



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA , TERRIGAL

*“ May we Love one Another,
that all experience a Sense of Belonging ”*



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 03 October 2021

The Month of the Holy Rosary

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts.

But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh ! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 127 R May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation.

For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Mark 10:2-12

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.'

Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them. 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



To pray together or write your own prayers

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

LEADER: By his saving death Jesus has laid open the gates of glory. Following him in faith, let us pray for all our sisters and brothers.

READER

We pray for new era of mutual respect and collaboration between nations, that all peoples may enjoy peace and a just share of the world's resources. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all creatures of the earth, that World Habitat Day and the feast of St Francis of Assisi will bring to light the interconnection of all life on the planet. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for Pope Francis, that his vision of a thoroughly synodal church will come to fulfilment in every land. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the Catholic community in Australia, that the Plenary Council will sow seeds of renewal, reform and revitalisation in every parish and diocese. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all the members of the Plenary Council, that they will speak out boldly in faith and listen to the Spirit in freedom of heart. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for married couples, that the covenant of love they have made with each other will be life-long and life-giving. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for teachers, that they find joy in their vocation as educators and are valued for their service to families and society. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for one another, that we will have the grace to welcome the kingdom of God as little children. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will share to the full in the glory of Christ. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

LEADER: God of wisdom, you made all things in love. Help us to cherish creation and to love each other with all our strength. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen.

Ordination invitation

Sam French, Roger Delmonte and Aldrin Valdehueza will be ordained to the priesthood for Broken Bay Diocese on **Monday 18 October 2021** and celebrate their Mass of Thanksgiving (First Mass) in the days following. We are all invited to attend via live streaming. Please pray for these men and their future ministry.

[Download Invitation](#)

Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

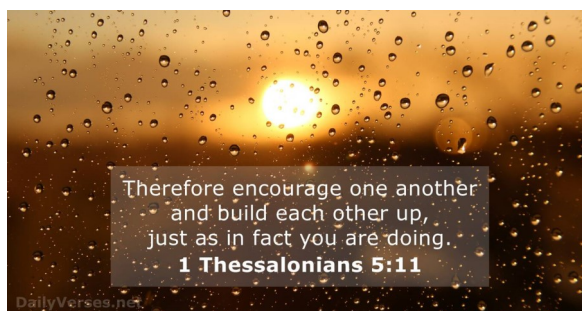
Last Sunday I had the joy of joining with the Catholic community at Asquith in the Parish of Ku-ring-gai Chase for the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of Saint Patrick's church. It was a somewhat bittersweet moment. When Archbishop Freeman opened and blessed the church building on 19 September 1971, the local community turned out in great numbers.

[Read Bishop Anthony's Message](#)

While churches are still closed Live streaming and TV Masses are available.

With the NSW Government extending the Sydney lockdown, our churches in Broken Bay remain closed. Some parishes are live streaming Mass.

Please [click here](#) for all the details.



A day hemmed in prayer is less likely to unravel.

God is with us on those days we feel the fabric of our being is being, stretched, torn and frayed.

Some faith reflections for living in the time of Pandemic

(Continued from last week)

Adapted by Fr Vince from *Ten Faith Reflections for living in a time of Coronavirus*. Evangelisation and Faith Formation Team, CSO Broken Bay, March 2020.

Re-discover 'Sabbath time'

"... and God rested on the seventh day from all the work that God had done" (see Genesis 2:2).

As movement is restricted and home quarantine measures become widespread, some people are observing the unexpected benefits of being forced to 'slow down' and 'pull back' from their impossibly hectic and over-complicated lifestyles. Without minimising the very real suffering caused by the medical and social disruption of COVID-19, is it possible that this crisis also allows for a rediscovery of our God-given design for rest and renewal? Here we can learn from the wisdom of Jewish communities who practise weekly Sabbath observance. Honouring the sanctuary of the family home, renewing the relationships within, and dedicating a day to creative rest and spiritual renewal... Can this crisis bring Catholics back to a realisation of the immense value of 'sabbath rest', and the need to preserve the holiness of Sunday, the Day of the Lord?

A biblical response to toilet paper stockpiling

"So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God" (Luke 12:21).

