



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Cycle II

28 July 2024



## Willing and Generous

The First Reading and the Gospel of today speak about the reality of hunger and the food that satisfies. In both instances people were hungry and in need of food. In the Gospel episode, the crowd is large and far from any town. By human standards they are in an impossible situation for they have no way to obtain food. But what is impossible for humans is possible for the God of compassion and love. Jesus challenges the disciples to come up with a solution: "Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?" Andrew's half-hearted initiative and the boy's generosity are blessed by Jesus with remarkable results. The small boy's 'five barley loaves and two fish' are enough to feed well over 5,000 people, with plenty left over!

God works wonders when we are willing to cooperate with him. Complaining and murmuring about the enormity of a problem won't solve it. But if we are willing and generous enough to place our small contribution at the Lord's feet, remarkable results can come. St Paul exhorts us today to lead a life worthy of the vocation to which we are called, and to support one another in love, with complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Humility, gentleness, patience in all situations and loving support for each other are hallmarks of the Christian life.

*God's Word* Fr Joe Eruppakkatt SSP

## The New Food

Jesus is the new food for people. He is readily available. He leads people out of the slavery of sin to the freedom of being sons and daughters of God; a new exodus takes place in him. During the time of this exodus (each person's lifetime) Jesus offers himself as food. He continues to replicate this sign every time the Eucharist is celebrated. He is "the Lamb of God", who takes away the sins of the world.

*365 Days with the Lord* Fr Mark G Boyer

  
**Feast Days**  
**Sts Martha,  
Mary & Lazarus**  
29 July  
**St Ignatius  
Loyola** 31 July  
**St Alphonsus  
Ligouri** 1 August  
**St Peter Faber**  
2 August  
**St Dominic**  
3 August



**Anointing  
of the Sick**  
will be celebrated  
Friday 2 August  
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 (3  
August) following  
9am Mass for one  
hour, closing  
with Benediction.



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

## The Living Bread

The Gospel today again shows Jesus to be the Lord, the good shepherd, who makes his people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them (see Psalm 23:1, 5).

The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfill his promise, which we sing of in today's Psalm - to give his people food in due season and satisfy their desire (see Psalm 81:17).

But Jesus points to the final fulfillment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things he does at the Last Supper - he takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, "eucharist"), and gives the bread to the people (see Matthew 26:26). Notice, too, that twelve baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the Apostles.

These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist - in which the Church, founded on the Apostles, continues to feed us with the living bread of his Body.

In this Eucharist, we are made one Body with the Lord, as we hear in today's Epistle. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling.

*St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology*

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Attention all parents and carers of students in Year 3 and above who are interested in having their child receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Please carefully read the following information and feel free to contact the parish office if you have any questions on 4332 2216.

- Please complete the Expression of Interest Form if you are considering the Sacrament of Confirmation for your child. It's important to note that completing this form does NOT enrol your child into the Sacrament.
- The purpose of the Expression of Interest Form is to help us assist families who wish for their child/ren to receive the Sacrament and to ensure their eligibility. It is also to identify those families who are not able to attend our Confirmation ceremony at 7pm on Friday 15 November. Our ceremony is the last one for the year in the Diocese, so if your child is not available for this date they may need to wait until next year or be Confirmed in a different parish. This form will also help us determine the number of children to be prepared for Confirmation and ensure that we have sufficient resources for the increased numbers in our programme.
- To enrol your child for the Sacrament of Confirmation you will be required to attend the Information and Enrolment evening, 7pm Tuesday 6 August at the Parish Hall, 239-243 The Entrance Road, The Entrance. If you are not able to attend this evening, please contact the parish office on 4332 2216 to make an appointment during office hours to meet with a member of the Sacramental Team. (Please allow at least 40 minutes for this appointment).
- Please use the QR code or the web address to complete the Expression of Interest Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/jqgtrFitFV>



## CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal

There is no place like home – but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness. I invite you to consider supporting the homelessness services provided by CatholicCare. On any given night, 116,000 people in Australia are experiencing homelessness, and right throughout our own Diocese of Broken Bay there are people every night sleeping in parks, bus shelters, cars and on couches.

By supporting the Appeal on the weekend 10/11 August, you are ensuring that CatholicCare can continue offering meals, facilities, accommodation, case management and connection for the most vulnerable people in our community, through facilities like Dom's Place, Mary Mac's Place, street sleeping outreach, our women's refuge and more. Thank you.

## Thinking about Becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know has been thinking about becoming Catholic or has questions about taking the next step, we want you to know that you're not alone. Life events, family and friends, joys and sorrows can all draw a person to respond to God in faith, and we understand that this can be a significant decision. There are many paths that lead people to consider the Catholic faith, and this Tuesday 30 July at 6pm in the Parish Hall will provide a calm and supportive environment to learn about the steps to becoming Catholic and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). We're here to support you. Enquiries: 4332 2216.

## Older Children Wanting to Become Catholic

Our Right of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) programme is also beginning in August. This programme is for older children 9-14 years who wish to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. It will be run over 12 sessions between August and December from 4-5pm in the Parish Centre. For enquiries please speak to Colleen on 4332 2216.

## Family Mass

All families are warmly invited to attend our Family Mass on Saturday 17 August at 5pm. Refreshments will be available after Mass in the parish hall. Please RSVP using the QR code or phone 4332 2216 for catering purposes.



## Please Note

### St Mary MacKillop Feast Day Celebration

We invite you to a day of celebration, prayer and pilgrimage for St Mary of the Cross' Feast Day on 8 August at Mary MacKillop Place, 80 William Street North Sydney. Mass times: 8am in the Chapel, 10am and 1pm on Glen Roy Green (bring a hat), and 6pm in the Chapel. Free entry into our Museum. Light meals and refreshments and accommodation available onsite. Visit our website: [www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au) or phone: 02 8912 4800.



**CatholicCare  
and the Diocese  
of Broken Bay**  
Combating  
Homelessness  
Together



**Welcome**  
to the Laing &  
Hay Families  
for the Reception  
of their children  
for the Sacrament  
of Baptism.



**Congratulations  
Deacon Justin  
Faerhmann!**  
Son of Peter and  
Millie, ordained  
Deacon to serve  
in the Archdiocese  
of Sydney.



**OLR Kids Club**  
Join us this  
Saturday 27 July  
for lots of fun,  
activities, games  
and snacks! For  
kids 5-12 years  
(younger must be  
with a parent)  
from 3-4:45pm in  
the Reynolds  
Room.

# 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

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

**Entrance Antiphon:** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Catherine Trussell, Peter Whitehead, Bishop Kevin Manning, June Calkin, Leonie Hatton, Ena Richards, Peter Sivright, Susan Simmons, Andrew Horvat.

**Funerals:** The funerals of Leonie Hatton and Catherine Trussell were held during the week. The funeral of Peter Whitehead is on Tuesday at 10:30am. Please pray for Leonie, Catherine, Peter and their families.

**Anniversaries:** David Drinan, Kathy Lowe-Scafidi, Annie Ryan.

**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Bernard Malone, Bartolo Lucchese, John Donohue, June Maher, Denis Farrell, Annette Howell, Leo Lowe, Simon Butcher and all the Holy Souls.

**Families:** Moore & Langley.

**Sick:** Sadie Fletcher, Frano Stitic, Jonah Langley, Michael Drinan, Bill Mahony, Anne Clancy, Antonio Palagiano, Glenda Way, Joshua McCarroll, Margaret Falzon, Phil Pannell, Jenny Balacco, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Belle Naylor, Maeva Levesque, Noah Foran.

## 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!

**Enquiries 4332 2216**