Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 25 October 2026



In the Image of God

The First Commandment is, "Love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." The heart is considered the seat of all emotions, feeling and thoughts; the soul stands for physical and psychological energy and life itself; the mind signifies the intellectual aspects of a person. Undivided loyalty to God with one's whole being is demanded. Jesus links the Second Commandment, "Love your neighbour as yourself" to the "greatest and First Commandment" and teaches that love of God is expressed in love of neighbour. I should consider my neighbour's needs and problems as my own.

Pope Francis commented, "He does not deliver us two formulas or two precepts; they are not precepts and formulas. He gives us two faces, or better, a single face: that of God that is reflected in many faces because in the face of every brother, especially the smallest, fragile, helpless and needy, there is the very image of God."

God's Word Fr Sebastian Ampattu SSP

Masses for All Souls' Day

All Souls Day falls on Monday 2 November. Masses will be celebrated at 9am and 6pm in the Church, and 10am at Our Lady of the Rosary School at Shelly Beach. The 9am and 6pm Masses will be followed by a short prayer and blessing of the niches in the Memorial Garden. All are welcome to attend either of the Masses here or the Mass at the School.

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The Way We Live

We are told that Francis of Assisi once said to his friars, 'Go forth and preach the good news – and use words if you have to!' Francis knew what Paul had understood in the early days of Christianity: our greatest sermon is the way we live our life. We need not say anything.

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul reminds his readers how they received the Word with the joy of the Holy Spirit and that their faith in God had 'gone forth everywhere'. People could see the joy of the Gospel, and so Paul could add, 'We need not say anything.'

Sunday Living Word Majellan Publications

The Task of Prayer

Let us always desire the happy life from the Lord God and always pray for it. But for this very reason we turn our mind to the task of prayer at appointed hours, since that desire grows lukewarm, so to speak, from our involvement in other concerns and occupations. We remind ourselves through the words of prayer to focus our attention on the object of our desire; otherwise, the desire that began to grow lukewarm may grow chill altogether and may be totally extinguished unless it is repeatedly stirred into flame.

To pray for a longer time is not the same as to pray by multiplying words, as some people suppose. Lengthy talk is one thing, a prayerful disposition which lasts a long time is another. For it is even written in reference to the Lord himself that he spent the night in prayer and that he prayed at great length. Was he not giving us an example by this? In time, he prays when it is appropriate, and in eternity, he hears our prayers with the Father.

Excessive talking should be kept out of prayer but that does not mean that one should not spend much time in prayer so long as a fervent attitude continues to accompany the prayer. To talk at length in prayer is to perform a necessary action with an excess of words. To spend much time in prayer is to knock with a persistent and holy fervour at the door of the one whom we beseech. This task is generally accomplished more through sighs than words, more through weeping than speech. He places our tears in his sight, and our sighs are not hidden from him, for he has established all things through his Word and does not seek human words.

Excerpt from a letter to Proba by St Augustine

National Church Life Survey



The National Church Life Survey (NCLS) is conducted every five years across Australia. The survey helps Church attenders share their experiences, supports research for Church ministry and mission, and provides statistics about churches. It is vital for assessing personal flourishing, discipleship and Church vitality. We greatly appreciate your participation, opinions and input.

Mass Attender Surveys are to be completed by Churchgoers during the Masses on 31 October and 1 November. The survey is for Church Attenders aged 16 and over. It is voluntary and anonymous. Names are not included in the survey. Most people complete it within 20 minutes. Alternatively you may complete the survey online at attendersurvey.ncls.org.au

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

A Word from Fr Brian Abroad





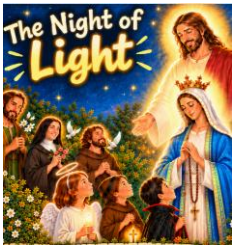
Dear Parishioners,

I have been away now for a little over a month. I spent a few days in London then I travelled around Cornwall, Wales and finished up in Liverpool (photo with the Beatles statue).

We have now started our Sabbatical as such at St Marys Monastery, Perth in Scotland run by the Redemptorists. Fr Ian (classmate from North Rocks) and Br Domenic (Patrician Brother) and myself are the only Australians with 18 other Priests and Religious from many countries. It has warm rooms and great food, and we spend time in prayer and different speakers come in each week for lectures. I continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. The second photo is me at Edinburgh Castle on a day off.

Fond Regards
Fr Brian

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!

The Chosen – Additional Screenings



Mission Broken Bay has teamed up with Our Lady of the Rosary Parish to bring you this special Early Access Screening of Episode 1, Season 6 of *The Chosen* before the new season is officially released. Due to popular demand – two more evening sessions will be held at The Ambrose Centre:

- Tuesday 27 October at 6pm (snacks and drinks provided)
- Wednesday 4 November at 6pm (snacks and drinks provided)

Enquiries: admin@ourladyoftherosary.org.au or mission@bbcatholic.org.au
Bookings via the QR code or just turn up!

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Ex 22:20-26 | Thes 1:5-10 | Matt 22:34-40**

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them! Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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Please Note

Welcome!
This weekend we welcome the Fuentes Family for the Reception of their child for Baptism in the near future.

Feast Days this Week
Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles, 28 October.

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

Franciscan Food Drive
The Franciscans on the Central Coast wish to thank the generous and ongoing support of parishioners. Your non-perishable food donations are making a significant difference to struggling members of our local community. Franciscan member Lui collects the items each week and takes them to the Benevolent Society Hub here at The Entrance. For further information call Sandrea on 0499 811 177.

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 Grand Ballroom, 45-47 Rawson Street, Epping.

St Joseph's College Tour
We have a College Tour coming up with our Principal Carolina Murdoch on Tuesday 27 October at 4:30pm.Come along and explore our dynamic learning environments, learn about our academic and co-curricular opportunities, hear about our exciting building works and experience our vibrant community. Please register at www.sjccdbb.catholic.edu.au/enrolments/college-tour-open-days/

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Joy Delandre, Bev Pinkerton, Fr Bob Brogan, Nada Lee, Michael (Gerry) McInerney, Patricia McInerney, Editha Baron, Julieta Manalang.

Anniversaries: Kitty Dowse (1st), Bernadette O'Neill, Bruce Parry, Duke Leonidas, Mario Galasso, Thomas Simmons.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Richard Falzon, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Giutronich, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Nona Redman, Fr Michael Kelly, and all the Holy Souls.

Sick: Pam Elliott, Pope Leo XIV, 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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Sacred Gifts

Welcome!

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.

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