A biblical response to the depressing stories of empty supermarket shelves due to panic stockpiling: In Luke's Gospel there is a parable about a self-centred man who stockpiles his grain to ensure a comfortable future for himself. God responds, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" [*So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God" \(Luke 12:20-21\).*](#)

As well as warnings, we can also find biblical *consolation* for life with Coronavirus. For example, see St Paul's letter to the Ephesians, where he urges the community to "bear with one another in love" (see Eph 4:2). And Psalm 91:3, "He will rescue you from the fowler's snare, from the destroying plague".

Scripture is full of gems as we navigate this crisis (to be carefully interpreted, of course, in the context of our Catholic faith tradition).

"All will be well."

In the words of [St Julian of Norwich](#): *"All will be well and all will be well and every kind of thing shall be well."* From her medieval hermitage, in a society that had been ravaged by the plague, Julian was not sugar-coating the reality of suffering which she knew herself intimately. Rather, she drew deeply from the wellspring of radical Gospel hope that is our heritage and calling as Christians.

As Australians adjust to what lies ahead with the impact of Coronavirus, let us encourage one another with the very best of what we can offer, including all the consolation, strength and courage of our Catholic faith tradition—our people, our beliefs, our love and outreach, our prayer life and our sacred texts.

"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor 13:13).

Further reflections

Bishop Anthony Randazzo's message to parents and families at Broken Bay Catholic schools <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/latest-news/letter-from-most-rev-anthony-randazzo-to-the-parents-and-families-of-children-at-our-catholic-schools>

Pope Francis on prayer, relationships and hope during Coronavirus <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-03/pope-coronavirus-interview-repubblica-pandemic-covid-coronavirus.html>

Bishop Barron's reflections on Coronavirus and quarantine https://youtu.be/8_VJhBBqE5Y

U.S. Bishops' statement <http://www.usccb.org/news/2020/20-44.cfm>

Easing of COVID restrictions

The NSW Government has published its "Roadmap" for easing of COVID restrictions and during the week Bishop Anthony sent a letter applying these to the Diocese. The letter is attached to the bulletin email, is on the notice-board outside the church, and is summarized here. I have added details that concern our Parish. Fr Vince

From Monday 11 October:

The church will be open for private prayer from 9am to 5pm.

Reconciliation is available, by appointment. Please contact the Parish Office (4367 4610) or email vince.casey@bbcatholic.org.au

Funerals can have up to 50 people in attendance. (The limit is 10 people if an unvaccinated person is attending.)

The Monday after 80% vaccination is achieved, which will possibly be 25th October:

Masses will resume. The vaccination status of those attending or ministering does not have to be verified, but anyone who is performing a ministry and is not double vaccinated is asked to inform the celebrant.

Reconciliation and Baptisms will resume.

Devotions such as Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and the St Michael Prayer Group may resume.

COVID-safe practices are required. This means:

The one person per 4 square metres rule applies to indoor gatherings. Our church is 868 sqm in area which means we can have 217 people attend a service. This is more than would normally attend a Mass, so we will not be required to book in.

We are required to register our attendance by using the QR code or manually; to sanitise our hands; to wear a face mask; and for different households to remain 1.5 metres apart, where possible.

In the celebration of Mass:

There will be no congregational singing, though we can have music and one cantor.

There will be no contact at the Sign of Peace.

Communion will be available only under the form of bread, not from the chalice.

Those who wish to receive communion on the tongue must come at the end of the Communion line and the priest is required to sanitise his hands after each communicant.

We are still waiting for directions concerning the use of the **Parish Office and other facilities** for this time.

From 1 December:

Congregational singing will be permitted. We do not yet know what other restrictions will be retained for the celebration of Mass.

We can have one person per 2 square meters in the church, hall, meeting rooms and offices. This means 434 people can attend a service in our church.

There will be no other restrictions on the use of parish facilities but most COVID-safe practices will continue for the use of all parish facilities.

Great caution is required as we return to Mass and other public gatherings. The delta variant is much more contagious than the COVID-19 variant that was in the community last year when we returned to the celebration of Mass. We know what we must do to protect ourselves and others, so let's do it and stay cautious.

Prayer Vigils: Parish and Diocese

The First General Council Assembly is starting Sunday 3 October.

As a **Parish** we have suggested a prayer format that we can pray at home on Saturday evening. It is attached to the bulletin email.

