



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C Cycle I

16 February 2025



Truly, Deeply Happy

Luke's account of Jesus' great sermon containing his teaching on the Beatitudes is a shorter version than in Matthew's Gospel, but is very similar in its content and message. It seems counter-intuitive. How can we be happy if we are poor, hungry, weeping, if people hate us, drive us out, abuse us, denounce our name as criminal on account of the Son of Man? But Luke's Gospel is all about highlighting how Jesus up-ended the expected conventions. In this most famous of sermons, Jesus is showing us the way to be truly, deeply happy in this broken world, and that is to align ourselves to the kingdom of God. We do this by avoiding an overattachment to pleasure and fleeting happiness, such as the pleasures found in money, possessions, food and good times. It is when we come, little and poor, to Jesus, hungering for his merciful love, that we are blessed, both now and in the next life.

God's Word Debra Vermeer

Be Wary

In today's Gospel reading we hear about two groups of people – those who are poor and those who are rich. In that order.

In Jesus' world, the poor represent all who are marginalised by society and their hunger represents their unmet needs. Jesus says poor people are "blessed" – righteous before God. We might say God considers them to be in "good standing". They might be weeping now, but they will laugh – possibly even in the sense of "having the last laugh" – as Jesus says that those who are poor, hungry and weeping are accepted into God's kingdom.

Poor people are contrasted with those who are rich. The latter, in Jesus' world, are the opposite of the marginalised. Not only do they have material wealth, they have the security and power that come with it. Jesus says they already have their "consolation" in their comfortable lives. They might feel a self-satisfied sense of well-being now, but it won't last. Their fortunes will be reversed and they will be the ones who are hungry. Their derisory, scornful laughter will turn to weeping.

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**Feast Days
This Week**
**The Chair of
St Peter**
22 February



**Nursing Home
Communion
Service**
will be celebrated
at Nareen
Gardens Bateau
Bay next Tuesday
at 10:30am.



MEN'S GROUP
Men's Group
All are welcome
to join us for
lunch and a yarn.
Wednesday
19 February
12 noon at
Diggers Club.
Enquiries: Lui
4388 9510.



**Flower
Arrangers
Needed**
One or two
people are
needed to
arrange and
maintain flowers
for the Sanctuary.
Please call
4332 2216.

Be Wary (continued)

This is not a new idea. Jesus' words echo the reading from Jeremiah, with its image of those who rely on human strength being cursed to live in a barren wilderness, while those who trust God thrive and are fruitful.

The kingdom of God is a reversal of the popular belief that money and power indicate success, even at the expense of those who are poor and marginalised. Those who are rich and powerful will struggle in the kingdom because they are too focused on their own power, whereas poor people know their need of God and will thrive. Which side we're on depends more on attitude than on bank balance. Do we consider whatever wealth we have to be down to our own efforts, to luck, or to God's providence? Do we use our resources in ways that benefit society? Do we trust God or rely on our own resources?

Among these blessings and woes, Jesus also warns his disciples to be wary if people "speak well" of them. It might look like success if you're popular, but perhaps it's because you're telling people what they want to hear, like the false prophets. A true prophet is more likely to be unpopular, telling hard truths and urging people to change their ways. Whether we consider ourselves rich or poor, are we prepared to challenge the systems and policies of the rich and powerful who impoverish and marginalise others?

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

First Fruits Offering

Serve your parish through giving. "Our parish communities, much like our own households, rely on financial resources to operate and to thrive. God fulfills this need through you - you are the Parish." - Bishop Anthony

We thank all of you for your regular support, and for those who don't know, giving can be made via the EFTPOS terminals at the doors, the collections and collection boxes, monthly on credit card, electronic funds transfer, or through direct debit arrangement. Electronically, there are several ways in which you can contribute but some incur higher fees than others. Transfer directly into our accounts incurs no fees and saves the parish. You may also like to consider a bequest to the parish in your will. Your generosity can have a huge impact on your parish's future.

The First Collection goes to the Diocese to help support all the priests and deacons - retired and active. The Second Collection is used for the upkeep of the parish, which includes continuous repairs and maintenance, wages for staff, Pastoral Works Fund, and other charitable work. For any enquiries call 4332 2216 or fill in the form below and we will contact you.

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Name: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

This form may be handed in at the office or placed in the collection box and we will contact you with account details.



