



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

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For Granted or Grateful

Like the nine lepers who didn't think it necessary to thank Jesus for the healing received, many of us take for granted our innumerable everyday blessings! We seem to move about with a sense of entitlement convinced we are deserving of the blessings received. True happiness lies not in what we receive, but in how we receive. As is evident from Jesus' commendation, 'your faith has saved you', the thankful Samaritan had understood the full meaning of what he had experienced. St Ignatius of Loyola says, 'Gratitude is an attitude that keeps us aware of how we are blessed and who it is that blesses us.' No doubt, all ten lepers had cried out in faith, 'Jesus, Master, take pity on us'. But only one felt inclined to show gratitude. When in trouble or pain we, like the lepers, desperately seek God and when help does come, be it through family, neighbour or friend, do we bother to thank God and that person? Or do we simply take it for granted, saying, 'Oh! He or she was just doing their duty'. Today let us take the time to recall gratefully ten miracles God has wrought in our lives! Lord, let your touch warm us and heal us.

God's Word Fr Joby Mathew SSP

Parish Morning Tea for 100th Anniversary of the First Church

Our parish morning tea will be held next Sunday 19 October to celebrate 100 Years since the first Church was built here on this site.

Hosted by the Simply the Best Family Group we invite all to come along after 9:30am Mass to the Parish Centre for this special celebration of our Church's history.



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Deacon Tony Hoban Joins our Parish!

Deacon Tony Hoban was ordained for the Diocese of Parramatta almost 16 years ago. He served as Deacon for eight years at Christ the King Parish, North Rocks. He and his wife, Annette, were then asked by Bishop Vincent Long to establish a new Catholic Faith Community in Marsden Park in 2018; they led this community for seven years, until the end of 2024. They are now residing in Blue Bay and have just returned from motorhome travels covering northern NSW, Queensland, the Northern Territory and parts of South Australia and Victoria, clocking up more than 15,000kms. They have three married adult children (a son, Jamie, and twin daughters, Lisa and Julia) and two granddaughters, with their first grandson due this month. Deacon Tony is a former Vicar for Deacons in the Diocese of Parramatta and currently is the President of the Australian Catholic Deacons Association, Deputy President of the International Diaconate Centre and Deputy Chair of Kairos Prison Ministry, Australia.



Give Thanks

Joni Mitchell, the great singer-songwriter, wrote, “You don’t know what you’ve got ‘til it’s gone.” In a single line, she captured the unfortunate reality that we all take so many things for granted. Instead of being aware of, and grateful for, what we have, we often only appreciate things when they’re missing – or perhaps when we’ve lost someone or something.

We can say the same about the practice of gratitude – we really recognise its importance when we experience its absence or its opposite. There’s something beautiful about gratitude, just as there’s something ugly about ingratitude or an arrogant sense of entitlement. Maybe you’ve had the experience of being taken for granted, or having your generosity or effort accepted as if it were no big deal. If you’ve had that happen to you, then you’ll know how hurtful ingratitude can be. Even though our motivation for doing things is not to receive thanks or praise, when we meet with ingratitude, then our gift can be somehow spoiled.

Today’s Gospel story of the ten lepers is a great illustration of how important actually expressing our gratitude is. “One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks.” This man expresses his gratitude at the top of his voice, happy for all to hear. There’s no mumbled, embarrassed, offhand, “thanks a lot” or “cheers, mate!” His thanksgiving is evident to everyone as he throws himself at Jesus’ feet in humble praise. He has no qualms about letting the world know that something wonderful, unexpected and undeserved has happened. His thanksgiving is wholehearted and joyful, and he freely recognises that he owes the Lord a huge debt of gratitude. He realises that God is present and active both in his healing and in the person of Jesus, the one who healed him by the power of God.

This can be our approach in life, too. After all, everything we have and are comes to us as an undeserved gift from God, not because we’ve earned it or are entitled to it. As the Trappist monk Thomas Merton said, “To be grateful is to recognise the love of God in everything he has given us – and God has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of God’s love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from God.”