We are also invited to a virtual prayer vigil with the **Diocese** on Saturday 2 October from 7.00-7:30pm. You must register for the online vigil. [Click here to register.](#)

Watch the Plenary Council Assembly Online

The First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia opens with Mass at 2:00pm AEDT from St Mary's Cathedral in Perth on Sunday, 3 October. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President of Plenary Council.

Key moments will be live streamed between 3 and 10 October. They will include daily Masses, morning prayer and sharing of the fruits of discernment. Watch the live-streamed Mass and access other information on the Plenary Council website at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



SYNOD 2021-2023

While the Australian Church has been preparing for the Plenary Council, which begins next week, the Universal Church is also preparing for a Synod. Pope Francis invites the whole Church to question itself on synodality: a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church. The Pope says, "By walking together, and together reflecting on the journey made, the Church will be able to learn from what it will experience which processes can help it to live communion, to achieve participation, to open itself to mission."

The first phase in each Diocese in the world has begun. Because of our Plenary, we have not heard much about it yet. But if you are interested to find out more, some relevant websites are below.

The [official synod website](#)

[Introduction](#) to the Synod process; includes 2-minute video and infographic (Vatican News website)

Official [Preparatory Document](#) (for first phase of consultation)

Synod [Prayer](#) of invocation to the Holy Spirit (in various languages)

[Tools for reflection](#)

[Newsfeed](#) of the Synod website – brief items, videos, interviews capturing key themes



Plenary Council Report

The Plenary Council is now upon us. There are huge expectations that the Council will address the many issues now facing the Catholic Church in Australia. We pray that it will.

Previous issues of the Bulletin carried the views of the National President of the St Vincent de Paul Society and the National Head of Catholic Social Services – both called for strong and determined action.

Paul Collins is a former priest and now a leading Catholic layman and commentator has written an opinion piece in the Sydney Morning Herald. An edited extract of his article is below:

Like it or not, Catholicism is still enormously influential in Australia. It is the nation's largest non-government employer, through its schools, hospitals and aged care with around 230,000 people working directly for the Church. It also runs many voluntary organisations, including the St Vincent de Paul Society with some 20,700 members and 41,000, volunteers with a huge impact on social welfare.

Despite this Catholicism's reputation has been effectively trashed in the media and wider community by the sexual abuse crisis and church leaders appalling long-term failure to deal decisively with clerical abuses. The revelations of the Royal Commission reinforced the Church's toxic reputation.

The result: people are abandoning Catholicism in droves. Catholics in the population have dropped from 27% in 2001 to 22.6% in 2016. Of the 5.3 million Catholics in 2016 at most 11.8% attend Mass regularly.

In an attempt to respond, Australia's 46 bishops are gathering with 99 invited priests, 25 religious sisters and about 110 carefully selected laypeople from across Australia in a Plenary Council to try and sort out the church's future.

To prepare for the plenary, a nationwide consultation was held with Australian Catholics. The response was enormous, more than 222,000 people participated with 17,457 written submissions from groups and individuals. Issues emerging from the consultation focused around clerical control, lack of leadership, accountability, marginalisation of laypeople, gender and sex issues, church ministry especially that of women and married priests.

Plenary organisers watered these down into a 69 page cautious document lacking any sense of crisis, written by an archbishop, a priest and 2 laypeople entitled "Continuing the Journey."

The document constitutes the agenda for the plenary; it doesn't reflect the concerns and questions expressed in the consultations but replaces them with vague and frustratingly generalised concerns like "prayer", "conversion", "formation", "structures", "institutions" and "governance". This rhetoric doesn't encourage discussion of the practical and hard questions the Church faces and many committed Catholics have already lost faith in the process.

The Plenary's first session meets next Sunday. Due to covert 19 restrictions, it will employ a multimodal format, combining in person and online engagement. A second session will be held in October 2022. Bishops alone will have a deliberative voice. It will be their conclusions that go to the Vatican for approval and given the slow pace of Rome it will be 2024 before anything practical emerges.

The fundamental mistake in planning this Council was using a church law regulated plenary process as the way of confronting Catholicism's woes. The suspicion is that the bishops chose this precisely because it was tightly controlled by law, allowing them to manage it.

