



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Cycle II

9 June 2024



Congratulations First Eucharist Candidates!

Last weekend two groups of children received their First Eucharist. The children were beautiful and very excited for this special day in their lives. We have loved having so many young families in the Church on these occasions. Congratulations to all and thank you to Colleen and the OLR Teachers for their preparation of the children, and the parents and families for their support and participation in the programme! We look forward to seeing you all again in the near future.

All of Us

There is a lot of "them" and "us" in our world. At the start of a documentary entitled *Us and Them / The Story of Us*, the actor, producer and narrator Morgan Freeman refers to his home state of Mississippi, where he feels a sense of belonging, not just to the land but to the people too. He experiences it in the way people talk, in the food they eat, and in the way they treat one another. But he also refers to the history of segregation in his state, where people were polarised into separate camps – into an "us" and a "them". He recognises that there is still division, culturally and politically, in a world where people can barely talk to one another and where division spawns hate, and he wonders if this is part of human nature or if we can bridge the gap that separates "us" from "them".

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**Feast Days
this Week**
**St Barnabas,
Apostle**
 11 June
**St Anthony
of Padua**
 13 June



Clergy Conference

Our Priests will be
away at the annual
Clergy Conference
next week.

We thank Fr Hill
for supplying in
their absence.



Christian Meditation Group

All are welcome
to join us in the
Benedictine style
of meditation each
Friday from 10:30-
11:30am in the
Reynolds Room.



Low Gluten Hosts

Please see one
of the Priests
before Mass
if you are
a coeliac.

All of Us (continued)

His question is a challenging one. Parents and teachers often remark on how small children don't "see" difference the way adults might and are naturally inclusive in their play. Yet the world in which these children grow up is undoubtedly divided – by race, nationality, geography, wealth, war, climate change and inequality – and children soon recognise division. This may make us wonder if we are destined to be divided and if it is impossible to preserve, nurture and restore inclusivity and unity. Are we inevitable victims of our self-created divisions, doomed to a cycle of war and destruction – not only of "them" but also of "us"?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus makes it clear that it is in doing God's will that we are united. The scribes seem intent on "othering" Jesus – insinuating that "Beelzebub" or an "unclean spirit" is in him – thereby discouraging the crowd from listening to him. In an atmosphere of such division, Jesus is emphatic in his assertion that people who are divided can never stand. When people in the crowd tell him that his mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for him, he gestures towards those who have been sitting listening to him and identifies them as his mother and brothers, saying that anyone who does the will of God is his brother and sister and mother. He refuses to see God's family as polarised into "us" – his family – and "them" – not his family.

There is nothing wrong with difference, and much of the richness of humanity stems from differences in personalities, places and cultures. Often the right thing to do is to protect such differences. But when we think in terms of "us" and "them", we are usually looking at difference as something bad – the bad being in "them" rather than in "us". We witness incitement to hatred and division in an "othering" of people who may be "different" from us but who should not be "less" than us.

Much of this is deliberate, and can be seen in violence, war and the exploitation of resources for the gain of some but to the detriment of others. Sometimes it is less conscious, when people absorb biases and adopt behaviours that seem harmless but that have an impact on others – such as a failure to recognise privilege we take for granted but that others do not have because of race, nationality, geographical location or disability. Jesus' word throughout the Gospels leaves us in no doubt that God's will is that we be united as one household rather than divided – that "us" can be composed of many "thems". To discern what God wants us to do so that we may truly call ourselves one household, we must treat everyone as the mother and brother and sister of Jesus, and so of ourselves.

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Faith & Trust

The readings for the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time call us to reflect on the power of faith and the importance of trusting in God's plan for our lives. The First Reading from the book of Genesis tells the story of Adam and Eve's disobedience and subsequent hiding from God. This reminds us of our own tendency to sin and turn away from God, but also of God's unfailing love and desire to bring us back to him.

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Faith & Trust *(continued)*

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, Paul speaks about the importance of walking by faith and not by sight. He reminds us that even though we face hardships and trials in this life, we can have hope and confidence in the promises of God.

Finally, in the Gospel reading from Mark, we hear about Jesus calming the storm on the sea. This miracle demonstrates Jesus' power over the natural elements and calls us to have faith and trust in him, even in the midst of life's storms. The readings for this Sunday are calling us to have faith and trust in God, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. They remind us that God's love and power are greater than any storm we may face in life, and that he is always with us, guiding us and protecting us. May we be inspired by these readings to deepen our faith and trust in God, and to turn to him in all things.

Colleen Smith *Pastoral Associate*

Vinnie's Winter Appeal

The Annual Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held at all Masses next weekend 15/16 June. 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 placing envelopes in the collection boxes.

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 using the QR code or the following address <https://forms.office.com/r/TL5yZJri7S>



Safe Places for Faith Communities Grant

The parish has received a grant for funding our security fencing under the Safe Places for Faith Communities Program sponsored by Multicultural NSW. This will enable us to complete the perimeter fencing. We are very grateful to Multicultural NSW and Steve Kamper MP for this grant, which will contribute to the safety and wellbeing of our parish community. If you would like to show your appreciation: safeplacesgrants@multicultural.nsw.gov.au



Welcome
to the McInnes
Family for the
Reception of their
child for the
Sacrament of
Baptism.



KidsClub
Come along
Saturday 15 June
3-4:45pm in the
Reynolds Room.
Make friends,
have fun, and
learn more about
Jesus! Free entry.



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



**Secular
Franciscans**
We meet on the
second Friday
of the month
(14 June) at 1pm
in the Reynolds
Room. All
welcome!
Enquiries:
0439 519 018.

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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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

10th Sunday

Genesis 3:9-15

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

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

Recently Deceased: Greg Moran, David Searle, Doreen Barnes, Mario Bonnici, June Edwards.

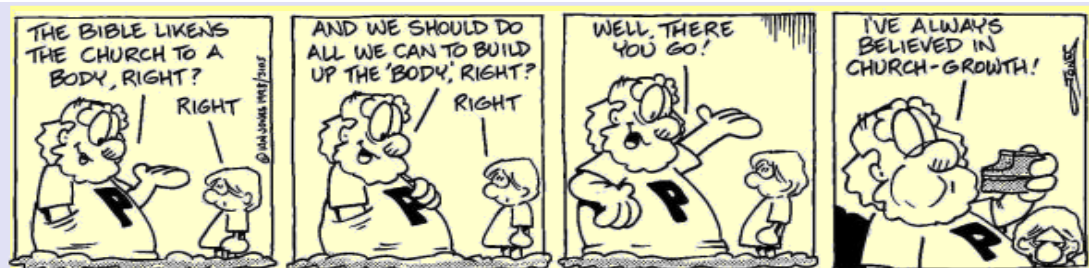
Anniversaries: Col McLaurin, Margaret Pizzuto, Elizabeth & Thomas Kirkham, Christopher Moore, Maggie Caruana, Betty O'Neill, Frank McCudden.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Daniel Heggarty, Ralph Jayesuria, Alfonz Matijasevic, Mario Galasso and all the Holy Souls.

Sick: Anne Clancy, Antonio Palagiano, Glenda Way, Joshua McCarroll, Christopher Malone, Leo Lamont, Terry Mallia, 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: Lilliana Shanahan, Lenny & Felix Dineen-Griffin, Maddison Martorana, Valentim Santos Santana.

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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