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

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 | **Cenacle Prayer Group:** Wednesday 9:30am

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

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



A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

Deacon Tân Nguyen Parish Visit

Next weekend 18/19 October we will welcome back the newly ordained Deacon Tân Nguyen to our parish Masses! Deacon Tân spent a year with us while in formation as a Seminarian and is returning to join us for the weekend. We congratulate him on his Diaconate Ordination, along with fellow Deacons, Huy Tr  n and Shayne D'Cunha. Please find congratulatory cards on the information tables for all to sign and wish him well with his vocation.



Night of Light Invitation

All families are invited to celebrate the Night of Light on Friday 31 October at 6pm in the Church grounds. Celebrate the true Christian meaning of All Hallow's Eve (Halloween), before the feast of All Saints. Free entry, BBQ dinner, games, craft, activities, treats and prizes for best Saint costume. Make this a memorable night for your children – encourage them to dress as their favourite Saint or in white. Everyone else attending please wear white as a reminder that this is a Night of Light! Please RSVP to 4332 2216 by 27 October.



Seaside Youth Group

Come along for games, fun and pizza with Seaside Youth Group. We are getting together this Saturday 11 October after the 5pm Mass - until 8pm. 12 to 17 years are all invited – bring a friend! Meet in the Upper Room (upstairs off the Church carpark). Contact us for more info: theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au or 4332 2216.



Annual Public Square Rosary

Join us in this nation-wide crusade. Religion is being banished from public life. Let people see that prayer is happening in public! This year our Public Square Rosary will be held on Saturday 18 October at 4pm at the Bayview Avenue fountain (next to the old Commonwealth Bank site.) Note that we finish well in time for the 5pm Vigil Mass.

Rosary Novena

The recent Rosary Novena leading up to the Feast Day of our Patron, Our Lady of the Rosary proved very popular with many parishioners participating. Thank you George for organising this prayerful gathering.



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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: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. 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

Welcome!

This weekend we have the Reception of the Cannane, Rivers, Baker & Filgate families whose children are being Baptised in the near future.

Congratulations to Sarah Sharpe and Abbey Mangan

Sarah and Abbey are making their First Eucharist this weekend. Congratulations to you both!

Jubilee of Consecrated Life

Last Thursday we celebrated the Jubilee of Consecrated Life. Patrician Brothers, Br Paul, Br John and Br Phillip are long-time members of our parish and we thank them for their contributions to parish life.

Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

This weekend celebrates the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, recognising the ways that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary can strengthen the faith life of individuals and, in turn, the Church.

Feast Days this Week

St Teresa of Jesus 15 October, St Ignatius of Antioch 17 October, St Luke Evangelist, 18 October.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Opal Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11am.

Men's Social Group

The Men's Social Group will meet again at Diggers at The Entrance on Wednesday 15 October at 12 noon. Friends welcome! Enquiries Lui 4388 9510.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Richard Falzon, Tita Bilaw, Katherine Mendiola, Elvie Lozada, Irene Buckley, Neville Allen, Cesare Cescon, Neville Allen, Yvonne Bates.

Funerals: The funeral of Richard Falzon will be held here next Thursday 16 October at 1pm. Please pray for Richard and his family.

Anniversaries: Emiley Cook (1st), Denis Farrell, Leo & Margaret Foley, Phyllis & Frank Malone, Gino Lucchese, Robert Fowler.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Charlie Borg, Charlie Grima, Joe Zammit, John McDermott, Alfred Rodger, Agnes Rodger, James, Molly & Mary Freney, Michael McQueen Snr, Michael McQueen Jnr, Christopher Moore (birthday) and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Fletcher & Trussell.

Sick: Julie Fletcher, Lynette Falken, Walter Knoke, Carl Sanchez Jnr, Teddy Williams, John Cox, Abigail Holt, Linda Read, Pat McCudden, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Janine Harpley, Rosanna Natali, Kitty Dowse, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, Anne Knoke, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Ella, Mia & Georgia Peacock, Haven Brennan, Marigold Bruce, Bronze Middleton.



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**Sacred
Gifts**

Welcome!

We are open 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.

Enquiries: 4332 2216