Priestly Ordination Bus Bookings

As announced Deacon Rosan Mathew will be Ordained a Priest at OLR Cathedral Waitara on Wednesday 19 March at 7.30pm. Two buses are available for parishioners to book a seat to the Ordination. Call the parish office to book. The buses will leave around 5pm and return approximately 10pm. Your own personal transport will be needed to and from the Church. Fr Rosan's First Mass of Thanksgiving 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.

Family Mass this Saturday

Welcome to our first Family Mass for 2025. Following the Mass, we'll be serving pizza and light refreshments in the Parish Hall. This will be a great opportunity for families to have a chat and meet other families. We hope to see you there!

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.

CatholicCare Home Care

CatholicCare is proud to announce our new accreditation for Home Care packages. Our social care agency in the Diocese of Broken Bay has been supporting the Northern Sydney, Northern Beaches and Central Coast communities for 35 years. We understand many seniors prefer to stay at home as they age. The Government's funding for Home Care Packages can help you live independently at home for longer. For expressions of interest call: 1800 324 924, email: info@catholiccareddb.org.au or see the website: www.catholiccareddb.org.au

Please Note

Communion to the Sick Prayer

Beginning this month we will say a prayer after the Blessing at the end of Mass and give the Pyx to the ministers taking Communion to the sick as a reminder of us praying for those who cannot be with us and sending them our greetings and love and linking them to our community at Mass.

St. Joseph's Men's BBQ

Join us Friday 28 February 7-8:30pm for men 18+ at St Mary's Parish Centre, Toukley. Enquiries: 8379 1730.



Welcome
to the
Scardifield family
for the Reception
of their child for
the Sacrament
of Baptism.



**2025
Sacramental
Programme**
Dates are now
available on the
parish website and
in the flyers on
the Church tables.



Niches Available
We have 6 niches
in St Francis' Wall,
2 in St Patrick's
Wall & 30 in
Our Lady of the
Rosary's Wall
available for
purchase. Enq:
4332 2216.



**Holy Souls
Crusade**
Please join in
prayer with others
around the world
for the Holy Souls
in Purgatory!
Tuesdays after
9am Mass in the
Church. Enq:
0438 320 927.

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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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Jeremiah 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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

Recently Deceased: Philamena Pannell, Ronald Hoskinson, Rhonda Galvin, Margaret Ayres, Deanna Little, Marko Adric.

Anniversaries: Virginia Tejano Villareal.

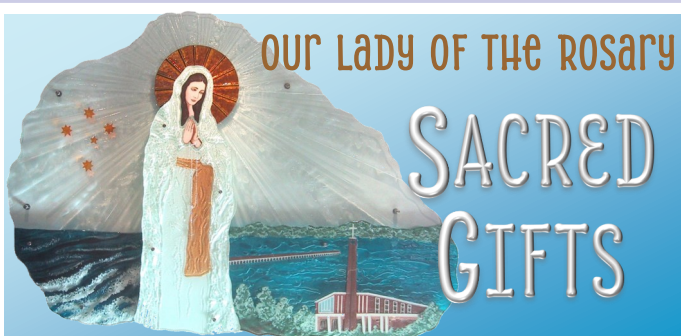
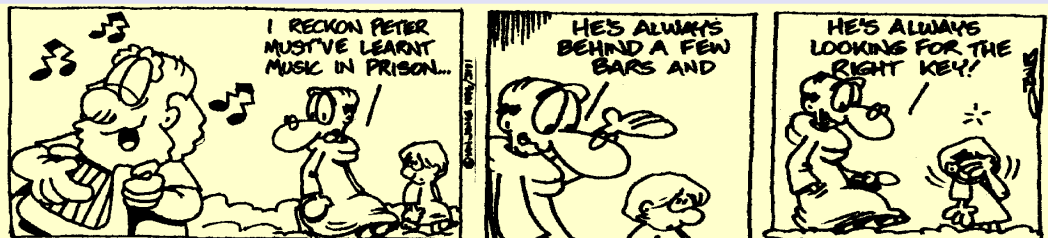
Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Rita Malone, Diana Dakula, Simon Butcher, George Santarossa and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: O'Neill.

Sick: Helen Freeman, Antonio Palagiano, Pam Elliott, Angel Gustavo Cabral, Patricia Bubb, Neville Allen, Rosalyn Evans, Charmaine Goodwin, 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: Lochie Howe, Coen Todd, Rosie Chizzoniti, Ruben Ford.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Welcome to OLR Sacred Gifts

OLR Sacred Gifts 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.