



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Cycle 1

8 October 2023



A Unique Vineyard to Cultivate

In the great vine-growing regions of the world, it soon becomes apparent how vineyards are different from other forms of agriculture. The vine grower behaves towards the vineyard more like a passionate gardener than like a farmer. Vines are not a product that chops and changes with the years and seasons. Many vines can outlive their owners, and, a little like human beings, they offer a different gift of fruit in their youth, mature years and old age.

The business is beautifully illustrated in the books of Patricia Atkinson, *The Ripening Sun* and *La Belle Saison*. Patricia is an Englishwoman who went with her husband to live and work in a vineyard to the south of Bordeaux, in France. Her husband then withdrew back to England, leaving her to sink or swim in this new and totally alien world. The books are the story of how she came to love her vines and vineyard. They tell of the challenges and difficulties involved; but this is also the story of one woman's endurance, passion and imagination as she becomes more and more involved in making the vineyard a going concern. If the books recount the obstacles she had to overcome, they also reveal the immense kindness and support she received from her neighbours in the local community. Hers is a love affair with a community as much as with her vines. No wonder the wines she makes are a magical expression of such cooperative flair and goodwill.

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Confirmations this Friday Evening

This Friday our Candidates will be Confirmed. We congratulate all the children and their families on their preparation for this great Sacrament. Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Christian's relationship with God is made stronger. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are strengthened: wisdom, understanding, courage, right judgment, knowledge, reverence, and wonder and awe, helping us to know God's will and helping us to do his will. In this way the Christian is equipped to become a better witness to Christ in the world.

The children will enjoy an Enrichment Day in the Church precinct on Thursday from 9:30am to 2:30pm, to conclude their preparations. (Parishioners please be aware of limited parking in the Church carpark on this day.) Then on Friday evening at 7pm they will be Confirmed by the Most Rev Bishop Robert McGuckin, Bishop Emeritus of Toowoomba, in the absence of Bishop Anthony, who is attending the Synod with Pope Francis in Rome. We wish the children every blessing.



Welcome

to the Elliott,
Goodwin & Grech
families for the
Reception of their
children for the
Sacrament of
Baptism.



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group

Join us for lunch
and a yarn.
Wednesday 18
October 12 noon
at Diggers Club.
All Welcome!
Enquiries
Lui 4388 9510.

Parish Morning Tea



The Simply the
Best Family Group
is hosting our
Morning Tea this
Sunday 8 October
in the Parish
Centre after
9:30am Mass.
All Welcome!



Quote

for the Week

*Don't let your
worries get the
best of you.
Remember Moses
started out as a
basket case.*

A Unique Vineyard to Cultivate *(continued)*

The vineyard is a favourite image of God's people in both the Old and New Testaments. It brings out the closeness of the Lord to his people, the way he is prepared to work with them to produce fruit, his long-term investment in their success. But things can go wrong. If the vineyard is not well cared for, if it is neglected it will not produce good fruit. If those who are in charge keep the produce for their own use, pretending it is their own and not God's, then disaster will ensue and the vineyard will be taken away from them.

As those who have inherited the Lord's vineyard, as we hear this parable we may find ourselves asking the question: "How are we to look after this gift to us?" The virtues of perseverance, imagination and working together will contribute greatly. It is also important to keep God in mind throughout our activities. St Paul, in today's extract from his letter to the Philippians, bids us ask God for anything we need in prayer and thanksgiving, and God's peace will guard our hearts and thoughts. If we prune out all that is evil or destructive from our lives, the briars and thorns, and fill our minds with everything that is true and noble, good and pure, then we will produce in our lives and in the Church the fruits graced by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We are all called to care for the vineyard of the Lord, to build up God's kingdom in the world and to help it to bear fruit. Each one of us has a calling and a responsibility to work towards that end

There's a sense too in which God has given each of us a unique vineyard or garden to cultivate in our own lives: in our life of faith and prayer, and in our relationships with the people we know and among whom we live, our families, friends and colleagues. We are all responsible for the well-being of our vineyards. Just as there is no one way of cultivating a vineyard (growers argue all the time as to how best to select, grow and pick their grapes) so as we go through life we will find that we make some choices that work, others that fail. But even in difficult times, when faith seems weak and relationships are challenging, we can remember that nothing is irredeemable. Vines are a hardy crop and benefit from growing on stony ground and being vigorously, if carefully, pruned. And they tend to grow better when cooperation and goodwill are involved in cultivating and caring for them. And perhaps the same is true of us.

