter of deep listening. Each listens to what the other is saying. The scribe asks Jesus: 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' He listens closely to Jesus' reply and acknowledges the truthfulness of Jesus' words. At the end, Jesus praises him saying: 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.'

The greatest respect, indeed, love, that we can show to anyone is to listen to what they are saying, to listen with humility and patience, to listen with the ears of our hearts, to take the risk of allowing what the other person is saying to change us in some way. Perhaps a good resolution for this week is to listen deeply to what one person is saying to us, perhaps a very familiar voice that we hear all the time and pay attention to only rarely. This week, let us seek to listen deeply to that person with the ears of our hearts.

*God's Word 2024* Fr Michael Goonan SSP

## Given Freely

The words 'I love you' imply a total commitment of heart, soul, mind and strength one to another, a promise given freely and for all time. This is the kind of commitment Jesus speaks about to the scribe - loving God unreservedly, loving myself and my neighbour in the same way that God loves me. What awe-inspiring words 'God loves me'. God loves me unreservedly. God is there for me no matter what. In return, I want to love God and to express that love in real ways. Jesus commends the wisdom of the scribe who seemed to really understand that this was the only way to keep the commandments. Why not take a few moments today to hear God saying 'I love you'. As Moses said to Israel, let these words be written on your heart. What do I want to say in return? Can I respond wholeheartedly in the psalmist's words: 'I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour'?

*God's Word* Sr Judy McLeod rsm

## Please Note

### Mass on Monday 11 November

Fr Brian will celebrate Mass next Monday at 9am, instead of the usual Communion Service.

### 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.

### Praisefest for Young Adults

Join us for a Programme of Talks, Dinner, Praise and Worship, Adoration, Reconciliation, Prayer and Supper Friday 15 November 4pm - 10pm Our Lady of Dolours 94 Archer Street Chatswood. Follow the QR code to register!



## Red Wednesday 20 November

**R**ED Wednesday is an international initiative of Aid to the Church in Need. It is a day to stand up for faith and freedom and gather to pray for those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith.

This year on RED Wednesday, Bishop Anthony will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Dolours Church Chatswood at 7pm. The church will be flooded in red light, sharing the bond which unites us all in love and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in so many regions of the world who suffer and are persecuted for their love of Jesus Christ.

A very warm invitation is extended to all.

## The Pope's Prayer Intentions for November

**F**or Anyone who has Lost a Child: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



**P**arishioners are invited to consider joining one of our many ministries, as listed below, here in our Parish at The Entrance.

### Liturgical Ministry:

- Senior Altar Server - Men and Women to assist the Clergy during the celebration of the Mass
- Lector/Reader - Proclaims the Word of God during the Mass
- Children's Liturgy - Assist with classes for children during Mass
- Choir - Singers or Musicians
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Distribute Holy Communion during Mass and/or to the sick or housebound
- Junior Altar Server - Boys or Girls who assist in the celebration of Mass
- Church Cleaner - On a roster to beautify the church for the worship of God
- Wardens - To take up collections during the Masses
- Bereavement Team - Consult with families re: funeral arrangements

### Community Service:

- Catechist/Helper
- Sacramental Team
- Visitation Team

Please tick Ministry or Ministries you would like to join, fill in your contact information and return to the Parish Office or place in the Collection Boxes.

For more information speak to Fr Brian after Mass or contact the Parish Office during the week. Training will be provided.

<b>Name:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Email:</b>	



### Welcome

to the Burton & McDonald Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.

### 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.

### Parish Morning Tea



The Ambrosian Family Group is hosting our Morning Tea next Sunday 10 November in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. All Welcome!



### Secular Franciscans

We meet on the 2nd Friday of the month (8 November) at 1pm in the Reynolds Room. All welcome! Enquiries: 0439 519 018.

# 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

## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday

**Deuteronomy 6:2-6**

**Hebrews 7:23-28**

**Mark 12:28-34**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**Responsorial Psalm:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Davide Catts, Marilyn Wall, Sergio Eamiguel.

**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, Pam Elliott, Glenda Way, Jacob McCarroll, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Frano Stitic, Jonah Langley, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Harrison & Georgia Smith.

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

## Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

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## God's Word 2025

Anyone who would like to order the 2025 *God's Word* please let Leanne in the office or Gift Centre staff know.

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.

**Enquiries 4332 2216**