



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 4 October 2026



Relational

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants presents a God who is eager to relate with humanity. The owner of the vineyard plans and prepares the vineyard with care. He repeatedly sends his servants to the tenants in spite of their hostile reaction and goes to the extent of even sending his son. He desists from taking any hasty action lest the relationship be ruptured. Unfortunately, the tenants, showing no interest in being connected to their master, respond to his benevolence with ingratitude and rebellion.

God enjoys a deep relationship with us. He loves to have a close bond with us. He created us in his own image and likeness so that we can relate with him. This parable challenges all Christians to deepen our personal relationship with our loving Father. After all, Christianity is not essentially rational but relational.

God's Word Fr Sebastian Ampattu SSP

A New Foundation

The parable that Jesus shares in today's Gospel is confronting and disturbing in its imagery and words. The people being sent to the vineyard are subjected to violence and death. The workers in the vineyard cause harm and do not uphold the human dignity of the servants sent to work and labour.

In our world today, we continue to hear of mistreatment, exploitation and social injustices. Who are the ones suffering today from this same mistreatment in their labour? Do we recognise the suffering servant among us in the poor, the weak, the sick, the voiceless in our society? Jesus empowers us to have compassion for those in need and those whose rights are oppressed by violence. He calls on us to lay a new foundation of hope and peace, a foundation that can remain and be built upon for many years to come.

God's Word Br Lewis Harwood SFC

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Our Lives Are Not About Us

Just before his Passion and death, Jesus tells the striking story of the landowner who planted a vineyard. The fertile vineyard stands for Israel, his chosen people. But it could be broadened out to include the world. What do we learn from this beautiful image? That God has made for his people a place where they can find rest, enjoyment, and good work.

We - Israel, the Church, the world - are not the owners of this vineyard; we are tenants. One of the most fundamental spiritual mistakes we can make is to think that we own the world. We are tenants, entrusted with the responsibility of caring for it, but everything that we have and are is on loan. Our lives are not about us.

Christ is God's judgment. We are all under his judgment. In the measure that we reject him or refuse to listen to him we place our tenancy in jeopardy. And so the great question that arises from this Reading: How am I using the gifts that God gave me for his purposes? My money? My time? My talents? My creativity? My relationships? All is for God, and thus all is under God's judgment.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

Diocesan Event – Women of Broken Bay Lunch

Connect. Be inspired. Help shape the future. You're invited to the inaugural Women of Broken Bay Lunch. A special afternoon bringing women from across the Diocese together for connection, conversation and inspiration. Join us for a delicious two-course lunch, wonderful company and an inspiring keynote address from Mrs Kelly Paget, as we explore the theme "Called to Lead: A Journey of Faith, Family and Community." Most importantly, your attendance will help support the Cathedral Precinct Project contributing to a lasting place of faith, community and service for future generations. Limited seats are available, so book today and invite the women in your parish, workplace, family and friendship circles to join you. Wednesday 28 October 11:30am arrival, 12:00pm start – 2:00pm finish. Book today: <https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/women-of-broken-bay-lunch2026-1630835>

Kids Club Night of Light – Save the Date

On Saturday 31 October Kids Club will once again celebrate a positive Christian-focused alternative to Halloween – A Night of Light, hope and faith! The Family Mass will be celebrated at 5pm with the Night of Light activities, supper, prizes and fun to follow. Come dressed in white or as your favourite saint! More details to come – watch this space!

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. Come as an individual, a parish group, family, work colleagues or organise one or more tables of 10. With your generous support it will be a night of fun and friendship. Dinner and beverages included with each ticket. Auction, prizes and music. We hope to see you there. Friday 6 November 6:30pm-11:30pm The Epping Club, The Grand Ballroom, 45-47 Rawson Street, Epping.



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 following 3 screenings are on offer (free) at the Ambrose Centre:

Session 1 Friday 16 October after 11:45am Mass. Light lunch provided.

Session 2 Friday 16 October 6pm. Popcorn and drinks provided.

Session 3 Tuesday 20 October 10am. Popcorn and drinks provided.

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



Faith in Action – Church Cleaning

Many hands make light work! If you're eager to lend a hand, we invite you to join our dedicated cleaning team. Together, we can keep our church space fresh and inviting for our congregation. If you have some time to spare on Friday mornings monthly on a roster basis, we'd be thrilled to have you on board with our ministry! If this sounds like something you'd like to be involved in, please complete one of the 'Faith in Action' forms available at the church entrances or reach out to the parish office.



Ministry Refresher Training **POSTPONED**

Please note the Refresher Training with Fr Rosan scheduled for Friday 23 October from 5:30-7pm has had to be postponed. We apologise for any inconvenience. A new date will be forthcoming in the near future. For any enquiries please call the office on 4332 2216.

Seaside Youth Group New Dates

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 Public Square Rosary

Join us in this nation-wide crusade next Saturday 10 October at 4pm at the Bayview Avenue fountain (next to the old Commonwealth Bank site). Praying the rosary in an outdoor space serves as a public declaration of faith, bringing prayer out of the church walls and into the community. Note that we finish well in time for the 5pm Vigil Mass. Enquiries to the parish office on 4332 2216.

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Is 5:1-7 | Phil 4:6-9 | Matt 21:33-43

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



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Please Note

Feast Days this Week

St Francis of Assisi 4 October, Our Lady of the Rosary 7 October.

Parish Morning Tea

The Hospitality Team (Group 3) will be hosting our Morning Tea next Sunday in the Parish Centre after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome – bring a plate to share if you like.

Rosary in the Memorial Garden

A Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary is being held from 1-9 October at 4:30pm in the afternoons, with the reciting of the rosary in the Memorial Garden. It's not too late to join us!

Thank You from CatholicCare's Homelessness Appeal

Our parish raised a total of \$3,284.25 for the recent Appeal. Thank you to all who responded!

Office & Church Closed

The parish office and the Church will be closed:

Monday 5 October (Public Holiday) all day except for the Communion Service as usual at 9am.

Friday 9 October following the 11:45am Mass.

CCD Annual Mass for Catechists

Our Annual Mass for Catechists will be held on Saturday 7 November 11.30am at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. Catechists will be receiving awards for their service and training certificates at the Mass. All catechists, family, friends, parishioners and clergy are welcome – please RSVP to ccdadmin@bbcatholic.org.au.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for October

For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Rose Williamson, Lilia Reyes, Nadia Hagberg, Fr Harry Kennedy, Leopold Mendiola, Felix Galler.

Anniversaries: Sam Marmara.

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, Charles Magri, Bernie Bowers, Neliya de Silva (birthday), Joe Bond, Frank & George Grech, Mary Gatt, Narelle Adams and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Grech, Falzon, Zahra, Grima, Camilleri.

Sick: David Bowers, Jennifer Knoke, Henry Munns, Toni Murnane, Tully Jones, Linda Read, Kate Allison, Michael & Julie Trussell, Linda Ho, Angela & Tony Fowler, Lynette Falken, Fr Bob Brogan, Walter Knoke, Anne Knoke, Pat McCudden, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Koa Keith.

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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.