



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Cycle II

8 September 2024



## Be Opened

Jesus opens the ears of a deaf man. With the healing word in the native language of Jesus, Aramaic, "Ephphatha," Jesus heals the deaf man and restores his speech. He has just come back from a preaching stint in Lebanon, north of Galilee when the people ask him to perform a miracle, and Jesus obliges. This miracle is a sign that the Kingdom of God has come.

Notice that the deaf man does not go by himself to ask for healing. The people bring him to Jesus. This is an example of vicarious faith. One is healed because of the faith of other people. Their faith is not just for themselves, but also for others who need help.

The healing of the deaf-mute fulfills Isaiah's prophecy (First Reading) that lists as signs of the Lord's coming "the eyes of the blind opened, the ears of the deaf cleared, the lame leaping like stags, and the tongue of the dumb singing." More than 700 years before Christ, Isaiah declares that the Lord will pay attention to persons with disabilities.

In our celebrations, let us be careful not to drive away the poor from their seats to give way to the rich. Let us open our ears and lips for them. Let us use our beautiful language in their favour.

*365 Days with the Lord* Fr Cielo Almazan OFM

## A Fresh Perspective

In today's Gospel Jesus touches a man's eyes and ears and lets him see and hear. Jesus uses sign language that the man understands, taking him aside and putting his fingers in his ears and his spittle on his tongue. Good teaching is about opening eyes, ears and minds - letting people see things differently, showing them a new perspective. So, what is Christ trying to teach us? Notice that Jesus never speaks in theological jargon. His preferred teaching style is the parable: stories about good Samaritans, lost sheep, lost sons and wedding feasts. Stories about things that never took place, but actually take place all the time - in every town and city, on every continent, on every day of human existence. Interestingly, Jesus rarely mentions God explicitly in the parables; they are not "other-worldly" stories but focus on the ordinary events of this world now. He knows such stories will stay long in the minds of those who hear them; he hopes that his listeners will make the connections, that the penny will drop, and they will begin to see life from a fresh perspective. The religious leaders around Jesus claimed to have all the answers. Jesus, on the other hand, often just asks questions, creating problems for his listeners to grapple with rather than spoon-feeding them solutions. It's the grappling that leads to spiritual growth.

*Sunday Living Word* Majellan Family Media



**Feast Days  
This Week**  
**St John  
Chrysostom**  
13 September  
**The Exaltation  
of the Holy  
Cross**  
14 September



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

**Parish  
Morning  
Tea**



The Ambrosian  
Family Group is  
hosting our  
Morning Tea  
this Sunday  
8 September in  
the Parish Centre  
after 9:30am  
Mass. All  
Welcome!



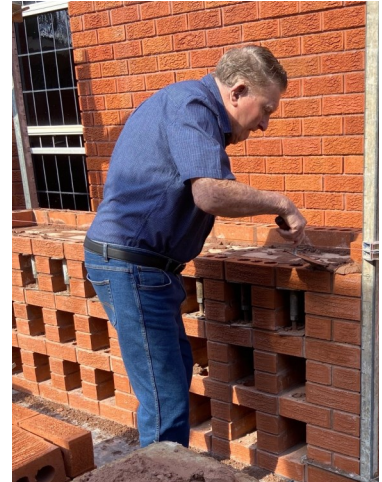
**Offerory  
Procession**  
Children are  
encouraged to  
take part in  
the Offerory  
Procession.  
Come to the  
Offerory Table  
when invited by  
the Acolytes.

## Harry & Vince Show Them How It's Done!

**O**ur very good natured bricklayers, Rob and Dave, generously allowed our old-timer brickies, Harry 92, and Vince 99, a little brick laying on the new Memorial Wall.

New statues will be installed on each wall, putting them under their patronage. A beautiful statue of our parish patron, Our Lady of the Rosary, will become the main feature.

Rob and Dave have also been doing some major restoration work on the parish centre, where the bricks and mortar have deteriorated due to salt damage. We thank them both for their generosity and professionalism.



