



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C Cycle I

2 March 2025



Truth

In today's readings, we hear Jesus speaking in Galilee as well as a Jewish sage named Sirach writing in Jerusalem more than a century earlier. The two of them touch upon a single truth: The words that come out of us make known the hidden thoughts within us. Speech reveals the secrets of the heart. Sirach teaches that speaking is "the test of men" and their character. One who is upright will utter words that are truthful and encouraging to others. But one whose heart is cluttered with "refuse" will be exposed, since the "fruit" of his mouth speaks volumes about the "tree" that produces it. Sirach also compares the testing of our words to clay fired in a kiln - if properly prepared, a useful vessel emerges; but if the clay is not fully dried, it will break apart in the extreme heat.

In a similar way, Jesus insists that a person speaks "out of the abundance of the heart." He too compares our speech, whether good or bad, to what grows on a tree: "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit." Both readings urge us to make wholesome speech a habit. After all, much about who we are is brought to light through what we say. But there's an additional step: The Lord is asking us to look inward, to examine our hearts and fill them with the "good treasure" that God desires.

Why do purity of heart and speech matter so much? Because, as Jesus declares elsewhere: "by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (*Matthew 12:37*). They matter because they help to decide our final judgment, and this is where the Second Reading comes in. Paul reminds us that God will destroy death forever, and if we are to share in this victory and live forever with the Lord, then we must take all steps necessary to give our hearts and lips to what is good.

St Paul Center for Biblical Theology

Ash Wednesday & Paschal Precept

Lent begins this week from Ash Wednesday 5 March. Masses will be celebrated at 9am and 6pm here in the Church and 10am at Reynolds Court Chapel, Bateau Bay. Deacon Rosan will conduct a Liturgy at OLR Primary School at Shelly Beach.

Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on this day and Good Friday. Fasting means taking only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary according to one's needs, but solid foods between meals is not permitted. On all Fridays of Lent the law of common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing: Prayer - e.g. Mass, family prayer, a visit to a Church, reading the Bible; Self-Denial - e.g. no eating sweets or dessert, giving up entertainment; Helping Others - e.g. special attention to the poor, sick, lonely.

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. All of the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.



Anointing of the Sick

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



Stations of the Cross

Stations will be held on Fridays of Lent after the 11:45am Mass



Lenten Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Saturday of Lent following 9am Mass for one hour.



Nursing Home Communion Service

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

Catechist Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Catechist Sunday. Those who serve as Catechists and Helpers will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechist Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays in passing on their faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

The work of a Catechist is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the life of the Church - her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis". This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why Catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire Church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others. We thank our Catechists for their great work. If you would like more information on this rewarding ministry call Leanne on 4332 2216.

Thank You Volunteers!

Firstly a big thank you to Michael Delandre for his years of coordinating funeral arrangements on our Bereavement Team. Michael went above and beyond to make this difficult time as pleasant as possible for those mourning a deceased relative or friend.

We would also like to thank Joy Delandre for her volunteering as a Church Cleaner for many years. Joy has been a selfless helper and we wish her well in retirement.

Our next thanks goes to Raquel Dixon, Mariza Boclinton, Mila Barnes and Suellen Meilak who have offered to do the flower arranging in the Church. We look forward to some new refreshed displays in the near future. We would also like to thank a special donor for contributing to the purchase of some new flowers.

Youth Group: The Light of Christ Within Us

Join us after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday 8 March for an evening of faith, fun, and fellowship! We'll learn about the life of Mother Teresa, her calling, and the founding of the Missionaries of Charity, while also continuing our work in shaping the identity of our parish youth group. We'll then explore her journey of light through darkness and prepare for Lent with a meaningful commitment activity. Dinner (pizza) provided!

- When: Saturday 8 March after 5:00pm Mass
- Where: The Upper Room (upstairs in Church complex)
- Who: All high school youth welcome!

Come and be inspired as we walk together in Christ's light!



100 Year Anniversary of First OLR Church

Today at the Vigil Mass we will unveil a memorial glass panel at the Aston Avenue door of the church commemorating the 100-year anniversary of the opening of the first OLR Church here at The Entrance.

We are fortunate to have two parishioners, Daphne Parsons and Vince O'Sullivan who are also both celebrating their centenaries later in the year to officially unveil this door on our behalf.

As we do so we are mindful of the many priests and parishioners who have been part of our parish over the years, and we pray for those that have died that they may rest in eternal peace.

May this door be a reminder to us today and for future parishioners of the many pioneers who have been part of our rich history at Our Lady of the Rosary The Entrance.

Fr Brian

Deacon Rosan's Ordination Update

The buses are filling fast for Deacon Rosan's Ordination at OLR Waitara Cathedral on Wednesday 19 March at 7:30pm. The bus trip is free. We will depart from the Church carpark at 5pm, returning approximately 10pm. You will need your own transport to and from our Church.

The parish celebration to be held here, with invited guests and parishioners, will be Fr Rosan's First Mass of Thanksgiving, on Thursday 20 March at 11am, followed by a light lunch in the Parish Centre. (Food brought in on this occasion must have no capsicum or paprika due to Bishop's allergies.)

The third celebration will follow the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 22 March, with supper to follow in the Parish Centre. All are welcome and are asked to bring a plate on this occasion, which may be left in the parish centre prior to Mass.

We look forward to this great event in our Parish and especially pray for Deacon Rosan at this time.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Please Note

Cards for Deacon Rosan

Please sign cards of congratulations for Deacon Rosan's Ordination. You will find them on the courtyard side table and foyer table.

Organist & Choir Members

With the imminent retirement of our lovely long-serving organist Mary Curmi, we need someone who can play the organ at the Masses regularly. The Choir would also welcome new voices. Choir practice is on Tuesdays at 5pm. If you are interested please speak to Anne-Maree, our Choir Coordinator, or call the parish office on 4332 2216.



Lenten Reflections Mornings

Deacon Paul will be holding Lenten Reflection Mornings on Wednesdays from 12 March in the Reynolds Room after 9am Mass.



First Friday Cuppa Time!

Join us in the parish centre after the Anointing Mass next Friday for a cuppa, nibbles and good company! Bring a plate to share.



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.



Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box for Lent.

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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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Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

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

Recently Deceased: Fr Joe Martins (Opus Dei Priest formerly of Roseville), Maurice McCarthy, Philamena Pannell, Eva, Ronald Hoskinson.

Anniversaries: Terrence O'Neill.

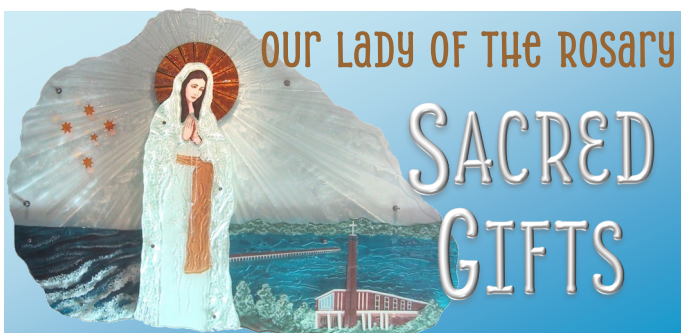
Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Virginia Tezano Villareal, Simon Butcher, Petar Lerotic, Frank & George Grech, Carolyn Finch, Narelle Adams, Joe Bond and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

Sick: Sharon MacDonald, Helen Freeman, Antonio Palagiano, Pam Elliott, Angel Cabral, 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: Finn Menser, Rio Moffitt, August & Frankie Harrison.

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.