



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Cycle II

25 August 2024



Crunch Point

At the end of Jesus' discourse on the bread of life we reach a crunch point. Jesus has manifested his glory through the feeding of the five thousand, he has walked on water, and now, following his teaching on the need to feed on him to find life, he awaits a response. The disciples have witnessed his divinity through his "signs". They have heard him put into words what they have seen before their eyes. Now it is decision time. Seeing and hearing all that Jesus is about, are they prepared to commit all to him? Do they believe that he is the one through whom they can find access to the Father, whom Jesus lovingly calls "Abba"?

There are always going to be times when things do not seem to make sense; times when there is the temptation to turn away from God, when we are hurt, angry, burdened or even scandalised. However, difficult as the journey of life and the way of discipleship may be at times, there is the constant call to reflect on God's goodness, and to keep making positive choices for Jesus.

Jesus gave the disciples a choice. He presents us with that same choice. When Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, he asked them the same question that we are asked today. Whom do you wish to serve? Considering how Jesus has brought us liberation from sin, freedom from the despair of overpowering burdens, and the promise of eternal life, perhaps we will be able to echo Peter's stunning statement regarding Jesus' challenge. He is the light of the world. He is the bread of life. His promises are true. Where else can we go? We will serve him.

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Hope of Forgiveness

In true contrition and humility of heart is brought forth hope of forgiveness; a troubled conscience is reconciled; grace that was lost is recovered; a man is secured from the wrath that is to come, and God meets the penitent soul in the holy kiss of peace.

The Imitation of Christ Thomas à Kempis



Feast Days This Week

St Monica
27 August

St Augustine
28 August

**The Passion of
St John the
Baptist**
29 August



Annual Clergy Retreat

Our Clergy will be away at their annual Retreat this week, returning Friday. We thank Fr Hill for supplying in their absence.



We wish to thank Br Stephen for his service as Acolyte and Tilly Timp for Reading at our Masses. They have both retired from Roster duty.



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The Quest for God

Jesus' teachings are hard and many of the disciples were not able to accept them. So, they left Jesus and returned to their former lives. The way of the cross and the narrow road were too difficult. But Peter is willing to accept the challenge and even more importantly, he is ready to accept the truth. The Twelve realised how difficult it was but were compelled to stay. They knew their mission was fraught with danger and they were bound to confront evil to do what was right. Peter says, "To whom shall we go?", because once we have the truth in our grasp how can we turn to anything else?

The twelve tribes of Israel came to the same conclusion back in Joshua's time. When he bluntly asks them to decide there and then if they are going to continue to serve the Lord, we see that they were not willing to abandon themselves to the ways of their surrounding culture. They chose to stay the course, to serve the Lord, and not forget what God had done for them. In the same way, the twelve apostles chose faithfulness and service in their time.

So, what does all this mean for us today? Well, each of us is confronted with a choice. Do we choose to follow God, or are we led along by the culture of our time and place? Do we accept the hard teachings of Jesus, or do we take the easier road and walk away? Do we choose truth and goodness, or do we allow our hearts to succumb to the evil and darkness of this world? And we do not merely make this choice once in our lives. We make this choice day by day and moment by moment.

We might respond by saying that Joshua is not standing in front of us now asking us to decide. But the call to serve the Lord is present in every generation. The Israelites were living in a foreign land with strange customs and competing gods. Is our culture and technology not similar in offering us counter-Christian views and constant distractions? It is up to each of us to make the active decision to put down our smartphone or turn off our television and direct our minds to God. This may be just a simple prayer, or some time contemplating nature or attending Mass, but let us not take these things for granted but strive to choose God every day.

Or we might also respond by saying that Jesus was talking to his disciples two thousand years ago, not directly to us today. But did Jesus not say that whatever you do for the least of these you do for me? By choosing to help the person in need we are choosing to follow the Master. This is not always easy or convenient, but it is the way of accompanying Jesus. Through our daily acts of love and kindness we are again choosing to serve the Lord. And to whom else would we go? Once we recognise Jesus as "the Holy One of God" we are united in our quest and we remain steadfast in our service of the Lord and each other.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Media

Humour Time

When a man was caught standing on the bathroom scales by his wife, sucking in his stomach, she laughed, "Ha! That's not going to help!" He replied, "Sure, it does. It's the only way I can see the numbers."

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Rosan's Diaconate Ordination

Bishop Anthony will be celebrating Rosan's Diaconate Ordination here at the 5pm Mass on 21 September. In preparation for this historic event for our parish please fill in the RSVP sheets on the information tables if you are intending to come to the supper afterwards, for catering purposes. Please also keep Rosan in your prayers.

Singing at Mass

Anyone who sings *prays twice*, said St. Augustine. The holy Bishop of Hippo meant that singing adds to our praise and worship of God - that our voices are gifts, with which we can make music to the Lord. Sung prayer expresses the joy of the heart, the happiness resulting from one who has encountered Jesus Christ and experienced his love.

We thank our musicians for leading us in praising God at Mass.

If you would like to join the choir please talk to one of them or contact the Parish office for more information.

KidsClub

You're invited to KidsClub next Saturday 7 September 3-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. KidsClub is a Parish social group for children aged 5-12 (and their siblings) who want to make new friends, have fun, and learn more about Jesus! Free entry, games, craft and activities as well as snacks! Parents are welcome to stay or you can drop off and pick up (parents must stay for children under 5 years). Our group leaders have WWCC. We encourage all to join us at 5pm Mass after KidsClub.

Please Note

Joseph House | House of Discernment for Men - Applications Open!

Joseph House is a place of intentional discernment. Residents engage in daily prayer, fraternity, and spiritual formation, helping them realise the universal call to holiness received at Baptism and discern God's specific plan for their lives. This is achieved while they continue with their regular employment, studies, and social activities. For more information contact Vocations Broken Bay 8379 1626 or email josephhouse@bbcatholic.org.au

National 'Make-a-Will' Month

August is National Make-a-Will Month, which serves as reminder to think about your estate plans and the legacy you can leave with the gifts God has given you. As you consider your plans, we would be most grateful if you would think about making provision in your will, trust, or estate plan for our parish. If you do not yet have a will, Geoff O'Reilly of Nash, Allen, Williams and Wotton has offered to provide a free will to those bequeathing \$10,000 or more to our parish. Thank you for your consideration!

Long-Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region

The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco, are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31 2024. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au



Welcome
to the
Huisman &
Whiteford Families
for the Reception
of their children
for the Sacrament
of Baptism.



Congratulations
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who is being
Ordained
a Priest
for our Diocese
of Broken Bay
this weekend.



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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

21st Sunday

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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

Recently Deceased: Michael Connery, Robert Mennie, Irene Ruhl, Patricia Firth, Patrick Jackson, Faye O'Donnell, James Davidson, Carol & Thomas Scanlon, Michael Percival, Kathleen Barrie.

Funerals: A funeral for Irene Ruhl will be held next Friday at 1pm. Please pray for Irene and her family.

Anniversaries: Michael Hart, Frank Cammareri, Sidney Jayesuria, Maria Graham, Pilar McCudden, Margaret Foley.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Delma Clarke, Martin & Bridget Deehan, Beatrice Altnacta & brother, Win & Jerry Maher, Bernadette & Arthur O'Neill and the Holy Souls.

Families: Deehan.

Sick: Nan Newton, Jacob McCarroll, Beau Davis (3yrs), Max Leete, Sadie Fletcher, Frano Stitic, Jonah Langlely, Michael Drinan, Bill Mahony, Anne Clancy, Phil Pannell, 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

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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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