



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

2nd Sunday of Advent

Year C Cycle I

8 December 2024



Preparing His Way

Today, the Second Sunday of Advent, we meet John the Baptist. Note the details in the Gospel reading: John the Baptist 'went throughout the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance' and turning away from sin. He is dressed in camel's hair and feeds on grasshoppers and locusts. John looks very different from those in the crux of history - emperor, governor, the tetrarch, and chief priests dressed in royal robes - and those clinging to positions of honour and power.

The word in the original Greek that is often translated as repentance is 'metanoia' literally meaning 'change of heart'. One commentary adds that this kind of repentance is not about regret or guilt or shame but implies making a decision to turn around, to face a new direction. When we face away from the light, all we can see is our own shadow. When we turn towards the light our shadow and the darkness are behind us. Repentance means not only turning from what is bad, but also from many things that are good, but just not for us at this time, or turning from good things to which we have become inordinately attached and which, therefore, restrict our ability to be truly free.

In this way, we can return to the Lord and receive new life from him.

God's Word Fr John O'Connor

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal Thank You

The St Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your donations to their Christmas Appeal. You help them to support families who are struggling with the escalating cost-of-living crisis. Through your donations Vinnies will provide food, clothing, living expenses and crisis support for vulnerable people in Australia.

Further envelopes are available on the tables and can be added to the collections, or you may like to donate online at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>

Thank you for your kindness at this time.





Feast Days this Week

**The Immaculate
Conception**
9 December
Mass 9am

St Lucy
13 December

**St John
of the Cross**
14 December



Nursing Home Mass

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

Parish Morning Tea



The Pelican Blue
Family Group is
hosting our
Morning Tea
this Sunday
8 December in
the Parish Centre
after 9:30am
Mass. All
Welcome!



End-of-Year & Graduation Masses

On Tuesday we
welcome the
whole OLR School
for their End of
Year Mass at
10am. On
Wednesday Yr 6
will celebrate with
a Graduation
Mass at 5pm.

Two New Junior Altar Servers

On Saturday, 30 November, at the 5pm Vigil Mass, Deacon Rosan officially welcomed and blessed our two newest Junior Altar Servers, Jaggar and Pearl White. It is encouraging to witness the participation of our younger children in this important role, contributing to the service at our Parish Masses.



Rotten or Lasting Fruits?

The thrust of John's ministry is repentance leading to forgiveness of sins. He emphasises honesty and humility.

In our world of rampant corruption what place has honesty? In a society of one-upmanship who thinks of humility? To succeed one has to cheat; to win one has to be aggressive.

While dishonesty and pride bring only short-term success, honesty and humility produce lasting fruits. Above all, they unfailingly lead to the Saviour and the salvation he brings. Consequently, those who despise these virtues invariably fail to accept the humble Carpenter of Nazareth and his message of salvation.

God's Word Fr Joe Narivelil SSP

The Immaculate Conception

The Immaculate Conception is to be seen in the wider perspective of the entire salvation history. It is not a disconnected solitary event concerned merely with a single individual. The book of Genesis describes how sin entered the earth and with it came death. Sin and death engulfed the entire humanity. Can a good, loving, merciful Father abandon his own children to this sad hopeless plight?

The person, name and nature of God contradict it. The divine wisdom designed a solution to undo the damage caused by sin. This wise and loving plan begins with the Immaculate Conception of Mary by which she is made worthy of receiving the Messiah, the Saviour. The Immaculate Conception is the powerful icon of this ideal. At this level the Immaculate Conception is seen as a graceful and beautiful gift of God to humanity through the Virgin Mary. It is the divine antidote to despairing, suicidal human angst.

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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: 11 and 18 December **Time:** 9.30am **Place:** Reynolds Room

Christmas Family Mass

The end of the year is closing in fast and before we know it Christmas will be on our doorstep so it's a good time to remind families of our Parish Christmas Mass times. Our Family Mass will be at 5pm on Christmas Eve and we invite children to participate in this Mass. Roles will include the re-enactment of the Gospel (no speaking parts), readers, offertory procession, Gospel procession and of course, we welcome children to dress up for the Mass as angels, shepherds, kings etc. More details will follow in the coming weeks but you may like to ask your children now if they would like to participate in the Mass. Rehearsals will be at 10am on Monday 23 December at the church, so mark it in your diary.

Mass Offerings

In the Catholic Church, a Mass stipend is a donation given by the laity to a priest for celebrating a Mass for a particular intention. Despite the name, it is considered as a gift or offering (Latin: stips) freely given rather than a payment (Latin: stipendium) as such. Our Mass Offerings for the deceased and the sick (or other concerns) is recommended at the customary amount of \$10 per Mass. This is not a price tag for the Mass but an offering that is appreciated. Of course, if you cannot afford an offering, you do not have to give one. For Christmas Mass Offerings please have your envelopes into the office by Wednesday 18 December for inclusion in the parish bulletin.

Please Note

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Fr Brian will celebrate Mass at 9am on Monday 9 December for the feast of the Immaculate Conception, instead of the usual Communion Service.

Prayers for the Holy Souls

The Holy Souls Crusade Group has decided to continue their prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, until the end of the year. All are welcome to join in on Thursdays at 2pm in the Church. Enquiries 0438 320 927.

Advent 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

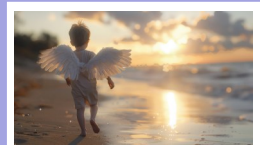
2nd Rite will be celebrated this Advent on Wednesday 18 December at 6pm. Several Priests will be available to hear Confessions. Please take advantage of this opportunity to prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas.

Choir Members Needed

Some of our Masses are running a little low on choir members. If you would like to join us in the choir loft please attend practice on Tuesdays at 5pm and speak to our music Coordinator Anne-Maree James-Yates. And remember, singing is praying twice!



Welcome
to the
Clarke, Cameron
& Poole Families
for the Reception
of their children
for the Sacrament
of Baptism.



Children's Mass Dress Up

All children are invited to come dressed as angels and shepherds to the 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve.



Christmas Eve

Masses
4:30pm Carols
5pm Children's
Mass (dress up)
7pm Vigil Mass
12am Midnight
Mass



Christmas Day

Masses
8am Mass
9:30am Mass
11am Mass at
Reynolds Court
5pm Maronite
Mass

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

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Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:3-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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

Recently Deceased: Teresa Oliva, Cesare Marangoni, Milton Russell, Rhonda Brennan, Fr Michael O'Toole, Jacqueline McCann, Carmen Bouchet.

Funerals: The funeral of Cesare Marangoni will be held next Friday at 1pm. Please pray for Cesare and his family.

Anniversaries: Jim Eves (1st), Leo Lowe, Jill O'Sullivan, Ralph Jayesuria.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi,

Sick: 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: Ivy Wilson.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Gift Centre Christmas Sale!!

Great Nativities and gifts clearance sale on now!

Come along for a look!

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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