



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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

Year B Cycle II

22 September 2024



## Learn to Serve

Time and again Jesus speaks about his Death and Resurrection and adds that his disciples are to follow him in self-giving if they want to achieve true life. They could not understand it because the kind of Messiah announced by Jesus was very different from what they had in mind. Their preoccupation was to know who would be the greatest in his Kingdom. Jesus categorically tells his disciples that rather than fighting for positions of command they should learn to serve. Love that translates itself into service is the hallmark of a true disciple of Jesus.

*God's Word Fr Dominic V SSP*

## Congratulations Rosan!

This Saturday evening at the 5pm Vigil Mass our Seminarian Rosan Mathew will be ordained as a Deacon by Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

Following his study at the seminary, Rosan was called to holy orders by the bishop. For most deacons, this time is a pastoral, liturgical and educational preparation for transition to the priesthood. When considering the sacrament of holy orders, there are three degrees of the sacrament: deacon, priest, bishop.

Entering the first level of holy orders as a deacon, the bishop authorises the following faculties, or permissions. Rosan will assist the presider at Mass, and celebrate Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

There are three promises made by the transitional deacon: to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, Obedience and Celibacy. The Liturgy of the Hours is also known as the Breviary. This prayer, consisting of three psalms, a reading from Scripture and petitions, is a participation in the Perpetual Liturgy going on in Heaven. At the same time, through the Breviary, the ordained sanctify the secular hours of the day and night on earth.

Both permanent and transitional deacons make a promise to obey their bishop and his successors.

We pray for Rosan on this important step of his priestly journey. *(Photos next week)*



## Feast Days This Week

**St Pius of  
Petrelcina  
(Padre Pio)**  
23 September

**St Vincent  
de Paul**  
27 September



## Nursing Home Mass

Mass and  
Anointing  
will be held at  
Bupa Bateau Bay  
on Tuesday  
at 10am.



## Offertory Procession

Children are  
encouraged to  
take part in  
the Offertory  
Procession.  
Come to the  
Offertory Table  
when invited by  
the Acolytes.



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## Who is the Greatest?

As they return to their headquarters in Capernaum, the disciples argue who among them is the greatest. The expected answer is Peter because he gave the correct answer when asked about the identity of Jesus. He is also the spokesman of the group, and Jesus pays attention to him.

But Jesus gives an unexpected answer. The greatest among them is the last of all and the servant of all. The greatest does not think he is God's favourite. He is unassuming. He does not expect he should be the leader. He serves everyone in the group. Jesus redefines the meaning of greatness, presenting different criteria.

We can expand the qualifications of being the greatest through the other readings. From the First Reading, we learn that the greatest can be the just one who counteracts the evildoers. He disturbs them. He does not allow them to spread evil. Without fear, he confronts them. For this they try to destroy him, but God takes care of him.

The Second Reading describes the greatest disciple as one who has conquered his passion, his greed and anger. He has self-mastery. He is not ruled by likes and dislikes. So any person, not just one, can be the greatest if the person serves the community and has high moral values. He does not compromise with evil.

For the greatest the world looks at the strongest, the richest, the most powerful, and the most influential. The greatest dictates what others should do and suppresses those who attempt to resist.

Christians must not be self-conscious of their blessedness. They should never think they are better than others. They should rather follow Jesus, the greatest leader who comes not "to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mk 10:45).

*365 Days with the Lord Fr Cielo Almazan OFM*

## A Teaching Session

Jesus didn't need to boast about his abilities and identity, which shone through all that he said and did. Neither was he bragging about courage when he told his companions about his forthcoming horrific death. A true hero is often silent about his or her bravery in a situation where other people are too afraid to act.

Jesus used the situation as a teaching session on leadership and greatness. The best guide shows the way by their example and the greatest person leads by their service of others. Jesus illustrated his words with a child, one of the world's most defenseless, insignificant people: those who protect and defend our society's "least, last and lost" will be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

We criticise the disciples for their insensitivity and self-interest as they argued over who was the greatest amongst them rather than supporting Jesus after he had told them of his impending death. Yet we can all look back and wish that we had said or done things differently in one situation or another. We are all concerned with our own interests and want to be recognised by others for our good qualities. As St John would later write in his Gospel, "*The truth is a heavy burden that few care to carry.*"

*Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media*

## International Day of Peace

This week we celebrate the International Day of Peace on 21 September. In his article, *Peace be with you*, Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ says that "world peace begins at home in the quiet strengths within our personal relationships".

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ in his homily notes says that when in Sunday's Gospel Jesus hugs the child in front of all, this gesture emphasises "more powerfully than any words could express the preciousness of each and every human life, no matter how small, how insignificant. We are all – in our 'littleness' rather than our achievements – hugged by Jesus in this moment."

Let us pray for peace in our hearts, our communities and our world.

Parish Life Jesuit Communications

## Annual Public Square Rosary

Join us in this nation-wide crusade on Saturday 12 October at 4pm. We meet at the Bayview Avenue Fountain (next to the old cinema site). Religion is being banished from public life and we wish to let people see that prayer is happening in a public witness of the faith. For enquiries speak to Alba or call 4332 2216.

## Join us at Ignite Conference 2024!

Are you discerning your path in life? Seeking purpose and deeper meaning? The Vocations Team invites YOU to come and see us at the Ignite Expo!

Meet our team, learn more about vocations, and discover how God might be calling you. Whether you're exploring priesthood, religious life, or simply wanting to discern your next step, we're here to journey with you!

26-29 September Broken Bay Cathedral Precinct Waitara

<https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC24SYD>

Come by, have a chat, and let's explore God's plan together!

## New Defibrillator

The Church now has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) installed in the sick bay cupboard in the parents room. To be used only in case of emergencies the defibrillator is portable and provides voice instructions during use. Please always call 000 Ambulance in the first instance.



**Welcome**  
to the  
Wallace & Ross  
Families  
for the Reception  
of their children  
for the Sacrament  
of Baptism.



**Our Lady of Sorrows**  
September is  
dedicated to our  
Sorrowful Mother.  
Please find  
brochures on the  
Church tables.



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

**The Catholic Weekly**

**The Catholic Weekly**  
Now on sale  
on the  
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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

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**Wisdom 2:12, 17-20**

**James 3:16-4:3**

**Mark 9:30-37**

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord upholds my life.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Nan Newton (Fr Bill's sister), Josephine Betland, Anne Allen.

**Funerals:** The funeral of Kathleen Barrie was held this week. Please keep Kathleen and her family in your prayers.

**Anniversaries:** Frank O'Sullivan, Tom Grigic.

**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, Charles Magri, Mrs Manning, Marinko Curuto (birthday) and all the Holy Souls.

**Sick:** Marilyn Wall, Pam Elliott, Glenda Way, Nan Newton, Jacob McCarroll, Beau Davis (3yrs), Max Leete, Frano Stitic, Jonah Langley, 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.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Koa & Beau Whiteford, Leni Voisey and Sophia Vote.

**Sacramental Programme:** Please pray for the 101 children and their families who are preparing for Confirmation.

## 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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