



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Cycle 1

22 October 2023



## Give to God What Belongs to God

The Gospel reading today offers us the opportunity to reflect on the importance of being honest regarding our civil responsibilities. The Pharisees make another effort to trap Jesus by asking him a question about paying taxes to Caesar. They want to create problems and force Jesus into agreeing with them on matters relating to religious traditions and civic duties. However, Jesus provides a counter-balance to the argument and instead gives them a lesson in honesty and transparency. This Gospel reading can teach us about the need to fulfil our responsibilities towards the civil society in which we live and about the significance of the sacred. What are the essential duties that we need to fulfil in the communities where we live? How do we, who are made in God's image and likeness, give to God what belongs to God? Using the gifts God has given us to respect and value life is one way we may begin this process.

*God's Word* Br Lewis Harwood FSC

## Confirmation Congratulations

Last week we didn't yet have a picture in time for the bulletin. So here they all are. 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 very special occasion.





**Feast Days  
this Week**  
**Sts Simon  
& Jude  
Apostles**  
28 October



**All Saints Day**  
Mass 9am  
November 1  
**All Souls Day**  
Masses  
9am & 6pm  
November 2



**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**

*One should examine oneself for a very long time before thinking of condemning others.*

Moliere

## You Belong to God

Jesus lived the whole of his life in an occupied country. The Romans were probably not such an immediate presence in Galilee, leaving its control to their puppet king Herod Antipas, but their presence in Jerusalem was much more evident, their main garrison being attached to the Temple Mount, much to the chagrin of the Jews. The question put to Jesus by the Pharisees, who were no lovers of the Romans, was devious. If Jesus says the Roman taxes should be paid, he can be accused of being a traitor to his country. If he says they should not be paid, he can be accused of being a rebel and handed over to the Roman authorities.

As ever, Jesus avoids the direct answer and takes the question to another level. The story of Cyrus, who freed the Jews from their exile in Babylon, is just one good example from biblical history of how God makes use of Gentiles for the good of God's people. Jesus, however, uses the Roman coin to make a distinction we would think of today as that between the secular and the spiritual. The head on the coin is that of Caesar, so give him back his coin. But we are made in the image and likeness of God, and that is what we should be paying attention to.

Our identity is intimately bound up with God. What does that mean? In the book of Genesis it says God made human beings in God's own image and likeness, "male and female he created them". The first element in our identity is being male and female. It does not say whether this is a statement about our separate identities as male or female or whether each of us is to consider the male and female elements within ourselves. It is certainly an appeal for us to use our male and female qualities to work together to imitate God in His creativity.

Here is the second element of our identity with God. God hands over to us the stewardship of the world and asks us to carry out that stewardship as creatively as God has demonstrated Himself. This is initially illustrated by our being asked to name all that surrounds us, the plants, the animals, the natural world. In modern ecology we are discovering the full depth of this responsibility, a sensitivity more often held by other traditions. A Maori, for example, in asking where you come from, will ask you to tell the name of your mountain and your river. God is creator and sustainer, God is healer and inspirer. God loves this world and loves us. Our challenge is to discover whether we can love in the same way as God loves.

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## Public Rosary 2023



## Heart-Broken Love

Jesus spoke frequently of his "hour," the culmination of his life's work, and this hour coincides with his cross. In what is perhaps the most disturbing mystery of the New Testament, this macabre glorification through crucifixion is not simply the result of evil human choices; it is also willed by the one whom Jesus called "Abba, Father." Somehow, it is the deepest purpose of the Incarnation; somehow it is why he was sent.

And therefore the assault on death was the ultimate mission of the Son of God. There could be no place untouched by the divine mercy, no refuge from the press of God's relentless love. Because the Son has gone to the limits of godforsakenness, we run from the Father only to find ourselves, at the end of our running, in the arms of the Son.

As a parent would go anywhere in order to rescue his child, so God, the parent of the human race, went into the darkest reaches of body and soul in order to save us. And therefore this is the meaning of the cross: God is heart-broken love.

Bishop Robert Barron

## 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 and the Reynolds Room. 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.

## 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. The celebrations will continue during the day with praise, worship, Rosary and reflections, and wonderful hospitality with a 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



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



**Nursing Home Mass**  
and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at Bupa Aged Care Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10:00am.



**November Mass Envelopes**  
November is a special time to pray for the Holy Souls. Mass offering envelopes are available and will be placed on the Altar during the month.

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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

## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 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:** The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

## 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:** Bruce Parry, Bernadette O'Neill.

**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Marea Mann, John Giutronich, Simon Butcher and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Families:** Moore, Langley.

**Sick:** Frank Grech, 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.

**Baptisms:** Maria Grech, Amaya Goodwin, Alysa Galea, Mac Elliott, Lottie Wilkinson.

## Bushy Tales Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

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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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