



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Cycle II

16 June 2024



Mysterious Force

In today's Gospel we have two short stories for our reflection; the story of the seed that grows by itself and the story of the smallest seed of mustard which grows big. These stories narrate the mechanism of the growth of the tree of the kingdom of heaven. It is a process, in which there are stages of growth and production of fruits, and no one, but God alone, can understand or explain its mysterious force; it is a spiritual reality which goes beyond the pure material and casual dimensions of our existence. For our aptitude and tendencies we wish to see immediate results for our efforts. When that does not happen, we become impatient, discouraged, disillusioned and uncomfortable. Jesus today instead invites us to be patient, steady and persevering because a good seed, in its time, will produce good fruit. Hence, let us sow good seeds, and leave the growth and fruition to God.

God's Word Fr Devasio Joseph SSP

St Vinnie's Winter Appeal this Weekend

The Annual Vinnies Winter Appeal is being held at all Masses this weekend. Vinnies Winter Appeal is a vital source of funding for the many good works of the Society. Winter is the hardest time of year for all those struggling to keep warm and to put food on the table. Many battlers can't afford heating at all.

Your generosity is essential to the continuing help and support offered by St Vinnies volunteers to those most in need.

You may like to donate by: phone 13 18 12, online at vinnies.org.au or by envelopes placed in the collection boxes.





Feast Days this Week

**St Aloysius
Gonzaga**
21 June

**Sts John Fisher
& Thomas More**
22 June



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

This Sunday provides an opportunity for communities to stand together against abuse, mistreatment and neglect of older people.



Men's Group

Join us for lunch and a yarn.
Wednesday 19
June 12 noon at
Diggers Club.
All welcome!
Enquiries: Lui
4388 9510.



Nursing Home Mass

Mass and
Anointing will be
held at Nareen
Gardens Bateau
Bay on Tuesday
at 10.30am.

When You Were Young

When you were young you walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will take you where you would rather not go. (*John 21:18*) This prophecy of Christ might seem to be speaking merely of Peter's martyrdom, but it has an additional message for us today.

In the bad old days people died young and they died, on the whole, quickly. Practically always, they died among the people they had lived with. In today's kind world such things are receding into the past. Now we are deprived, one by one, of our faculties and all the achievements that made us adult and made us human. We are taken into hospitals or put into homes and imprisoned there by our weakness. If we are unlucky, we are subjected to systematic humiliation and daily petty cruelty from those who ought to be caring for us. If we are lucky, the kindness we receive is still a reminder that we are not the proud, independent beings we once were.

Let us pray for the weak and old and helpless. Let us pray for their carers (ourselves included), that they may lay their frustrations before Jesus and, by his grace, not take them out on those they should be caring for. Let us pray to St Peter that God may allow us to embrace death, like him, before our endurance fails.

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Transformation

This week's readings focus on the themes of growth, faith, and trust in God's timing and plan. In the First Reading from the book of Ezekiel, God uses the image of a cedar tree to illustrate how he will take a small sprig and make it flourish into a majestic tree, symbolising the growth and flourishing of his people. The passage reminds us of God's ability to bring about growth and renewal in our lives, even from humble beginnings.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, Paul emphasises the importance of walking by faith and not by sight, reiterating the message of trusting in God's plan and timing. He encourages us to live our lives in a manner that is pleasing to the Lord, knowing that we will ultimately be judged based on our faithfulness and trust in him.

Finally, in the Gospel reading from Mark, Jesus uses the parable of the mustard seed to illustrate the growth of the kingdom of God. Despite its small size at the beginning, the mustard seed grows into a large shrub, representing the expansive and transformative nature of God's kingdom.

Overall, the readings call us to have faith in God's ability to bring about growth and renewal, to trust in his timing, and to live our lives in a manner that reflects our faith and trust in him. The messages remind us that even from small beginnings, God can bring about great things and that our faith and trust in him will ultimately lead to flourishing and transformation in our lives.

Colleen Smith *Pastoral Associate*

Quote for the Week

O Master, make me chaste, but not yet!! - St Augustine

Value

Growing up on a farm with a large garden, my parents always cursed the couch grass. It was a weed that spread like bushfire, with tough networking roots. However, this non-native species has become a go-to lawn variety throughout mainland Australia because of its resilience and drought-resistance. It has gone from a curse to a plant of value. So it is with the Kingdom, or Reign, of God. We might not appreciate it as it starts to grow, but eventually we discover its extent and true value. The mustard plants in Jesus' time were considered weeds, and the birds they sheltered were a problem for the farmers. Yet Jesus considers the birds and their needs as well. The Reign is valued by those who are the least in our world; the lowly are raised and the mighty brought down.

God's Word Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

Family Mass

We warmly invite you and your family to the Family Mass event on Saturday 22 June. After the 5pm Mass, we would love for you to join us for some light refreshments in the parish hall. This event is open to all families and friends, so feel free to bring your loved ones along. If you wish to lend a hand with the refreshments, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 4332 2216 and leave your details. Thank you and we hope to see you there! Please RSVP to assist us with catering to the QR code or the following address <https://forms.office.com/r/TL5yZJri7S>



New OLR School Building

You may have noticed much building activity at Our Lady of the Rosary School. We have been blessed with the construction of a new 15 classroom building with lots of shared spaces and a fabulous undercover area. This is a long-awaited, and very much needed, project. When the building is complete, we will also finally see the portable classrooms removed and a much larger oval.

We can't wait until it is finished and look forward to inviting our Parish family to see the new building.



Welcome
to the Doherty and Rosenberg Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.



Congratulations
to Zara Doppler and Samuel Knight on making your First Eucharist this weekend.



Parish Morning Tea
The Ambrosian Family Group is hosting our Morning Tea this Sunday 16 June in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. All Welcome!

ENCOUNTER

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Encounter Event
for Young Adults
"Why the Church Needs Us!"
21 June 6pm at
St John the Baptist Church
125 Blackwall Road Woy Woy.
RSVP to
8379 1626.

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)
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

11th Sunday

Ezekial 17:22-24

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-34

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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

Recently Deceased: Leo Lamont, Nicolai Sirolli, Greg Moran, David Searle, Doreen Barnes, Mario Bonnici.

Funerals: The funeral of Nick Sirolli will be held next Tuesday at 1pm. The funeral of Leo Lamont will be held next Friday at 10am.

Anniversaries: Stephen Henry, Margaret Pizzuto.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Daniel Heggarty, Alfonz Matijasevic, Christopher Moore (birthday), Betty O'Neill, Leonie Perera (birthday), Norman Tate and all the Holy Souls.

Sick: Bill Mahoney, Stephen Whitehead, Anne Clancy, Antonio Palagiano, Glenda Way, Joshua McCarroll, Christopher Malone, Margaret Falzon, Phil Pannell, Susan Simmons, Jenny Balacco, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Lennox Rosenberg, Levi & Ruby McInnes, Evelyn, William & Lucinda Mellon.

Special Intentions: Ronald & Brenda Warrender for health and love.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

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CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Everyone Welcome!

The Gift Centre is open each weekend before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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