



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

1st Sunday of Lent

Year C Cycle I

9 March 2025



Temptations

What tempts us? At a simple level we talk about self-indulgence. We give up chocolates or cream cakes for Lent because we are aware of how we can become dependent on, or addicted to, such pleasures of the table. At a more serious level, items like drugs or alcohol or gambling can become lifelong dependencies which prevent us living as independent human beings with free will. There are again other behaviours that can tempt us because we feel we can get away with them. We think of stealing and infidelities, cheating in a variety of ways. Again, our honesty is compromised, and we live lives of deceit, deceiving no one so much as ourselves. Then there are the temptations that play more directly with other peoples' lives, the temptations of power and wealth, which exploit and disregard others yet are sometimes regarded by society with admiration or at least envy. There are, no doubt, many other examples, but the list so far has probably depressed you enough. It is good to reflect, however, on where we stand in our own lives. What the list reveals is how we can fail to recognise temptation for what it is. Since the time of the famous apple eaten by Adam and Eve we have always claimed to be in the pursuit of good. What we fail to see are the side effects and consequences.

As we begin our Lenten journey, let us ask: Do we feed ourselves and neglect others? Are we committed to power and control rather than service? Are we also victims of the modern myth that all that matters are fame and fortune? Our answers to these questions will help us appreciate how much we are also being led by the Holy Spirit through the wilderness. Our lives are expressions of the mystery of salvation.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

Remember Project Compassion this Lent

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. Please donate today through the donation boxes, by scanning the QR code, online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.





Nursing Home Communion Service

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



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.

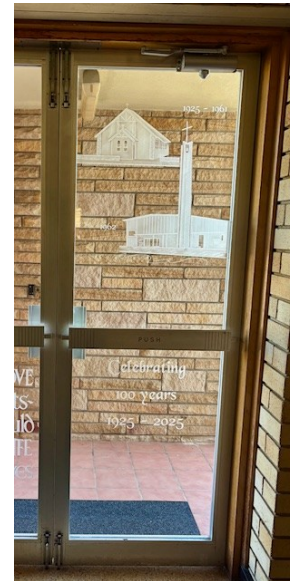


Secular Franciscans

We meet on the 2nd Friday of the month (14 March) at 1pm in the Reynolds Room. All welcome! Enquiries: 0439 519 018.

100 Year Anniversary of First OLR Church

Last Saturday Daphne Parsons and Vince O'Sullivan unveiled our new memorial glass panel at the Ashton Avenue door of the church, commemorating the 100-year anniversary of the opening of the first OLR Church here at The Entrance.



Farewell Mary!

Mary Curmi, organist extraordinaire, was farewelled by all on Sunday. All the best to you Mary!



Youth Group: The Light of Christ Within Us

Join us after the 5:00pm Mass this 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!



Congratulations Catechists!

Last weekend our Catechists were Commissioned to go forth into the Public Schools for 2025!



Long Line of OLR School Graduates

Parishioners were invited to a tour of the new OLR School building last week. One special guest was Diane McCudden, an original OLR student at The Entrance 70 years ago, shown here with the last of her grandchildren to go through to their final year at OLR Shelly Beach.



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 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.) **Please RSVP to the parish office on 4332 2216 if you will be attending the luncheon.**

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 and pray for Deacon Rosan at this time.



Welcome
To the
Andronicus, Craig
& Kabeck Families
for the Reception
of their children
for the Sacrament
of Baptism.



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



Rite of Elect
Two of our
Catechumens,
Blair & Cody
Creedy,
will be attending
the Rite of
Election at
Waitara Cathedral
this Sunday.



**Cards for
Deacon Rosan**
Please sign
Congratulations
Cards for
Deacon Rosan's
Ordination.
They are on
Church tables.

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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PARISH PRIEST & DEAN OF THE CENTRAL COAST Fr Brian Moloney

DEACONS Rev Rosan Mathew & Rev Paul Simmons **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE** Colleen Smith

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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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Dt 26:4-10

Rm 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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

Recently Deceased: Robbie Lamont, Angel Cabral, Fr Joe Martins, Maurice McCarthy.

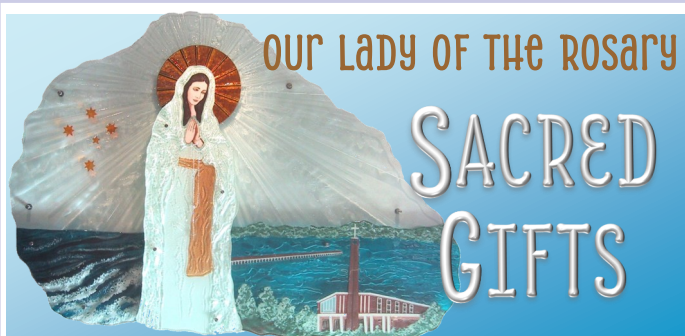
Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Virginia Tejano Villareal, Simon Butcher, Petar Lerotic, Lindsay, Mary & Matilda Curtis, Thomas, John, Len, Kathleen & Laurel Parsons, Luka & Anto Kozul, LKata & Augustin Tuke, Anna Naraj (birthday), Ivan Naraj and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Curtis, Parsons, Moore & Langley.

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: Henry Scardifield.

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.