



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 11 October 2026



On the To-do List

The parable today starts with a feast, a huge banquet that a king has prepared for his son's wedding. Guests have been invited, but they all find excuses not to come. The king tries three times, until the hall is finally full. In the end he has invited everyone, 'both bad and good'. This story teaches us that everyone is welcome, everyone is invited to the great feast that God has prepared for us. God is generous and loving, everything we need is offered to us in abundance. We are all welcome at the table, no one is left out. But it's not a one-sided relationship. God reaches out with love. God is love.

This parable makes clear that some of us are not ready – we are too busy; maybe we have too many distractions. The invited guests refuse the offer because they prioritise other things. Some of us are unwilling to change, like the guest at the end of the story. He's invited and he's happy to come along to the feast, but he won't put on his best clothes so that he can fully experience the joy, goodness and happiness on offer.

What does this mean to us? It suggests that we should not let God's invitation drop to the bottom of the to-do list. Turning up on autopilot is not enough. We need to take the time to reflect, to pray and to make changes to our own attitudes and behaviour so that we can fully participate in the feast on offer. Of course, everyone is busy. We have somehow constructed a society where it feels like there is no time – no time to spend with our family, no time to help others, no time simply to stop, rest and pray. Our value as humans is measured only by our productivity, as if we were robots. Yet as humans, as children of God, this pause, this moment to reflect on who we are, to pray and to listen to God's voice in our life, is key. How else can we respond to God's invitation to fully participate in the feast on offer?

Sunday Living Word Majellan Media

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You're Invited to a Wedding

Jesus likened the kingdom of heaven to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. Notice that the father (God the Father) is giving a banquet for his son (God the Son) and bride (the Church). Jesus is the marriage of divinity and humanity - and we his followers are invited to join in the joy of this union. The joyful intimacy of the Father and Son is now offered to us to be shared. Listen to Isaiah to learn the details of this banquet: "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear" (Is 25:6).

Now, there is an edge to all of this. For it is the king who is doing the inviting and it is a wedding banquet for his son. We can see how terribly important it is to respond to the invitation of the King of kings. We have heard the invitation of God to enter into intimacy with him, to make him the centre of our lives, to be married to him in Christ - and often we find the most pathetic excuses not to respond.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

Diocesan Event – Women of Broken Bay Lunch

Connect. Be inspired. Help shape the future. You're invited to the inaugural Women of Broken Bay Lunch. A special afternoon bringing women from across the Diocese together for connection, conversation and inspiration. Join us for a delicious two-course lunch, wonderful company and an inspiring keynote address from Mrs Kelly Paget, as we explore the theme "Called to Lead: A Journey of Faith, Family and Community." Most importantly, your attendance will help support the Cathedral Precinct Project contributing to a lasting place of faith, community and service for future generations. Limited seats are available, so book today - \$95 per person for a delicious two-course meal and beverages. Wednesday 28 October 11:30am arrival, 12:00pm start – 2:00pm finish. Book today: <https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/women-of-broken-bay-lunch2026-1630835>

Kids Club Night of Light – Save the Date

On Saturday 31 October Kids Club will once again celebrate a positive Christian-focused alternative to Halloween – A Night of Light, hope and faith! The Family Mass will be celebrated at 5pm with the Night of Light activities, supper, prizes and fun to follow. Come dressed in white or as your favourite saint! More details to come – watch this space!

Annual Seminarians Gala Benefit Dinner – Answering the Call

Answering the Call - is a Seminarians' Benefit Gala Dinner hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Vocations to support and encourage our seminarians, and all those discerning God's call. Come as an individual, a parish group, family, work colleagues or organise one or more tables of 10. With your generous support it will be a night of fun and friendship. Dinner and beverages included with each ticket \$150 pp. Auction, prizes and music. We hope to see you there. Friday 6 November 6:30pm-11:30pm The Epping Club, The Grand Ballroom, 45-47 Rawson Street, Epping.



Masses: Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 8am & 9:30am | Reynolds Court 11am | Maronite Mass 5pm

Weekday Masses: Monday Communion Service 9am | Tuesday - Thursday 9am | Friday 11:45am
Saturday 9am | Reynolds Court Wednesday 10am

Reconciliations: Saturdays 9:30am - 10am | 4pm - 4:30pm **Liturgy of the Hours:** Saturday 8:40am

Rosary: Monday-Thursday 8:35am | Friday 11:20am | Saturday 9:30am

Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group: Tuesday 9:30am **Cenacle Prayer Group:** Wednesday 9:30am

Christian Meditation Group: Friday 10:30am - 11:30am Reynolds Room



A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

The Chosen Season 6 Episode 1 – See it First Here!