It would have been much better to have a less structured National Assembly, where a variety of views could be expressed freely and indicative votes could show what the Catholic community wanted. While Catholicism remains influential in Australia, the number of active Catholics continues to shrink alarmingly, and the church is increasingly a hollowed out institution. It is unlikely the Plenary Council will do much to halt that decay.

That is unless the bishops put aside their clerical habits and let the faithful in the pews finally have a say.

Please remember to join in the prayer this Saturday October 2 at 7pm

Chris Hartcher

Geraldine Doogue, the well-known ABC broadcaster, will do a daily podcast starting on Sunday and going through the entire week. Anyone who wishes to listen to the podcast, which is free of charge, can access :

<https://plenary-matters.zencast.website/episodes/preview-plenary-matters>

Admission to Hospital (Important message repeated)

A message from Peter Brown the Catholic Pastoral Care Practitioner at Gosford Hospital:



If you or a loved one are ever admitted into one of our local hospitals, let the Admissions staff know that you are a Catholic. This is usually done by writing "Catholic" in the religion question on your admission form. Some hospitals may provide you with a list or drop-down menu (on computer) of religions, if so look for and tick or click on "Catholic - Western". If you would like Catholic pastoral care for yourself or your loved one whilst in hospital contact your Parish Office or ask any hospital staff to contact a Catholic Priest or Catholic Pastoral Care Practitioner (in Gosford and Wyong Hospitals only) to arrange to receive Holy Communion."

A note from Fr Vince.

Western Catholic? We might think of ourselves as Roman Catholic or Latin Rite Catholic but "Western Catholic" is another way to distinguish us from Oriental or Eastern Rite Catholics.

A quick Google search says:

"The Western Catholic Church is that part of Christendom that derives its liturgy, discipline, and traditions principally from the patriarchate of **Rome**, as contrasted with the part that derives these from the other ancient patriarchates, especially that of Constantinople."

Congratulations to the Michaelite Fathers and Community

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their



100 YEAR JUBILEE OF THE CONGREGATION OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL 1921-2021

The copies of the new Angels Magazines are now available outside the parish office .
They are \$5.00 (just put the money in the mail slot in the door if no one is in attendance.)

Thank you for the positive response to the 9 day Novena and the Mass on Wednesday evening.

Terrigal Parish was prayed for in all the intentions

CatholicCare: keeping seniors connected and active during lockdown

Explore dance, fitness, technology, creativity, nutrition, tai chi and more with CatholicCare. Our Memory Innovations Centre improves quality of life, wellbeing and helps support positive brain health for seniors in our community.

Our professionally run programs focus on having fun, connecting with others and stimulating your brain. Programs are currently being delivered online during the lockdown and you can join anytime. For more information visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/aged-care/memory-innovations-centre or call (02) 9488 2659.

Pathways

This is a Parish Renewal & Discipleship e-newsletter from the diocese which keeps us up up-to-date with resources that are being offered online. If you want to be included in the mail-out, send a request faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au



Clever church sign in America

ART FOR MEDITATION

Courtesy of CWL Monthly Message

Albrecht Altdorfer, *Ruhe auf der Flucht nach Ägypten*, 1510, Cat. No. 638B

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Link: <https://we.tl/t-xo1zjQWcfQ>

Albrecht Altdorfer (Regensburg, Germany 1480 – 1538), *Rest on the Flight into Egypt*, 1510, oil on lime wood panel, 58.2 cm x 39.3 cm, Berlin, Germany, Gemäldegalerie.



This small painting is above all a painter's act of faith and devotion. This can be seen in the inscription with which he signed the work, in the bottom left corner, on the round base of the fountain's basin: 'The painter Albert Altdorfer of Regensburg has consecrated this gift for his salvation to you, Holy Mary, with a faithful heart.' I am moved by his desire to put his talent for painting at the service of his salvation. And he does it in a commendable way with a small but very elaborate work.

It seems a Danubian landscape, reminding us of the Black Forest, where the Danube is born; also, let us not forget that the great river crosses Regensburg, the city where Altdorfer spent his entire life. The architecture and clothes are contemporary with the painter, as is the armchair on which Mary is sitting. The fountain is presented to us as a complex Renaissance work, with sculptural elements reminiscent of classical antiquity. Behind the Holy Family are crumbling buildings, which seem to allude to past times (the Old Covenant and paganism) which, with the incarnation of Christ, have been overcome forever.

