



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Cycle 1

15 October 2023



Share the Joy

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the parable of a king who organised a great feast for his son's wedding. The image of a wedding evokes many feelings of celebration and joy and sharing with family and close friends. We invite people we love to weddings - those with whom we want to share the most significant and joyful moments of our life. Sometimes, however, it is the people we least expect who can become our best friends and our closest companions.

The Gospel parable in Matthew gives an open invitation as the story develops: 'go to the cross-roads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding'. There will be numerous people that will influence and teach us different lessons in life that will ultimately give us meaning and purpose. They can teach us about Christ and about the ways of goodness, peace, sorrow and joy. The wedding feast parable can teach us about our relationship with Christ and others. Who are the people in your life that give you joy? Do you invite and include people who have touched your heart to share in your joyful moments?

God's Word Br Lewis Harwood FSC

Congratulations Children on your Confirmations!

This Friday our Candidates were Confirmed. We congratulate all the children and their families on their preparation for this great Sacrament. We thank Most Rev Bishop Robert McGuckin, Bishop Emeritus of Toowoomba, for Confirming the children in Bishop Anthony's absence, and all those involved in this most special occasion. We wish the children every blessing.

We are reminded that each boy and each girl receives a name in Confirmation, just as in Baptism, and that we too, when Confirmed, chose a name. The name is always that of a Christian who has, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, fought the good fight, and fought so valiantly as to be numbered among the saints whom it delights the Church to honour. The name taken should be very dear to you. It should cause you often to reflect on the one who bears it now in heaven, to fly to that saint for protection, and to ask the grace that, as you are struggling under their patronage here, you may one day be a partner of their happiness in eternity.



Feast Days this Week

**St Ignatius of
Antioch**

17 October

**St Luke
Evangelist**

18 October



Secular Franciscans

We invite you to
join us after Mass
this Sunday at
10:30am in the
Reynolds Room.
All welcome!
Enquiries:
0439 519 018.



Christian Meditation Group

All are welcome to
join us in the
Benedictine style
of meditation each
Friday from 10:30-
11:30am in the
Reynolds Room.

“Quote for the Week”

*You always leave
the Rosary for later,
and you end up not
saying it at all
because you are
sleepy. If there is
no other time, say
it in the street
without letting
anybody notice it.*
– St. Josemaria
Escriva

The Banquet of Life

The Gospel is an allegory. The king refers to God and the king's son to Jesus. The banquet symbolises the Kingdom of God to which different groups of people are invited.

Exasperated by the rejection of his invitation to those representing the hostile Jewish authorities, the king summons his messengers to invite everyone and anyone, good and bad alike, signifying the mission of the Church to invite all peoples to the banquet of the Lord.

At the end of the story, a man not dressed in wedding garments is punished for coming to the banquet not properly garbed. The improperly dressed are those who heed God's invitation but do not come with the proper disposition, with hearts converted and purified.

God desires everyone to enter the Kingdom. He goes out of his way to enter into a lasting relationship with each and everyone. This means that salvation is not intended for a select few but offered to all. However, just as we cannot force our love on another, God humbly opts not to impose his love or salvation on us. Like an expectant lover, God invites us to intimacy with him and to abundant life in the Kingdom, but waits without coercing and yearns without demanding, knowing fully well of the possibility of rejection, of unrequited love.

And yet, some people may turn down the Lord's invitation because of the coercive manner of the messengers or their lack of credibility. How humbling to realise that the Lord opts to rely on often unreliable messengers and witnesses to freely draw people to him. The Lord entrusts his invitation, his message, to the Church, the community of disciples called to witness to God's inclusive love.

Like Jesus, our rejected yet risen King, may we be docile to divine grace expanding our hearts and extending our arms to embrace each and every one. Unlike the man improperly attired, may we gather around the table of the Lord, with hearts purified and lives conformed to his, so that as we are dismissed and sent back to the world, through the joy with which we live out our faith and the love we have for one another, we might draw others to God's banquet of life.

365 Days with the Lord Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

Why the Rosary?

Like any prayer, the purpose of the Rosary is to bring us closer to the Lord. Unlike most “vocal prayer”, the Rosary is also meant to be a meditation on the subject matter of the mysteries. As a vocal prayer, the Rosary serves the usual purposes of Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving and Supplication. We can offer, and intend, the Rosary for any/all of these. Which leads us to the Rosary as a meditation. All of these same elements can be drawn out of the Rosary by meditating on its mysteries. Contemplating the mysteries we see the reasons to adore and give thanks in the greatness of God and the greatness of his love for us. We see the evil of our sins and the reasons for contrition, and in Jesus and Mary the models of holiness to which we ought to aspire, so that we may share in the joys and glory of eternal life with the Holy Trinity.

