



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 18 October 2026



Discerning Intent

Men with evil intent tried to trick Jesus into saying something that would compromise him with the authorities and weaken his mission. They met their match in Jesus, whose gentle strength and disarming wisdom sent them away even more focused on working towards his downfall.

We do not need to be reminded in these troubled times that many powerful men of this world are threatened by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, perhaps even by Jesus himself. The 'Caesars' of our world demand unconditional obedience to their will, tolerating no dissension. They lie, cheat, squander, exploit, wage war, sow division and happily flout God's most basic commandments.

When Jesus responded that we should give to Caesar what is Caesar's, he did not mean we should submit without question to those who clearly act contrary to the Gospel. The Gospel arms us with the truth that we are one in Christ, who leads us to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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World Mission Sunday

The theme for World Mission Sunday this year is: "One in Christ, United in Mission." Chosen by Pope Leo XIV, this theme carries deep significance as 2026 marks 100 years since the establishment of World Mission Sunday by Pope Pius XI. This centenary celebration is being held today, as a moment of gratitude and reflection for missionaries around the world, highlighting the Universal Church's enduring commitment to support the life-giving work of mission. We are grateful for Fr Rosan and all missionary Priests, who without them, we would not have such a vibrant Church presence in Australia.

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Everything Belongs to God

The Pharisees try to catch Jesus on the horns of a dilemma: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" If he says yes, he will anger the crowds. If no, he will anger Rome.

Jesus deftly escapes from the trap with one of his famous one-liners: "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." Clever, but much more than merely clever. In some ways, it is the implicit resolution of this very vexing problem.

We should not read this one-liner as though there is a clearly demarcated political realm that belongs to the Caesars of the world and a clearly demarcated spiritual realm that belongs to God. And we certainly shouldn't read it in the modern mode that the public arena belongs to politics, while religion is relegated to the private dimension.

No; this won't do, precisely because God is God, not a being in or above the world, not one reality among many. God is the sheer act of being itself, which necessarily pervades, influences, grounds, and has to do with everything, even as he transcends everything in creation.

God is the deepest source and inspiration for everything in life, from sports, to law, to the arts, to science and medicine. God is love itself. Everything comes from God and returns to God.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

We are One in Christ

On this centenary of World Mission Sunday, with Pope Leo's theme 'One in Christ, united in mission', he calls us to keep our gaze fixed on the Lord, so that he may truly be at the centre of our lives and communities, the centre of every word, action and relationship, leading us to echo the amazing words of St Paul to the Galatians: 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.'

There is an adage that says, 'A church that does not send is very near its end.' Baptism makes us all missionaries. There is no essential distinction between those wonderful men and women who have, over the centuries, carried the Gospel to the peoples of this world, and most of us, who bear witness to Christ at home.

Popes Benedict XVI, Francis and our present missionary, Pope Leo XIV, all repeat the truth that 'The Church does not engage in proselytism. Instead, she grows by attraction.' We will attract people to Christ by the love we show them, our respect for life, the inner joy we manifest, our willingness to forgive, and our reaching out to those in need. We reject violence in all its forms; we choose life, not death.

We will also support missionaries working abroad, young Churches too small or too poor to support themselves, and especially those Christians living with persecution and in the many war-torn areas of the world. We will love our enemies and pray for those who reject and despise us, and we will do this together as 'one in Christ', drawing strength from one another and from Christ.

If Christ is the sun, then we, the Church, are the moon, reflecting God's love to the world, enlightening all with the truth of the Gospel.

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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 last scheduled screening is on (free) at the Ambrose Centre:

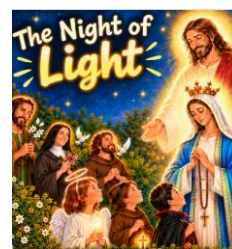
Tuesday 20 October 10am. Popcorn and drinks provided.

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



Kids Club Night of Light

On Halloween (All Hallows Eve) Saturday 31 October Kids Club will once again celebrate the evening before the feast of All Saints – celebrating the glory of God in his Saints and the victory of light over darkness. Starting with the Family Mass at 5pm and the Night of Light activities, games and BBQ to follow. Come dressed as your favourite saint or in white! RSVP by 29 October to the office 4332 2216.



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!

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. With your generous support it will be a night of fun and friendship. Dinner and beverages included with each ticket \$150pp. Auction, prizes and music. Friday 6 November 6:30pm-11:30pm The Epping Club, The GrandBallroom, 45-47 Rawson Street, Epping.



Public Square Rosary

The Public Square Rosary was held once again at the Bayview Avenue fountain area here at The Entrance.

Well done to all who attended this nation and world-wide event, bringing prayer into the community and public places.



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Is 45:1, 4-6 | Thes 1:1-5 | Matt 22:15-21

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, o God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



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Please Note

Date Change for Memorial Mass for Fr Bob Brogan

The Memorial Mass for Fr Brogan will now be held here on Friday 23 October during our 11:45am Mass, with refreshments afterwards in the parish centre. All welcome!

Welcome!

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

Feast Days this Week

St John Paul II 22 October.

Congratulations Pat & Dianne McCudden!

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary for 15 October and every blessing to you both!

Men's Social Group

The Men's Group will meet again on Wednesday 21 October at 12 noon at Diggers Club, Long Jetty. All welcome to come along for lunch and a yarn!

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. For more info call: 1800 324 924 or email: info@catholiccaredbb.org.au

Watch this Space – National Church Life Survey is Coming

Mass Attender Surveys are to be completed by churchgoers during a Mass at a future date to be advised. This vital survey assesses personal flourishing, discipleship and church vitality. We greatly appreciate your participation, opinions and input.



Keep Us in Your Prayers

A Special Prayer for our HSC Students: Heavenly Father, We bring before you our HSC students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgment, knowledge, and courage. Bless them with calm hearts, quiet confidence, and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams.

Recently Deceased: Joy Delandre, Fr Bob Brogan, Nada Lee, Michael (Gerry) McInerney, Patricia McInerney, Editha Baron, Julieta Manalang, Rose Williamson, Lilia Reyes.

Funeral: The funeral for Joy Delandre will be held on Monday 26 October at 11am. Please keep Joy, Michael and family in your prayers.

Anniversaries: Grazjo (Frank) Grech, Dennis Farrell, Mary Rosewarne, Ivan Naraj (birthday), Arthur Vella.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Margaret Pizzuto, Richard Falzon, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Giutronich, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Nona Redman, Fr Michael Kelly, Charles Magri, Fr Gregory Leonidas (birthday), Arthur & Bernadette O'Neill and all the Holy Souls.

Sick: Pope Leo XIV, Bev Pinkerton, David Bowers, Jennifer Knoke, Henry Munns, Tully Jones, Linda Read, Michael & Julie Trussell, Linda Ho, Angela & Tony Fowler, Lynette Falken, Walter Knoke, Anne Knoke, Pat McCudden, Rod Slater, 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.