Let us now focus on the protagonists of the scene: Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. Although the flight into Egypt was certainly hasty and, in some ways, tragic, the painter has captured the family in a serene moment. This state of grace is underlined by the presence of several little angels who seem to want to play with the baby Jesus, as well as entertain him with musical instruments. They are represented in different positions, playing with the water of the fountain or sitting on its structure. Jesus is also attracted by the water, to which he reaches out, firmly held by his mother to prevent him from falling in and exposing himself to danger. Mary is seated in an armchair, which is certainly a far cry from the throne that so many paintings of the same period have accustomed us to. Joseph, the husband and the father, hands his wife some cherries, which he has picked up in the surroundings he explored, as can be seen from the stick he holds in his right hand. His gaze is lovingly directed towards Jesus, the son he risked losing through Herod's wickedness and who is now safe thanks to the warning he received in a dream from the angel.

There are many symbolic references for which we can speculate or imagine meanings: the fountain resembling certain baptismal fountains, the water with its baptismal, lustral or penitential value, the cherries with their red colour (blood?), the buildings in ruins. Nevertheless, I believe that the thing that impresses us most is that the theme of the painting (rest on the flight into Egypt) for the painter became almost a pretext for contemplating Jesus, Joseph and Mary in the sweetness and happiness of their family life.

*As we read the infancy narratives, we may often wonder why God did not act in a more direct and clear way. Yet God acts through events and people. Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true "miracle" by which God saves the child and his mother. God acted by trusting in Joseph's creative courage. Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world (cf. Lk 2:6-7). Faced with imminent danger from Herod, who wanted to kill the child, Joseph was warned once again in a dream to protect the child, and rose in the middle of the night to prepare the flight into Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-14). Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* 5, 8 December 2020*



Evangelisation Broken Bay has launched a new program of online events called Bay Connect. The program provides an online program of regular activities to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online during this challenging time.

The program commenced last Monday, and will continue:

SO NOT TOO LATE TO JUMP ON BOARD

• THE CHOSEN MONDAY

Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom - Join us as we go through the first season of *The Chosen*, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.

• TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus) - A place for the community to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.

• HUMPDAY HANGOUT WITH BR BERNARD

Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom - Our Franciscan friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, 'Banger' of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.

• FORMATION FRIDAYS

Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom - An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion.

To find out more and register online, visit the Bay Connect page on the Diocese of Broken Bay website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect>

MARY MACKILLOP ROSARY BEADS FOR SALE TO HELP AID THE CHURCH IN NEED —If you would



like to place an order and reserve a pair or more, Please ring or email the parish office or phone Janette 0421416555.

They are really lovely and would suit a male or female as a special gift. RRP \$40 (WE ARE SELLING FOR \$35)

The money raised from the sale of the rosaries will assist the works of Aid to the Church in Need in its support of suffering and persecuted Christians around the world .

These rosary beads were designed and handmade in Italy by the Ghirelli family who have been producing rosaries for over thirty years, including the official rosaries for the last three Popes.

This set features Mary MacKillop on the central medal with her name and canonisation date on the reverse side. The Our Father medals show Our Lady, St Joseph, the Sacred Heart and Mary MacKillop's words 'Trust in God.' The crucifix is intricate, emphasising the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

All the medals and links are finished in vintage bronze and the actual beads are faceted copper bohemian glass. Recommended retail is \$40.00 + postage (our price\$35).

We have placed another order as we sold out. So we have another 20 sets coming this week.

CATECHIST OPPORTUNITY

For: A person who likes working with children



Jesus said " Let the children come to me " Matthew 19:14

What does a Catechist do?

- We listen to the children and encourage them in prayer to know Jesus' unconditional love for them.
- We share our stories and together grow in faith with the children.
- Anyone can do it – no experience necessary and it only
- Involves an hour or two per week!
- Training and lesson materials provided
- Come and check it out! Yes! Come into the classroom as an assistant.
- Join the ministry team and become a Catechist or an assistant.

What do you do now?

