



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Cycle II

30 June 2024



Rubbing Shoulders With Us

Does God care about us? It seems like a question that is unanswerable. But God has already answered it. He answered it by coming into our world in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus came not only into our world, to rub shoulders with us, but also into the lives of individual human beings, to show his loving concern for them.

For evidence, we need go no further than today's Gospel. First, there's the unhappy woman who for twelve long years has suffered from a haemorrhage. It has left her weak, almost penniless - lots of doctor's bills but no cure - and has rendered her, and anyone who touches her, ritually unclean. Perhaps it's the nature of her condition that leads her to approach Jesus unobtrusively from behind. She stretches out and touches his cloak. Immediately she feels power coursing through her body and knows that her complaint is no more. In addressing her affectionately as "daughter", Jesus gives her courage to tell her story publicly. It is her faith, he explains, that has won the cure and now she can go forth "in peace".

Then there's the little girl. She's just twelve years old when she becomes grievously sick. Her distraught father, one of the important local officials, seeks Jesus' help. It's a measure of his distress that he does not stand on his dignity: he casts himself down before Jesus and begs for his help. Jesus promises to come to the child. But he delays, diverted by the healing of the woman; then it's reported to him that the child is already dead. Patiently the official waits for Jesus; he walks with him towards what he fears will be his dead child; yet even now he trusts in Jesus. He is wonderfully rewarded. Taking the child by the hand, Jesus says - the very words he speaks in his native tongue are recorded - "Talitha, kum!", "Little girl, get up." Then he restores the youngster alive to her rejoicing parents, thoughtfully reminding them to give her something to eat.

In each case Jesus knows that his actions - his touching of an outcast woman, his touching of a corpse, even that of a child - will make him ritually unclean in other people's eyes, yet it does not deter him from his mission of mercy. The Gospel writer uses expressions that may hint at a deeper meaning behind the miracles: "your faith has restored you to health: might be translated as "your faith has brought you salvation". Similarly, the word translated "get up" can also mean "arise", as used of the resurrection. Jesus is a conqueror not only of sickness but even of death itself.

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**Feast Days
this Week**
**St Thomas,
Apostle**
3 July



**Nursing Home
Mass**
Mass and
Anointing will be
held on Tuesday
at Killarney Court
Killarney Vale
at 11am.



**Low Gluten
Hosts**
Please see one
of the Priests
before Mass
if you are
a coeliac.



**Quote
for the Week**

*The truth is not
always the same
as the majority
decision.*
- St John Paul II

Rubbing Shoulders With Us *(continued)*

There are many times when we all feel that God is very far away, hardly interested in the likes of us. Today's Gospel shows how mistaken we are. The Lord touches, and is touched by, a woman who is regarded as untouchable. The Lord approaches a little girl when people are saying, "She's already dead, don't trouble Jesus any further" and, by implication, "there's nothing he can do now".

Each time he works a miracle, it's a sign of his mighty power; but, more important than that, it is a demonstration of his deep love for ordinary people, little people like ourselves. Miracles are of their nature rare events, but what they reveal is something permanent and unconditional - God's loving concern for each of us. That conviction brings joy into life; it bolsters our faith in difficult times; it encourages us never to give up hope; it assures us that despite our littleness we are important. So important that we are deeply loved and cared for by our great heavenly Father. His care is not merely for a day or a year, not even for a lifetime. It's for eternity.

The Living Word Redemptorist Publications

With God

This week's readings remind us of the importance of faith and trust in God. In the Gospel of Mark, we are presented with the story of Jairus, a synagogue official, who demonstrates great faith by seeking out Jesus to ask for the healing of his daughter. Along the way, a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years also demonstrates unwavering faith in Jesus and is healed when she touches his cloak.

This reminds us that no matter the circumstances, our faith and trust in God can lead to miraculous outcomes. It's a powerful reminder to remain steadfast in our faith, especially in times of hardship, and to always seek the healing and comforting presence of God in our lives.

As we reflect on these readings, let's remember to approach our own challenges with unwavering faith, knowing that with God, all things are possible. Let's also strive to demonstrate compassion and understanding towards others, just as Jesus did in these readings.

Colleen Smith *Pastoral Associate*

Feast of St Thomas the Doubter

Who is the "Doubting Thomas" of today? People believe in the Resurrection, but do they know where our Risen Saviour dwells? The "Doubting Thomas" today is the one who does not believe that the Blessed Sacrament is Jesus, our Risen Saviour, with all of the power of his Resurrection flowing out to those who come into his divine Presence!

Many would say "yes" they believe in the real presence. But faith is more than an intellectual assent. Belief is inseparable from behaviour. If we believe that Jesus is present in the Blessed Sacrament, then we behave according to our belief. We go to him, we come to him, we run to him. As St Paul says, "Faith is confident assurance of what we hope for and conviction about those things we do not see." (*Heb 11:1*)

Letters to a Brother Priest Msgr Pepe

Fr Hill's 60th Anniversary of Ordination

We are celebrating Fr John Hill's 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday 14 July at the 9:30am Mass.

