



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C Cycle 1 | 19 October 2025



## Persistence Pays Off

We all believe in the power of prayer to influence the outcome of events and help change the lives of people. Yet, many a time we feel that our prayers fall on deaf ears. This is when we look for tangible evidence to reassure ourselves that our prayers are answered. If we cannot find such evidence, we lose heart. Jesus challenges us to keep our faith alive and never lose heart. Our God doesn't take pleasure in seeing us struggle through life. At the same time, we cannot manipulate God into granting us our requests. It is only through self-surrender that we can experience his help. Today's first reading emphasises the importance of praying for one another. The Israelites were able to defeat the Amalekites because Moses kept his hands raised in prayer. So also on our faith journey, we need others to raise their hands in prayer for us as we do for them. The parable of the wicked judge reminds us that those who plead with God for a just cause will not be disappointed. The widow pleaded for justice. What do we ask of God? Do we pray for a just cause or do we ask for things that will make our already comfortable lives more comfortable?

*God's Word* Fr Joby Mathew SSP

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Church

This Sunday we celebrate 100 Years since the first Church was built here on this site. We welcome back Fr Bill Stevens who is celebrating the 9:30am Mass with us.

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



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## Anchored in Hope

Last Christmas, Pope Francis was the first ever Pope to open a Holy Door in a prison. He had first opened the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, marking the official beginning of the year of Jubilee in the Catholic Church. He had announced the Jubilee in a document called *Spes non confundit* ('Hope does not disappoint'). "Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint", he wrote, "because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love". But why did he choose to visit a prison? "During the Holy Year", he wrote, "we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind. I think of prisoners who, deprived of their freedom, daily feel the harshness of detention and its restrictions, lack of affection and, in more than a few cases, lack of respect for their persons."

The Jubilee is about hope. Hope is not about distant unfulfilled dreams, but rather it is about perseverance in the face of immense difficulties. It is about continuing to believe even when circumstances feel overwhelming. On his visit to the prison, Pope Francis suggested that hope is like an anchor, tied with rope. "Sometimes", he said, "the rope is hard, and it hurts our hands. Yet even in these moments, the anchor of hope keeps us moving forward."

*Sunday Living Word* Majellan Family Media

## Look Again

If we look again at today's Gospel, we are called to continue to pray, not just for ourselves but for all our neighbours. To continue to pray is to continue to hope, just like the widow in the parable. If we switch the story round, though, so that we don't put ourselves in the place of the widow, but in the place of the judge, what do we see? Do we have eyes to see and respond to those who are living in poverty and exclusion? Are the widows, orphans and strangers of today important to us – do we answer our door when they knock?

Pope Francis linked evangelisation to hope and also to patience. "We come to realise", he said, "that evangelisation is sustained by the power flowing from Christ's cross and resurrection. In this way, we learn to practise a virtue closely linked to hope, namely patience. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. We no longer have time simply to be with others; even families find it hard to get together and enjoy one another's company."

The call to prayer is a call to pay attention. We are asked not to forget those who are on the margins of our society, those who are poor, hungry or in prison. We are now approaching the end of the Jubilee Year. It is a good time to review how we have approached the challenge of becoming tangible signs of hope in the world.

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## Feast of All Souls 1/2 November

At the end of all 3 weekend Masses (Saturday Vigil 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00am and 9:30am) after the final hymn, those who wish can join the celebrant to gather in our Memorial Garden at the side of the church for a prayer at each section and a blessing of the niches as we pray for all our past parishioners. *May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

**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

## Welcome Tân!

This weekend 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 visiting us for the weekend. We congratulate him on his Diaconate Ordination, along with fellow Deacons, Huy Trân and Shayne D'Cunha.



## 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 Hallows' 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.



## Congratulations on Your First Communions!

Last Saturday night at the 5pm Vigil Mass Sarah Sharpe and Abbey Mangan received the Holy Eucharist for the first time, after completing their preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation. We congratulate them both on this marvelous event in their faith journeys and wish them well for their futures.



## Introducing our New Parish Logo

Fr Brian and the Parish Pastoral Council have commissioned a new Logo for our parish. We are very happy with the symbolism displayed. The logo demonstrates the following aspects:

1. Our bell tower with the cross represents a lighthouse, the Cross being Christ as the Beacon. *John 8:12*
2. Three beams of light: not only represent the Trinity but also our message of being a Beacon of Faith, Hope and Love. *1 Corinthians 13:13*
3. Waves of water: of the Pacific Ocean and the ripples of Tuggerah Lake that surround us. *Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41 and Luke 8:22-25*
4. The colour blue: associated with the Virgin Mary, symbolising her purity and her unique connection to the divine.



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**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:** Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. 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

### Welcome!

This weekend we have the Reception of the Appleby, McNally and Sequeira families whose children are being Baptised in the near future.

### Congratulations on Your Baptism

Welcome to Mateo Hartge who is being Baptised at the 8am Mass this Sunday.

### Feast Days this Week

St John Paul II 22 October.

### Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Nareen Gardens Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10:30am.

### World Mission Sunday

The motto this year is 'Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples'. "It reminds individual Christians and the entire Church, the community of the Baptised, of our fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope." – Pope Francis

### Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group

Please join in prayer with others around the world for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Tuesdays after 9am Mass in the Church. Enquiries: 0438 320 927.

### Franciscan Food Drive

Please keep the food coming! Donations of non-perishable items can be left in the baskets at the Church doors. Thank you for your support of our local needy.

## Keep Us in Your Prayers

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

**Funerals:** The funeral of Craig Boys will be held this week at Kincumber. Please pray for Craig and his family.

**Anniversaries:** Bill Allchin, Arthur Vella.

**Remembrances:** Jill O'Sullivan, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Phyllis & Frank Malone, Gino Lucchese, Carlos & Virginia Bilaw, Saviour, Carmel, Guza, Mary, George, Philip, Ray & Sonia Sciortino, Carmelo, Mary & Joe Cilia, John, Maria, Nenu, John Jnr, Freddy, Doris & Carmel Armeni, Emanuel & Luckada Busutti, Freddy Grima, Les Mangon, Joe Degabrielle, Antunela Azzupardi, Tony, Maria & Carmel Carawana, Jesmond Mifsud, Emanuel Gatt, Maria Farrugia, Meleta, George & Paul Borg, Joe & Charlie Curmi, Percy Coalior, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Families:** Sciortino & Armeni.

**Sick:** Donny Daniels, 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:** Blayde Cliff, Edith Workman, Teddy Filgate and Romeo Mylne.



Our Lady of the Rosary  
**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**