For more information, please call one of the following catechists. Phone – Cheryl Ryan, Primary Catechist Coordinator 0403 123 220 or bondi-two@bigpond.com
Graham and Maria Sproats catechists, 0417 279 694 or mari-asproats@yahoo.com.au
Elias Bastoli Catechist, 0459 220 408 or stolibas@bigpond.com



O LORD,

SUPPORT US ALL THE DAY LONG, UNTIL THE SHADOWS LENGTHEN, AND THE EVENING COMES AND THE BUSY WORLD IS HUSHED, AND THE FEVER OF LIFE IS OVER, AND OUR WORK IS DONE.

THEN IN YOUR MERCY, GRANT US A SAFE LODGING, AND A HOLY REST, AND PEACE AT THE LAST.

AMEN.
BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER
John Cardinal Newman

Today's holy inspiration...

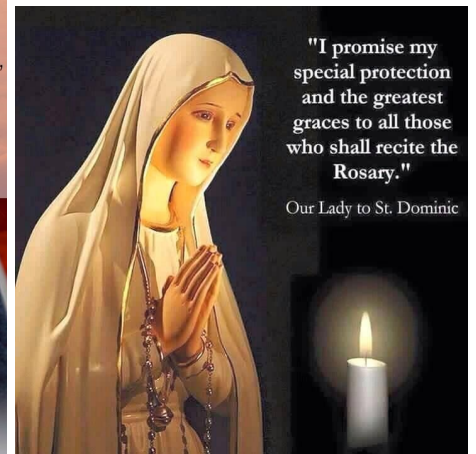
"Act in such a way that all those who come in contact with you will go away joyful. Sow happiness about you because you have received much from God; give, then, generously to others. They should take leave of you with their hearts filled with joy."

- St. Faustina



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Quotes from some of this week's Saints and Feasts.

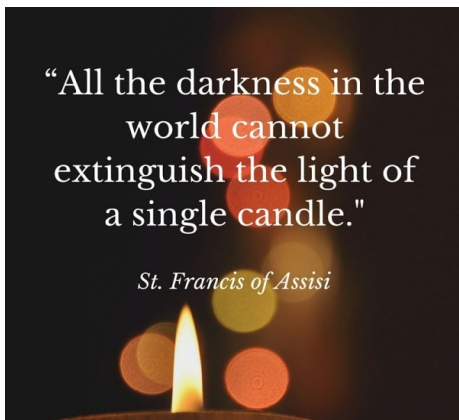


"I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary."

Our Lady to St. Dominic

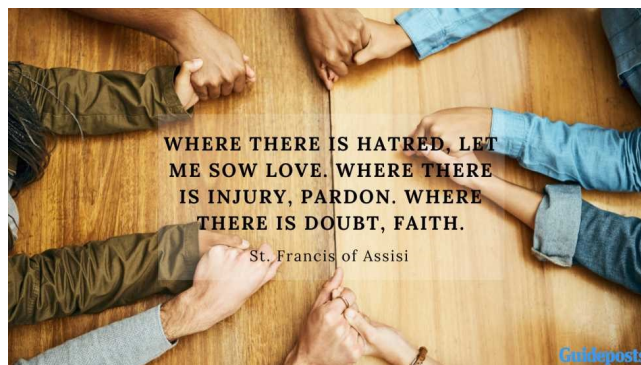
"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."

St. Francis of Assisi

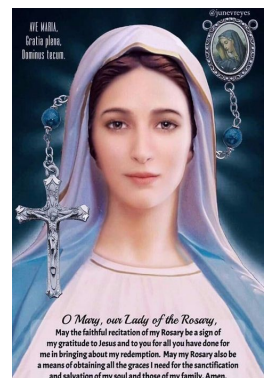


WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME SOW LOVE. WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON. WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH.

St. Francis of Assisi



Guidposts



BE HAIL, Grate Jinn, Binnor' Iccin.

O Mary, our Lady of the Rosary, May the faithful recitation of my Rosary be a sign of my gratitude to Jesus and to you for all you have done for me in bringing about my redemption. May my Rosary also be a means of obtaining all the graces I need for the sanctification and salvation of my soul and those of my family. Amen.

We are still making a difference in Covid times
for Mary Macs at Woy Woy.



Thank you to our lovely
loyal parishioners and Georges
Fruit Barn for their generosity.