## Niches Now for Sale

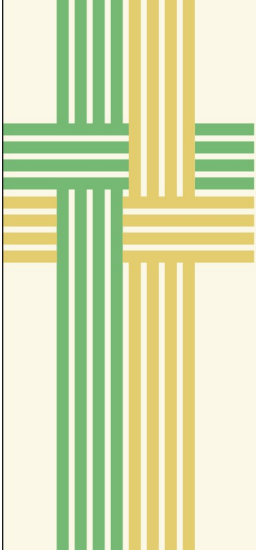
**A**s you can see the new Memorial Wall is now complete and niches are now available for purchase. Spaces are selling fast! The cost of a new niche is \$1,210.00 (includes GST). There are still some spaces in the older walls at a cost of \$935.00 (includes GST). Please contact the parish office for more information and purchases.

## Statue Purchases

**W**ith the completion of the new Memorial Wall we are planning to purchase three new statues, so that we will have one to sit above each wall. The original smaller walls will be under the guardianship of Archangels Raphael and Gabriel (existing). The next wall will be under the patronage of St Mary MacKillop, the new wall under our parish patron, Our Lady of the Rosary, then St Therese (existing), St Patrick and finally St Francis of Assisi (existing).

The new statues of Our Lady of the Rosary, St Mary MacKillop and St Patrick will complement the existing statues. There is an opportunity to make a donation towards the purchase of these statues as a memorial for family members. Plaques will be attached to the statues stating as such. This will leave a lasting legacy in memory of a loved one. For any enquiries please call the office on 4332 2216.

## You're Invited!



*Diocese of Broken Bay  
invites you to the*

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**Ordination to the Order of Deacons of  
ROSAN MATHEW**

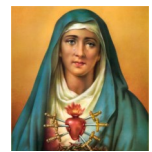
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*Principal Celebrant & Ordaining Prelate  
Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL  
Bishop of Broken Bay*

**5:00pm Saturday 21st September 2024**



**Welcome**  
to the  
Hassen & Jennings  
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.



### Secular Franciscans

We meet on the 2nd Friday of the month (13 September) at 1pm in the Reynolds Room. All welcome! Enquiries: 0439 519 018.

## Rosan's Diaconate Ordination

**B**ishop 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.

## Marriage Week

**G**od is guiding your marriage. Marriage is more than your love for each other. It has a higher dignity and power, for it is God's holy ordinance, through which he wills to perpetuate the human race till the end of time. In your love you see only your two selves in the world, but in marriage you are a link in the chain of the generations, which God causes to come and to pass away to his glory, and calls into his kingdom. In your love you see only the heaven of your own happiness, but in marriage you are placed at a post of responsibility towards the world and mankind. Your love is your own private possession, but marriage is more than something personal - it is a status, an office. Just as it is the crown, and not merely the will to rule, that makes the king, so it is marriage, and not merely your love for each other, that joins you together in the sight of God and man.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## Please Note

### SmartLoving Marriage Seminars

SmartLoving offers pre-marriage preparation courses online for engaged couples. Go to <https://smartloving.org/engaged/>

### Engaged Encounter

Engaged Encounter provides couples with deeper insights into each other and into married life. It is an opportunity for couples to spend time together to strengthen and enrich their relationship. For further information visit: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au) Upcoming weekend: 9-10 November.

**The Catholic Weekly**

### The Catholic Weekly

Now on sale on the Church tables. \$2 to the poor box please.

# 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

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

Isaiah 35:4-7

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, living God.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Anne Allen, Fr Gerald O'Collins SJ, Fr Brian Rowland, Kathryn Ryan, Michael Connery, Robert Mennie.

**Funerals:** The funeral of Anne Allen will be held on Wednesday at 11am. Please keep Anne and family in your prayers.

**Anniversaries:** Nora O'Leary, Robert & Emmanuel O'Sullivan, Reg Cooper, Tom Grigic, Bob Woodlands.

**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, Petar Lerotic, Duke Leonidas, Charles Magri, Mrs Manning (birthday), Franjo & Maria Kozul, Josephine Farruga (birthday) and the Holy Souls.

**Sick:** Pam Elliott, Glenda Way, 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.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Charlene Bluhdorn, Skylah Huisman, Luca & Valerie Bayly.

**Sacramental Programme:** Please pray for the 100+ 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!

**Enquiries 4332 2216**