Above all, let's always remember the passion the Lord has for his vineyard. We are never alone in our endeavours. The Lord is always there with us, encouraging us and working alongside us as we bring to fruition the unique gift of our lives.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

From the Mouth of Babes

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six year old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I don't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you here Mummy say," the wife answered.

So the daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

Why We Do the Things We Do

Why confirm? As the name implies, the Sacrament of Confirmation confirms or strengthens the new life received at Baptism. Symbolically the bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead using an oil called chrism. As he does so he says, (Saint's Name) be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.'

Although the Holy Spirit is received at Baptism, Confirmation focuses on this gift by recalling the promise of Jesus to send the Spirit. In the case of youth, Confirmation is often regarded as a sign of maturity in Christ. Having been Baptised as a baby and raised in the Christian life, the youth is now called upon to make a more mature commitment to the Gospel. In particular, Confirmation underlines our commissioning to be bold, apostolic witnesses to the Gospel.

Annual Public Square Rosary

Join us in this nation-wide crusade. Religion is being banished from public life. Let people see that prayer is happening in public! This year our Public Square Rosary will be held next Saturday 14 October at 4pm at the Bayview Avenue Fountain (next to the old cinema site). Note that we finish well in time for 5pm Mass. Enquiries: Pauline Fowler 4332 9888.

Please Note

Central Coast Secular Franciscans

The next meeting of the CC Secular Franciscans will be right after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 15 October. A warm invitation is extended to everyone to attend Mass and the meeting. This year is very special because Saint Francis established the Secular Franciscans (previously known as the Third Order of Franciscans) 800 years ago. Saint Francis had a close relationship with all God's creatures and the environment, but also set up the first Christmas Crib at Greccio, Italy in 1223. We look forward to seeing you there. Secretary: Gerard Price ofcs 0439 519 018.

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. We are celebrating the first anniversary of the St John Paul II Shrine on his feast day Sunday 22 October, with Mass at 9.30am, praise, worship, Rosary and reflections, BBQ, live music and market stalls.

Divine Retreat Centre

The Divine Retreat Centre offers a variety of programmes for October including Marian and Spiritual one and two-day Retreats. They also offer children's and youth ministries. Located at 160 Hensons Road Somersby, with some days being held in various parishes. Contact 4372 1598, drcsydney@gmail.com or www.divineretreatcentre.org

Family Connect & Support Service

Family Connect and Support (FCS) is a statewide voluntary service for children, young people and families who need support to maintain a safe and positive family environment. Call 1800 066 757 or visit www.catholiccarebb.org.au.

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Gold ring with pink stones. Please see office staff to claim.



Bible Reflection

Deepen your knowledge of the Scriptures with our Seminarian Tân. Wednesdays in the Reynolds Room 9:30am



Happy Birthday

to
Daphne Parsons
on the occasion
of your
98th Birthday
11 October 2023!



Nursing Home Mass

and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at Opal Nursing Home Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11am.



Low Gluten Hosts

Please see one of the Priests before Mass if you are a coeliac.

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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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

27th Sunday

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 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.

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.

Funerals: The funeral of Ellen Lidbetter is on Monday 9 October 12:30pm at Hillside Chapel. The funeral of Sonia Antram is on Wednesday 11 October 11am in the Church. Please pray for them and their families.

Anniversaries: Denis Farrell (1st).

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

Sick: 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.

Confirmation Candidates: Please pray for the children and their families who are preparing for Confirmation.

Welcome newly Baptised: Harper Deaves.

Bushy Tales Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT CENTRE

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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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