

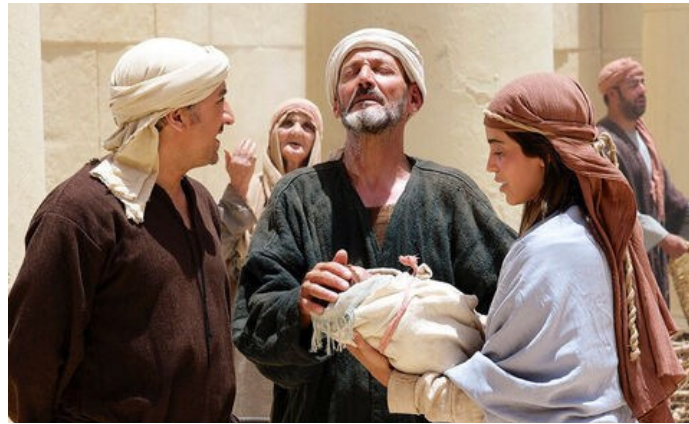


OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

The Presentation of the Lord

Year C Cycle I

2 February 2025



Set Apart

It is prescribed in the law of Moses (cf Lv 12:2-8) that after the mother's period of purification, the child is to be brought to the temple as an act of consecration to the Lord (cf Ex 13:2, 12). To be consecrated means to be "set apart" to do the works of God. From his birth, Jesus has been set apart for a mission—to do God's works. Mary and Joseph are presented in the Gospel as devout and pious Jews, obedient to the Mosaic law.

Our baptism makes us children of God and members of the mystical body of Christ, the Church, a divine and human institution with laws to be followed. The Church is also called "Mother," a fitting image indeed. A mother nurtures, protects, and comforts her children. This is perfectly embodied in our Blessed Mother, given to us by Jesus at the foot of the cross (cf Jn 19:27).

366 Days with the Lord Sambuhay Writers

Fr Joshi's Farewell Photos

A lovely farewell was held for Fr Joshi with a morning tea. A great crowd showed their appreciation of his ministry here.





Feast Days This Week

St Agatha
5 February

**St Paul Miki &
Companions**
6 February

Solidarity with Humankind

The feast of the Presentation helps us realise three important points:

1. Christ Jesus, although Son of God, makes himself humble enough to obey what the law prescribed. His solidarity with humankind was total in all respects. He also identifies himself with the lowly in choosing to make the offerings of a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons. 2. His purification ceremony and offering in the temple foreshadows his self-offering on the cross for the salvation of humankind. Simeon recognises him as "a light of revelation for the gentiles and glory for your people Israel". The babe who was offered in the temple is the Saviour of the world. 3. Like Simeon and Anna we need to recognise the Saviour in our midst and receive him into our lives. This is possible only if we long for him through prayer and meditation on the word of God.

God's Word Fr Joe Eruppakkatt SSP



Word of God Sunday

Let us embrace Sunday of the Word of God to help us gain a deeper and richer encounter with the Risen Lord.

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. As a Catholic organisation

we want the seniors we support to know they are truly cherished and valued and we're confident our services will be very well received. For expressions of interest call: 1800 324 924, email: info@catholiccareddb.org.au or see the website: www.catholiccareddb.org.au



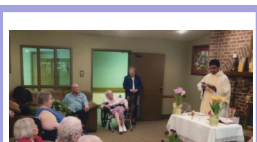
**JOIN US
YOUTH GROUP**

STARTING 8TH FEB
MASS @ REYNOLDS ROOM OLR PAR

NEW! - Youth Group Corner

Young people aged 12-17 are invited to the launch of our Youth Group at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in the Reynolds Room next Saturday 8 February, after the 5pm Mass.

The evening will include food, games, and a thought-provoking talk titled "Christ's Hands and Feet - Discovering Our Part in the Universal and Local Church." It's a chance to explore our parish's history, connect with the wider Church community, and reflect on how you can contribute to the faith. The evening wraps up by 8:30pm. Come along and be part of something meaningful! To register contact the parish office 4332 2216 or email theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au

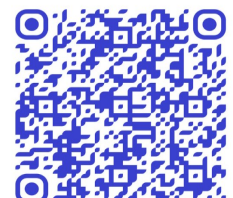


Nursing Home Communion Service

will be celebrated at Killarney Court Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11am.

2025 Sacramental Programme

The dates for our 2025 Sacramental Programme have now been set. Please see the parish website for more information or pick up a flyer from the church foyer or scan the QR code to take you to our webpage.



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.

First Friday Cuppa is Back!

On Friday 7 February our monthly Cuppa returns! We warmly invite everyone to come along after the Anointing Mass for a lovely cuppa and a chat. Bring a plate to share, which can be dropped off before Mass. We hope to see you all there!

Family Mass - Saturday 15 February 5pm

We invite you to join us for our first Family Mass of 2025 on Saturday 15 February at 5pm. Following the Mass, we'll be serving pizza and light refreshments in the Parish Hall. Feel free to bring a plate to share. This will be a great opportunity for families to have a chat and meet other families. We hope to see you there! To register your attendance for catering purposes, please contact the parish office or register online using the QR code or link <https://forms.office.com/r/MZkmp2RKUP>



Prayer for Our Students

Dear God, as we embark on a new school year, we ask for your blessings upon our children, teachers, and families. Grant them wisdom, joy, and patience in their learning and growth. May each child feel your love and support, and may families strengthen their bonds through shared experiences. Guide our teachers in their noble work, inspiring them to nurture and ignite a passion for knowledge. We pray for a year filled with kindness, understanding, and success. Amen.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Communion to the Sick Prayer

Beginning in February 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.

Parish Morning Tea



The Combined Choirs are hosting our Morning Tea next Sunday 9 February in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. All Welcome!



Anointing of the Sick

will be celebrated Friday 7 February during 11:45am Mass for those over 65 or with serious or long-term illness.



Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament is held on each first Saturday (1 February) following 9am Mass for one hour closing with Benediction. *(For those who get this bulletin early.)*



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

Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

Entrance Antiphon: Your Merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Keep Us In Your Prayers

There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel

Recently Deceased: Margaret Ayres, Deanna Little, Marko Adric, Mario Cauchi.

Funerals: The funeral of Deanna Little was held this week. Please pray for Deanna and her family.

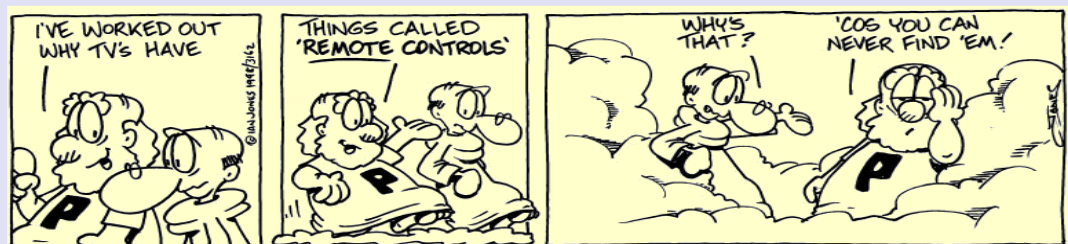
Anniversaries: Mark O'Sullivan, Fr Reg Reynolds.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Susan Simmons, Jadwiga & Marian Blicharz, Joanne De Joan, Stan & Zophia Darocha, Rita Malone, Joe Bond, Frank & George Grech, Carolyn Finch, Diana Dakula and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

Sick: 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.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Welcome to OLR Sacred Gifts

We have a new name! 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.