**All youth and young adults from
across the Diocese of Broken Bay
are invited to tune into Tuesday
Night Lights!**

If you're not sure where you're at with God,
you're totally welcome too – come along and see
what it's like. You can tune in every Tuesday @
7:00-7:30pm via our the @cybbaus Instagram
Live as well as Facebook and YouTube!



Connected in Christ Resource

Each week the Evangelisation Broken Bay team
will provide Gospel readings, prayers, reflections
and children's activities for families to worship
and pray at home in this extended period of
lockdown.

[Download Connected in Christ](#)

*“The angels exist, they are sent by Divine
Providence in order that they may help us to
reach holiness of life.” St John Paul II*

We pray for : Recently Deceased



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JEWISH FEAST OF SUKKOT

I will always remember the month I spent in the Australian bush on an [Outward Bound](#) course. No tents. Just creative use of a bivy sheet became my dwelling at night.

That and a desert-hut sojourn in the Negev stand out as unforgettable experiences. Close to nature, stripped of all 'creature comforts' and technological securities, I couldn't help but be confronted by my human vulnerability and the great spiritual questions surrounding my existence. Little wonder that educational and vocational organisations will include such experiences in their formation programs.

Which raises the question: for Christian churches in the city and suburbs, should parishioners be encouraged to undertake an annual camping trip as a regular spiritual practice (modified to cater for various levels of physical ability)? Can you imagine this, say, as part of bible study or sacramental preparation? *Leave all the conveniences of your home. Come away, outside. Live simply. Gaze into the night sky and, like Abraham, listen to your God.*

The idea is not fanciful. In fact, a similar idea in more sophisticated form is already embedded in the liturgical calendar of Jewish communities: the festival of *Sukkot* (Hebrew: 'booths'). Every year in September/October, many Jewish households build a *sukkah* (a hut or temporary dwelling with four walls and a roof of branches) in the vicinity of their homes.

During the seven days of the Sukkot festival, they leave their houses and spend time in these porous, fragile dwellings; a physical reminder of their vulnerability and dependence on God for gifts of shelter, food, warmth, protection.

Originating in ancient harvest celebrations, Sukkot recalls the biblical story of the Israelites' desert wanderings.

"You shall live in booths for seven days...so that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God" (Lev. 23:42,43).

During Sukkot many Jews eat their meals in their *sukkah*, and some sleep there as well. In this way they recall the nomadic lifestyle of their ancient ancestors and the constant care of their God.

Sukkot is a joyous festival that inspires a serious attitude of faith. As one Jewish author puts it, "Sukkot is a reminder not to become entombed in our homes, a reminder of a different kind of shelter made of openness and faith. It is a reminder of the long time ago when we followed the Lord into the desert, and painfully learned the meaning of trust."^[1]

Hospitality and outreach to the homeless are also important to the practices of Sukkot.

[And, yes, COVID lockdowns certainly bring their own challenges to these stated principles - see the table-topic below.]

The meaning of Sukkot involves more than a humanitarian ideal of simple living. It maintains a critical connection with the verse: *'I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God'* (Lev. 23:43). At its heart, Sukkot is about identity; it calls a chosen people to remember their origins: in the active, liberating movement of the Lord God in history. This is why the trappings of wealth are so dangerous. They can lead to complacency, a forgetting of who one really is in the sight of God.

How might Sukkot inspire Christians, in their own spirituality practices? Here are five tips:



1. **Give thanks for the gifts of shelter, protection.**
2. **Offer hospitality, especially to someone in need. Or, give financial support to an outreach for the homeless.**
3. **Eat outdoors. Dine under the stars in your backyard; enjoy a coffee under a morning sky. Draw close to God in nature.**
4. **Read Scripture from Exodus and Numbers and ponder the stories of the Israelites on their wilderness journey. Tell your own story, or that of a friend or family member who has known exile or wandering; perhaps as a refugee or immigrant.**
5. **Be happy. Resist becoming entrapped in your worries and cares, however real. Trust God enough to be able to smile, laugh, enjoy life's blessings.**

A table topic, in this time of pandemic: What new or different insight does this year's experience of pandemic and lockdown bring to the themes of Sukkot (such as awareness of the the fragility of life, and trust in God) mentioned above?

Spiritual Corner: Feasts and saints of the week: (Our extended family in Heaven).

