



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

5th Sunday of Lent

Year C Cycle I

6 April 2025



Racing for the Finish

The readings today are a reminder that God has done, and will continue to do, great things in our lives. Isaiah, however, reminds us that there is no gain in continually dwelling on the past; rather we are called to notice God 'doing a new deed' as God calls us into the future. The woman brought before Jesus knows she has already been judged by the crowd around her and expects the same from Jesus. Yet, in her misery she finds Jesus offering her mercy and compassion. He releases her from her past and offers her a future full of possibilities. Paul says all he wants is 'to know Christ and the power of his resurrection'. What a great mantra for this final week of Lent! We too are 'straining ahead for what is still to come ... racing for the finish'. We only have a few more days with Jesus before he enters Holy Week. Can we allow him to look at us in the way he looked at the woman - to accept the mercy and compassion he offers and to be rescued from behaviours and judgements that may in the past have been harmful to others? There is still time to glimpse the new deed God is doing in us.

God's Word Sr Carmel Jones rsj

Holy Week Ceremonies

Tuesday 15 April	7.30pm Chrism Mass at Waitara Cathedral
Wednesday 16 April	6.00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation
Holy Thursday 17 April	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00pm-9.00pm Gethsemane Adoration
Good Friday 18 April	10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Confessions after both ceremonies
Holy Saturday 19 April	9.30am-10.00am Confessions 4.00pm-4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Easter Vigil Ceremonies and Mass
Easter Sunday 20 April	8.00am & 9.30am Masses 11am Mass at Reynolds Court Bateau Bay
Easter Monday 21 April	9.00am Mass (instead of Communion Service)



**Feast Days
this Week**

St Stanislaus
11 April



**Stations
of the Cross**
are 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
on Tuesday at
Opal Killarney
Vale at 11am.

Congratulations First Reconciliation Students!

This week we commend our students on completing their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Well done to you all and your families who have supported you throughout the programme.

A Catholic's First Reconciliation is a significant milestone in their spiritual journey. It marks the beginning of their understanding of sin and forgiveness, and it provides them with an opportunity to experience God's mercy and grace. Learning how to go to confession is an essential step in this spiritual process.

Children generally experience their first Reconciliation in our Diocese from the age of nine, when they begin to develop a more mature understanding of right and wrong, and the need to say 'sorry'.

Before their first Reconciliation, the children have participated in classes which have taught them about the concepts of sin, forgiveness, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They have learnt how to examine their conscience, which is a critical part of preparing for confession.

In the Examination of Conscience the children are encouraged to reflect on their actions and thoughts, identifying any instances where they have fallen short of God's teachings. This introspection helps them develop a deeper understanding of sin and the need for forgiveness. The examination of conscience is a key practice in preparing for both a child's first and all future confessions.

Then the children are guided through the process of going to Confession, which involves expressing their sins to the priest. They are encouraged to be honest and remorseful, seeking God's forgiveness. The priest may offer guidance and encouragement, addressing any concerns or questions the child may have. He may also assign a penance, which is typically a prayer or act of service that helps the child make reparation for their sins. The priest then, acting in the person of Christ, absolves the child of their sins, restoring their relationship with God. This is a moment of great spiritual relief and renewal for the child.