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Night of Light Invite

All families are invited to celebrate the Night of Light on Tuesday 31 October at 5:45pm in the Church grounds. Halloween ('All Hallows Eve'), is the evening before the feast of All Saints - the feast in which we celebrate the glory of God in his Saints. We will be celebrating the victory of light over darkness and Jesus's victory over death! Make this a memorable night for your children – encourage them to dress as their favourite Saint or in white. Everyone else attending please wear something white as a reminder that this is a Night of Light!! Free entry, BBQ, snacks, games, prizes, craft, activities, faith and fun! RSVP to the parish office by Friday 27 October for catering: 4332 2216.

Celebrating All Hallow's Eve at Home

As Christians we can stand with Jesus as the light of the world, and celebrate 31 October as All Hallow's Eve, a night of light. These are some resources you may like to use:

Verses to contemplate - John 1: 1-9, 3:19-21; John 12: 27-36, 12: 44-46; 1 John 1:5-7; Matthew 5: 14-16; 1 Peter 2: 9-10; 1 Thessalonians 5: 3 -5.

Websites for ideas - www.nightoflight.org/ www.effortlessfoodie.com/easy-soul-cakes/ www.littlewaychapel.com/blog/tag/all+hallows%27+eve www.catholicicing.com/how-to-celebrate-all-saints-day-at-home/

Fun Ideas - Carve the shape of a cross in a pumpkin instead! Bake some all soul cakes, you can find the recipe online. Place a lamp or light in your window if you stand for Christ and he is the light of your world.

We can honour Jesus as the light of the world, by recognising his light in the lives of the Saints who reflected him to all of those around them, and by acknowledging and praying for all souls who have died in the faith, that they may receive his mercy, be reunited into his loving arms and live eternally in his light.

(Belinda, a parishioner.)

Doll Painting is Back!

Would you like to meet people and have a cuppa and a chat? Well you can do this and help Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School at the same time. The school needs more help with painting wooden peg dolls for the Religious Education curriculum for Kindergarten and Year 1. You DO NOT need to have any artistic skills as instructions and paint, brushes, etc will all be provided. Just bring yourself (and a friend - many hands make light work) to the Parish Centre on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:30am 20 October to 1 December. For more information call Colleen 4332 2216.

Please Note

The Feast Day of St John Paul II Celebrations

Everyone is warmly invited to join us at St Patrick's Parish, 76 York Street East Gosford to celebrate the first anniversary of the St John Paul II Shrine on his feast day Sunday 22 October, with Mass at 9.30am, praise, worship, Rosary and reflections, BBQ, live music and market stalls.



Bible Reflection
Deepen your knowledge of the Scriptures with our Seminarian Tân. Wednesdays in the Reynolds Room 9:30am



Welcome
to the Saweris family for the Reception of their child for the Sacrament of Baptism.



Nursing Home Mass
and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at Nareen Gardens Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10:30am.



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

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

28th Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-10

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 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.

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

Recently Deceased: Tony Sheridan, Jim Porteus, Ellen Lidbetter, Sonia Antram, June Molloy, Peggy Denny, Margaret Danswan.

Anniversaries: Mary Rosewarne, Denis Farrell, Michael Fletcher, Phyllis & Frank Malone, Gino Lucchese.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, Marea Mann, John Giutronich, Bartolo Lucchese, Peggy Denny, Tim, John, Len & Kath Parsons and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sick: Kerrie Snelling, Trevor Williams, Lyle Dunn, Anne O'Rourke, Dallas McDonald, Susan Simmons, Paul Smith, Collette O'Grady, Oskar Alessandro, Trish Knoke, Emma Horton, Marc Sabat, Patrick Cologon, Linda Read, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will, and all with serious illness.

Confirmation Candidates: Please pray for the children who were Confirmed this week.

Thanksgiving: Tuka Family.

Bushy Tales Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT CENTRE

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Gift Centre

New stock coming in all the time - come and see! We are open before and after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and before and after the 9:30am Sunday Mass in the Church foyer. EFTPOS is available. For any enquiries call

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