



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Cycle II

4 August 2024



Better Still

Jesus offers the bread "come down from heaven." He himself is the bread, and his words are words of eternal life. Jesus invites the people to "communion" of this bread through faith - to believe in the One whom God has sent: Jesus himself. Faith here involves total trust in Jesus and holding on to his revelation.

In the Mass, the faithful are nourished at two tables: the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. We will understand and appreciate better our communion of the Body and Blood of Jesus if we listen attentively to the Word of God that makes our hearts burn. Then, the "signs" in the celebration of the sacrament "will begin to speak" in our hearts and in our lives (John Paul II, *Mane Nobiscum Domine*, 14).

Sometimes, people ask what part of the Mass they must catch to make it "valid" as fulfillment of their Sunday obligation. Is it all right to arrive after the homily or after the collection is passed around? Rather than be "legalistic" about it, the faithful should be present at both the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharist. Better still, people should come even before Mass starts and make their personal preparation in silence and in prayer.

365 Days with the Lord Fr Cielo Almazan OFM

Spiritual Exercise

It is a helpful spiritual exercise to isolate those passages from the New Testament, those sayings and actions of Jesus, that make us most uncomfortable, since they will most effectively indicate how our souls have to be transfigured. They, much more than the passages we instinctively love, will show the path that metanoia must follow.

Word on Fire Bishop Robert Barron



**Feast Days
This Week**
**The
Transfiguration**
6 August
**St Mary of the
Cross MacKillop**
8 August
St Lawrence
10 August



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

**Parish
Morning
Tea**



The Pelican Blue
Family Group
is hosting our
Morning Tea
next Sunday
11 August in the
Parish Centre
after 9:30am
Mass. All
Welcome!



**Secular
Franciscans**
We meet on the
2nd Friday
of the month
(9 August) at
1pm in the
Reynolds Room.
All welcome!
Enquiries:
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Food for the Journey

Jesus takes the opportunity to teach the people how to live. Do not go looking for the spectacular, he says. Do not go just looking for your own daily advantage and pleasure. That would be aimless living, a waste of a good life. Instead, look for the things that endure to eternal life. Look for true bread that forever nourishes your heart and mind and soul. That is going to demand a spiritual revolution inside you. Stop the selfish impulses inside you. Stop the me-culture, the I-want-it-now culture. Stop the doing-as-others-do culture.

Learn a different way of living. Set your heart on Christ Jesus - God's promise of eternal life to us. Feed from this source every day of your life. "Give us that bread always," the Jewish people said to Our Lord. We should say the same, and say it every day. In reply, the Lord tells us, "You will never be hungry. You will never thirst."

The journey of life is hard. Of that there is no doubt. Many people find it to be an uphill struggle. But once you accept that life is hard, it ceases to be a problem. So says Scott Peck, the American psychiatrist and theologian. If we fully embrace this hardness of life, and willingly set out on the journey, prepared each day to face its challenges and set-backs, then we can help each other along the road. For now life is no longer a problem we cannot handle. Rather it has become the great adventure that leads us to the land of promise, and we are given food for the journey by the Lord himself.

The Living Word Redemptorist Publications

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

As we look at the life of Mary MacKillop we see a woman who perseveres in the journey of faith despite the suffering that she endures. There are times when Mary comes close to despair, she is no stranger to suffering. In her life she experiences hardship and poverty, the death of loved ones, sickness, the breakdown of a close friendship and unjust criticism; yet through it all she places her trust in God. Mary finds strength and meaning in the cross of Jesus. Like Jesus, Mary finds the courage to enter into suffering rather than to run away from it.

Mary is known as St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Some of Mary's memorable quotes: Find happiness in making others happy; Believe in the whisperings of God to your own heart; Be eager in your desires, but humbly patient in their accomplishment; We must teach more by example than word; We may feel our crosses hard at times, but our courage should rise with them; Remember we are all but travellers here; and, God loves courageous souls.

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The Pope's Prayer Intentions for August

For Political Leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Vocations Week

This special time in our calendar invites us to recognise and cherish the richness of our vocations in the Church. It is also a time of praying for new vocations and encouraging others to explore their own calling.

In his Message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis reflects on the theme of Hope and Peace and the courage to commit. He calls everyone, especially young people, to rise up and courageously embrace their vocations, becoming messengers of joy and builders of fraternity and peace, while remaining open to the workings of the Holy Spirit in their lives and exploring this divine calling.

CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal

There is no place like home – but for many having a home is not a reality. Please consider supporting the homelessness services provided by CatholicCare next weekend 10/11 August. Your donations help 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 in advance for supporting this important initiative.

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.



Parish Works

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we will be taking down the old screen on the sanctuary and the old projector. On the sanctuary we will be replacing the spotlights which are mainly not working with new spotlights to complete the work begun last month.

At present we also have the bricklayers at work in the parish with two important projects. They are replacing many of the lower bricks at the back of the parish centre as the mortar has come out and they are badly affected by the weather.

Secondly, they are constructing 64 new niches at the side of the church. When complete the statue of St Therese will be placed on top of this new section. The parish will then have some 389 niches. So far, we have a total of 314 niches with the ashes of loved ones in them or prepurchased for future use. Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing one of the 75 niches that will be still available.

Please Note

Inaugural McGuire Lecture with Fr Hill

Hear Rev Dr John Hill speak on the topic: 'What sort of priest is needed in the emerging Australian Catholic Church?' at the Gleeson Auditorium, Australian Catholic University, Strathfield on Tuesday 6 August 5:30-7:30pm. RSVP or join the livestream at www.manlyunion.org.au



Welcome
to the
Sargeant Family
for the Reception
of their children
for the Sacrament
of Baptism.



Congratulations
to Oliver Roger
who is being
Received into the
Church this
weekend!
Welcome to you
Oliver!



Confirmation
**Information and
Enrolment**
Evening 7pm
Tuesday 6 August
Parish Hall.
If unable to
attend contact
4332 2216 to
make an
appointment.



**Older Children
Wanting to
Become Catholic**

Our RCIC
Programme is
beginning this
month. For any
enquiries call
Colleen
4332 2216

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

A beacon of Faith, Hope and Love

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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

18th Sunday

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-185

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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.

Funerals: The funeral of Peter Whitehead was held during the week. The funeral of June Calkin will be held on Monday at 12 noon. Please pray for Peter, June and their families.

Anniversaries: Anthony Ruhl (1st), John McDermott, Delma Clarke, Patrick O'Neill.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, David Drinan, June Maher, Andrew Horvat, Simon Butcher, Phyllis Malone, Bartolo Lucchese, Agnes Rodger, Alfred Rodger, James Malley, Mary Freney, Frank & George Grech, Carolyn Finch, Joe Bond and the Holy Souls.

Families: Moore, Langley, Grech, Zahra, Grima, Cassar, Sciberras, Camilleri, Falzon & Patterson.

Sick: Beau Davis (3yrs), Max Leete, 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: Evie Broadhouse, Eddie & Leroy Laing, Velzy Hay.

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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