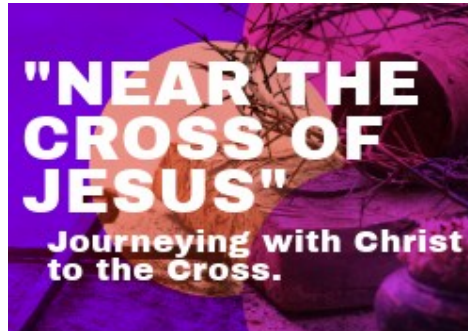
The Verdict

It is a poignant and significant scene: Jesus, and the woman surrounded by malicious men with stones in hand. The accusation over, Jesus bends down and doodles on the ground; the woman, weak in every sense, stands in the middle trembling. There is silence, pregnant, significant, and suffocating. The woman is silent as she knows she is guilty. The men are silent as they wait with bated breath for the verdict. Then from the depth of his being comes the unexpected and unsparing verdict: "Let him who is without sin...." The case is settled justly - everybody getting their due. Jesus tells the woman: "Neither do I condemn you." St John in the very first chapter of his Gospel stated that God sent his only Son not to condemn but to save. To share in the salvation brought by Jesus, she has to stop sinning. Hence the injunction of Jesus: "Do not sin again." So far she led a sinful life. Like the prodigal son, she too was dead, now she is restored to a life of dignity and holiness. Making responsible use of her freedom, now she has to nourish and grow in this life.

God's Word Fr Joe Nariveli SSP

Youth Group April Gathering

This month we are journeying with Christ to the Cross "Near the Cross of Jesus". Saturday 12 April after the 5pm Vigil Mass, finishing at 8pm. All youth aged 12-17 years are welcome - you can bring a friend along! Enquiries to the parish office on 4332 2216 or email theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au



KidsClub Celebrates Easter

KidsClub is a Parish social group for 5-12 year olds who want to make new friends, have fun, and learn more about Jesus! Siblings are welcome. Parents may stay or you can drop off and pick up at 4.45pm (parents must stay for children under 5 yrs). We encourage all to join us at 5pm Mass after KidsClub.

Saturday 12 April in the Reynolds Room from 3pm-4:45pm. No need to RSVP - just turn up!



The Pope's Prayer Intentions for April

For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Please Note

Secular Franciscans Invitation

You are invited to a Franciscan Anniversary of Profession Mass at 11.30am on Thursday 10 April. Please feel welcome to join us afterwards at a Simple Bring and Share Lunch to be held in the Parish Centre. This is a great opportunity to speak to some local Franciscans and find out what we do. For further information please contact Sandra Petith: 0499811177.

Choir Needs

An organist and choir members are needed for our weekend Masses. Practice is on Tuesdays at 5:30pm. Please see Anne-Maree our Music Coordinator or call the parish office on 4332 2216.

Easter Roster

The ministry roster for the Triduum ceremonies is now available in the Sacristy hallway. Thank you for your assistance at the ceremonies.

The Last Supper

The Last Supper film from 'The Chosen' series is being released in theatres from this Thursday. It is a powerful cinematic Biblical journey that brings to life the ultimate act of love and sacrifice as seen through the eyes of those who walked alongside Jesus. Event Cinemas Tuggerah 10-13 April at 3:20pm only. Hoyts Cinemas Erina 10-13 April at 3:00pm and 6:15pm only.

Parish Morning Tea



The Pelican Blue Family Group is hosting our Morning Tea next Sunday 13 April in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. All Welcome!



Lenten Reflections Mornings

Deacon Paul is holding Lenten Reflection Mornings on Wednesdays in the Reynolds Room after 9am Mass.



Project Compassion

Please donate through the money boxes, QR code, 1800 024 413 or caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Save Your Palms!



Don't trim your palms yet - we will need all who can to bring palms for the Palm Sunday Masses. Please drop off on the morning of Friday 11 April.

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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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Is 43:16-21

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

Keep Us In Your Prayers

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

Recently Deceased: Bruno Pedri, Maree Holden, Fay Jones, Robbie Lamont, Wally Moore, Noel de Silva, Michael Cook, Tom Kelly, Angel Ruhl, Jacqueline Peat.

Funerals: The funeral of Bruno Pedri will be held next Wednesday at 1pm. Please pray for Bruno and his family.

Anniversaries: Margaret Pizzuto, George Caruana, Silvia Coleman, Michael McCudden.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Petar Lerotic, Joe Bond, Frank & George Grech, Carolyn Finch, Narelle Adams and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

Sick: Stjepan Tuka, Peter McCarten, Pam Elliott, Carmel McSweeney, Graham Henneberry, Kathryn Walker, Pauline Fowler, Antonio Palagiano, Glenda Way, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will.

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.