Join us for a special early access event granted to parishes to watch Episode 1 of the new season of The Chosen. Even if you haven't seen the previous 5 seasons you will soon catch up with the characters on screen. We see fear and confusion reign as the disciples struggle to make sense of Jesus' arrest and Judas' betrayal. While they fight to stay together, Nicodemus stands alone against the High Priest in a heated showdown that throws the council into disorder.

The following 3 screenings are on offer (free) at the Ambrose Centre:

Session 1 Friday 16 October after 11:45am Mass. Light lunch provided.

Session 2 Friday 16 October 6pm. Popcorn and drinks provided.

Session 3 Tuesday 20 October 10am. Popcorn and drinks provided.

Register for catering via the QR code or <https://www.trybooking.com/DQFJU>



Faith in Action – Church Cleaning

Many hands make light work! If you're eager to lend a hand, we invite you to join our dedicated cleaning team. Together, we can keep our church space fresh and inviting for our congregation. If you have some time to spare on Friday mornings monthly on a roster basis, we'd be thrilled to have you on board with our ministry! If this sounds like something you'd like to be involved in, please complete one of the 'Faith in Action' forms available at the church entrances or reach out to the parish office.



Seaside Youth Group

We have new dates for the rest of the year. We will meet again on Saturdays 24 October, 14 and 28 November and 12 December (for our Christmas Party). Our youth group is made by youth, for youth, making a space for young people to connect with friends and faith. We welcome youth in school years 6-12 and meet after the 5pm Mass from 5:45-7:45pm in the Upper Room. New youth always welcome!

Rosary Novena

The Rosary Novena that was held each afternoon at 4:30pm for nine days was well attended.

It has become a beautiful annual event held in honour of our parish patron, Our Lady of the Rosary, in the Memorial Garden, weather permitting, or in the Church.



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Is 25:6-10 | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Matt 22:1-14

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand: But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



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Please Note

Memorial Mass for Fr Bob Brogan

As many of us were unable to attend Fr Brogan's funeral we will be having a Memorial Mass on Wednesday 21 October at 7:30pm for him.

Welcome!

This weekend we welcome the Camilleri and Killick Families for the Reception of their children for Baptism in the near future.

Feast Days this Week

St Teresa of Jesus 15 October, St Ignatius of Antioch 17 October.

Happy 101!!!

Happy 101st Birthday to Daphne Parsons for 11 October. Best wishes and blessings to you, Daphne.

Parish Morning Tea

The Hospitality Team (Group 3) will be hosting our Morning Tea this Sunday in the Parish Centre after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome.

CCD Annual Mass for Catechists

Our Annual Mass for Catechists will be held on Saturday 7 November 11.30am at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. Catechists will be receiving awards for their service and training certificates at the Mass. All catechists, family, friends, parishioners and clergy are welcome – please RSVP to ccdadmin@bbcatholic.org.au

Crosswords Conversations Bereavement Group

Join our Bereavement Group for a time to remember, reflect and connect. Following the Anointing Masses on Fridays 6 November and 4 December, enjoy a lovely cuppa and refreshments in the parish centre and then feel free to stay and spend some time with the CatholicCare team in a relaxed and unhurried setting. This is an opportunity to connect with others, share a memory of a loved one, or simply enjoy the comfort of quiet companionship. There is no expectation to speak or share, just come as you are. Everyone is welcome. For more info call: 1800 324 924 or email:

info@catholiccaredbb.org.au

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Fr Bob Brogan, Nada Lee, Michael (Gerry) McNerney, Patricia McNerney, Editha Baron, Julieta Manalang, Rose Williamson, Lilia Reyes, Nadia Hagberg.

Anniversaries: Robert Fowler, Phyllis & Frank Malone, Gino Lucchese.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Richard Falzon, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Giutronich, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Nona Redman, Fr Michael Kelly, Charles Magri, Bernie Bowers, Christopher Moore (birthday) and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sick: David Bowers, Jennifer Knoke, Henry Munns, Toni Murnane, Tully Jones, Linda Read, Kate Allison, Michael & Julie Trussell, Linda Ho, Angela & Tony Fowler, Lynette Falken, Walter Knoke, Anne Knoke, Pat McCudden, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

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God's Word 2027

Orders for *God's Word 2027* are now being taken. Please inform Leanne or Gift Centre volunteers if you would like one. The Gift Centre opens on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass. Also weekdays by appointment. You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.