



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Cycle II

14 January 2024

Come & See!

The call to follow, the invitation to spend time with the Lord, is never a once and for all experience. It is a daily happening. As we grow in discipleship, as we learn to recognise his voice and walk in his ways, we learn that he speaks in many ways: not just through the authentic teaching of the Pope and Bishops who, like Eli and John the Baptist, are able to point us in the right direction. Christ is also able to speak to us through everyday events and people. Recognising the Lord's voice and presence can be a gradual affair, just as discipleship is a life-long commitment, not a one-off decision. Perhaps the Lord is calling to us most persistently in the faces of those in need: the poor, the homeless, the victims of war, violence or oppression, the sick and the dying, the lonely and the unloved. Whenever we can see and serve the Lord in these people, we know that we really have become his disciples.

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Welcome Rosan!

We welcome Rosan Mathew, our new Seminarian placement, to our parish this week. Rosan will be introduced at the 11am Mass at Reynolds Court this Sunday, and will introduce himself at all the Masses here in the Church next weekend.

Rosan has finished his studies at St John Vianney Seminary in Wagga and previously lived with Fr Brian at Lower North Shore Parish for a year. For the past two years he has lived and ministered in Hornsby Cathedral Parish.

We look forward to Rosan spending time and sharing his faith with us.



Catholic Mission Appeal this Weekend

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act with autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



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**Feast Days
this Week**

St Anthony
17 January

**Parish
Morning
Tea**



The Combined
Choirs are
hosting our
Morning Tea
next Sunday
21 January
in the Parish
Centre after
9:30am Mass.
All Welcome!

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



**Quote
for the Week**

*Truly, it is in the
darkness that one
finds the light,
so when we are
in sorrow, then
this light is
nearest to us.*

Johannes Eckhart

Jesus Calls

In John 1:35-42, we see the story of Jesus calling his first disciples - Andrew and Simon Peter. Andrew was initially a disciple of John the Baptist, but when he heard John proclaim Jesus as the Lamb of God, he immediately went to find his brother Simon and bring him to Jesus. This passage portrays a beautiful example of the importance of teaching others about Jesus and his teachings.

As parents and caregivers, it is our responsibility to introduce our children to the love and teachings of Jesus. Just as Andrew felt compelled to share the good news of Jesus with his brother, we too should encourage our children to share their faith with others. By teaching our children about Jesus and his teachings, we are helping them develop a strong foundation of faith that they can carry with them throughout their lives.

Furthermore, this passage shows the importance of community in nurturing and sustaining our faith. Andrew did not keep the good news of Jesus to himself - he shared it with his brother and brought him to meet Jesus. Similarly, we should encourage our children to be a part of a community of believers, where they can find support, encouragement, and opportunities to grow in their faith.

Catechists play a vital role in passing on the teachings of the Church and helping others grow in their faith. As a disciple, we invite you to consider this ministry to teach Catholic students in our state schools about Jesus. For more information about the catechist ministry, contact Leanne in the parish office. Phone 4332 2216 or email leanne@ourladyoftherosary.org.au

In conclusion, John reminds us of the importance of teaching our children about Jesus, and of nurturing a strong sense of community and belonging within the faith. In doing so, our children can develop a deep and meaningful relationship with God that will sustain them throughout their lives.

Colleen Smith *Pastoral Associate*

Stay with Christ

We all need the experience of being with Christ to become his true followers. But how are we to experience this? We can be with him in his word and in his sacrament. When we listen to the messages he has left us and celebrate his presence in the Eucharist, we are allowing Jesus to speak to us and open our eyes. But the conversation and learning we have at that point does not stop there. They point us back to our lives and what we do with those lives.

Most of us do not have a clear idea of what we want to be and do with our lives. Some are fortunate and both know and find the means to achieve their desires. Quite a number of us, however, have no such clear convictions. We live what we consider to be ordinary lives. But no life is "ordinary", because each of us contributes to the incredibly complex network of humanity. The important thing is to have a wider perspective about our lives. Some lives may seem humdrum and insignificant, but each of them is in its own way enriching the kingdom. We stay with Christ in his word and sacrament so that we can see the gift of our own lives and the lives of others more clearly. We share his glory in glorying in what we are called to be and in what each person we meet is called to be.

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Why Do We Bless Things?

Quite apart from the blessing of people and the blessing of the eucharistic bread and wine at Mass, Catholics are renown for blessing objects: houses, medals, statues, vestments, food...even computers! As found in scripture, a blessing is an authoritative pronouncement of God's favour. We bless as a way of placing our lives under the power of Christ. When we bless objects we acknowledge the goodness of God's creation and our desire to use these gifts for the service and glory of God.

The Story Source

Practice

By the practice of your religion you are called to give witness to your faith. And because actions speak louder than words, you are called to proclaim, by the conduct of your daily lives, that you really do believe that Jesus Christ is Lord!

In My Own Words Pope John Paul II

CatholicCare Helps

CatholicCare is the social care and support agency of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Since 1987 we have served the communities of Northern Sydney, Northern Beaches and the Central Coast, providing services and supports to more than 26,000 people every year.

Guiding all of our work are our mission, vision and values which ensure that we care, we listen and we focus on you. We prioritise safety and security.

Through our work, we live out the Gospel, underpinned by the principles of dignity, respect and equity for all, walking alongside each person in the way they choose. We recognise ability and maximise choices and are committed to a stronger future society.

"We walk alongside people to find and build solutions to their needs, to deliver quality services and to do so with commitment regardless of the difficulties faced, to live out our Gospel values, serving in justice and love." Tim Curran, Executive Director, CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay.

CatholicCare's range of services for people in need includes emergency relief, financial supports, homelessness and housing assistance, domestic violence support, counselling supports including financial counselling, disability and seniors supports and more.

Call us today on 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au for more information.

Please Note

Classes for Seniors

CatholicCare will be running Brain Games and Gentle Exercises again on Mondays. Brain Games from 11.00am-12.00pm, Let's Get Moving from 12.15pm-1.15pm. Classes will be held in the Brogan Room. You can join any time and a free trial lesson is available for all parishioners. Bookings are essential (02) 9481 2659.



Low Gluten Hosts

Please see one of the Priests before Mass if you are a coeliac.



Welcome

to the Carey & Owens families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.



Offertory Procession

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



Shop Locally

Please support the shops in the Carnival Hall building in the Town Centre. These shops support our parish.

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

2nd Sunday

Samuel 3:3-10, 19

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

John 1:35-42

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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

Recently Deceased: Carole Millar, Jeanette Bishenden, Bridget Burgess, Josephine Duxbury, Fr Bill Aliprandi, Jill Trotter, June Marsh-Hughes, Carolyn Finch.

Funerals: The funeral of Carole Millar was held during the week. The funeral of Bridget Burgess is on Tuesday 10:30am at Palmdale. The funeral of Jeanette Bishenden is on Friday 11am at Palmdale. Please pray for them.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Prayers: Fouzat About-Hasn.

Families: Dib.

Sick: John McClement, Margaret Falzon, Martin Ghirxi, Susan Simmons, Barbara Greaney, Anne & Trish Knoke, Lyle Dunn, Paul Smith, Anne O'Rourke, Collette O'Grady, Emma Horton, Marc Sabat, Linda Read, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will, and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Yadin Richardson.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Come & See!

The Gift Centre is open again 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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