Monday 4 St Francis of Assisi also known in his ministry as **Francesco**, was an Italian Catholic friar, deacon, mystic, and preacher. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land. Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in Christianity. Pope Gregory IX canonized Francis on 16 July 1228. Along with Catherine of Siena, he was designated patron saint of Italy. He later became associated with patronage of animals and the natural environment. In 1219, he went to Egypt in an attempt to convert the sultan al-Kamil to put an end to the conflict of the Fifth Crusade. By this point, the Franciscan Order had grown to such an extent that its primitive organizational structure was no longer sufficient. He returned to Italy to organize the order. Once his community was authorized by the Pope, he withdrew increasingly from external affairs. Francis is known for his love of the Eucharist. In 1223, Francis arranged for the first Christmas live nativity scene. According to Christian tradition, in 1224 he received the stigmata during the apparition of a Seraphic angel in a religious ecstasy,¹ which would make him the first person in Christian tradition to bear the wounds of Christ's Passion. He died during the evening hours of 3 October 1226, while listening to a reading he had requested of Psalm 142 (141).



Tuesday 5 St Faustina Kowalska, also known as Saint Maria Faustyna Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament and popularly spelled Faustina, was a Polish Roman Catholic nun and mystic. Her apparitions of Jesus inspired the Roman Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy and earned her the title of "Secretary of Divine Mercy". She was canonised on 30 April 2000. She was very humble and suffered ill health without complaint and died at 33 years old.



Wednesday 6 St Bruno of Cologne was the founder of the Carthusian Order. He personally founded the order's first two communities. He was a celebrated teacher at Reims, and a close advisor of his former pupil, Pope Urban II.

Thursday 7 Our Lady of the Rosary According to Dominican tradition, in 1206, St. Dominic was in Prouille, France, attempting to convert the Albigensians (Agnostics) back to the Catholic faith. The young priest had little success until one day he received a vision of the Blessed Virgin, who gave him the rosary as a tool against heretics. The development of this prayer owes much to the followers of St. Dominic.



In 1571, Pope Pius V organized a coalition of forces from Spain and smaller Christian kingdoms, republics and military orders, to rescue Christian outposts in Cyprus. On 7 October 1571, the Holy League, a coalition of southern European Catholic maritime states, sailed from Messina, Sicily, and met a powerful Ottoman fleet in the Battle of Lepanto. Knowing that the Christian forces were at a distinct material disadvantage Pope Pius V, called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory, and led a rosary procession in Rome. After about five hours of fighting, they defeated the Ottomans. Pius V instituted the feast of Our Lady of Victory in order to commemorate the victory at Lepanto, which he attributed to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In 1573, Pope Gregory XIII changed the name of the feast to *Feast of the Holy Rosary*, to be celebrated on the first Sunday of October. The Dominican friar Juan Lopez in his 1584 book on the rosary, states that the feast of the rosary was offered "in memory and in perpetual gratitude of the miraculous victory that the Lord gave to his Christian people that day against the Turkish armada". Pope Leo XIII raised the feast to the rank of a double of the second class and added to the Litany of Loreto the invocation "Queen of the Most Holy Rosary". He is sometimes referred to as "The Rosary Pope". Pius X in 1913 changed the feast date to 7 October, as part of his effort to restore celebration of the liturgy of the Sundays. In 1960 under Pope John XXIII it is listed under the title *Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary*; and under the 1969 liturgical reforms of Pope Paul VI *Our Lady of the Rosary*, is mentioned as a mandatory memorial.

The history of the Rosary is interesting, but the most important thing is the gift of the Holy Rosary to mankind in whatever era we are living.

Friday 8 St Pelagia the penitent, an early martyr of the church, former actress and prostitute, she became a hermit and was martyred for faith. Patron of pearls. (An interesting story.)

Saturday 9 St John Henry Newman was an English theologian, scholar and poet, first an Anglican priest and later a Catholic priest and cardinal, who was an important and controversial figure in the religious history of England in the 19th century.

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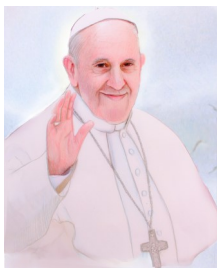
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OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints ... it is a prayer from my heart.”

These words, handwritten by the Pope himself and dated 13 May 2014, are the preface to the book *“Il Rosario. Preghiera del cuore”*

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