Fr Hill was ordained in 1964 for the Archdiocese of Sydney. After further studies he taught philosophy for many years in Springwood and Manly Seminaries. He has been Parish Priest at Davidson, Pymble and Woy Woy before retiring to live in The Entrance Parish. We greatly appreciate his assistance during our Priest's absence and at our Anointing Masses.

After the Mass we will have a Morning Tea in the Parish Centre. Please join us in showing our appreciation to Fr Hill for his long and fruitful ministry.

Please Note

New TV System

We are very pleased to have our new TV screens up and running after the old projector failed. The screens may not be visible from everywhere in the Church, so please move to where you can see them clearly. We have plenty of room in pews with good views. This was the best positioning possible for the screens to be located.

Year of Prayer – Video Series with Very Rev Dr David Ranson

Mission Broken Bay is grateful for the work and time of Fr David in preparing a series of 8 video Christian Meditations on Prayer. The first of these are now available to watch at: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/mission/year-of-prayer> or on the [DBB YouTube channel](#).

Ignite Conference Launch

Our Broken Bay Diocese is holding an Ignite Conference Launch with a Praise Rally featuring Emmanuel Worship, the music behind the Ignite Conference. Join us at St Agatha's Parish Pennant Hills on 4 July for a BBQ at 5:30pm and the Rally from 6:30-8pm. Free event - RSVP for catering to the QR Codes on the posters on our noticeboards.

Ignite 2024 | Save the Date

Thursday 26 September – Saturday 28 September. Broken Bay is again delighted to host the Ignite Sydney Conference, a gathering of Catholics for four days of formation, renewal of faith, and powerful worship. It is a conference for all children, high school students, and young adults, and deeper sessions for adults, specifically parishioners, priests, religious, ministry leaders, parents, and grandparents. There is a 50% subsidy for parishioners. Please contact Mission@bbcatholic.org.au

Free Seminar and Morning Tea

Do you have a Will or need it updated? Do you know what Enduring Guardianship is, or want to know more about Bequests? The Diocese is hosting a Free Seminar and Morning Tea to answer all your questions with lawyer and parishioner Cecilia Castle on Tuesday 20 August, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, at The Epping Club, Epping. If you would like to know more, please send an email to events@bbcatholic.org.au

Spirituality in the Pub

The next meeting of Spirituality in the Pub is 7.30-9pm on Tuesday 2 July at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming. Guest speakers are Lynne Hayes, General Practitioner, and Philip Hayes, retired eye surgeon, both now volunteering in pastoral ministries. Bistro opens at 5.30pm. Enquiries: 0415 129250.



Welcome
to the
Levesque &
Blackley Families
for the Reception
of their children
for the Sacrament
of Baptism.



**Anointing
of the Sick**
will be celebrated
Friday 5 July
during 11:45am
Mass for those
over 65 or with
serious or long-
term illness.



Adoration
Adoration of
the Blessed
Sacrament is held
on each first
Saturday (6 July)
following 9am
Mass for one
hour, concluding
with Benediction.



**First Friday
Cuppa Time!**
Join us in the
parish centre
after the
Anointing Mass
next Friday for a
cuppa, nibbles
and good
company!

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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

13th Sunday

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mark 5:21-43

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

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

Recently Deceased: Patrick Maher, Pamela Walton, Marie Lintott, Ilario Senno, Gorge Caruana, Bernard McRae, Leo Lamont, Nick Sirolli.

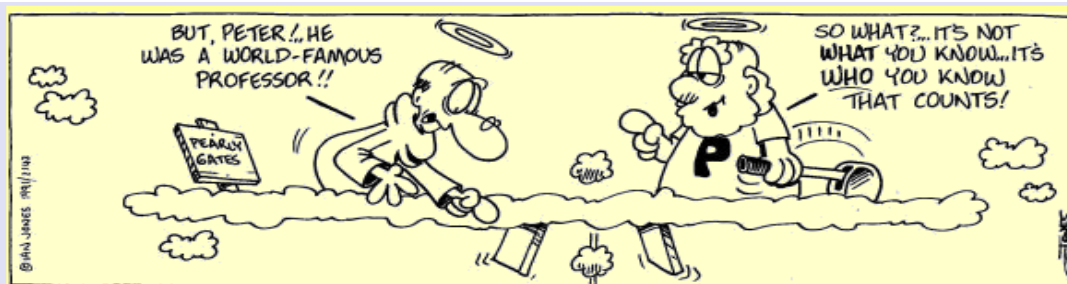
Funerals: The funerals of Marie Lintott and Ilario Senno were held during the week. The funeral of Pamela Walton will be held on Thursday at 10am. Please pray for Marie, Ilario, Pamela and their families.

Anniversaries: Giovanni Baron.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Daniel Heggarty, Betty O'Neill, Dallis McDonald, Peter Lerotic, Carl Sanchez, Martin & Lela Borg, Charlie & Joan Borg, Sam Marmara and all the Holy Souls.

Sick: Michael Drinan, Bill Mahony, Anne Clancy, Antonio Palagiano, Glenda Way, Joshua McCarroll, 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.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT 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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