Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Feast of All Saints | Year A Cycle II | 1 November 2026



What We Are Made For

We all want to be saints, that is, to live in the presence of God, of love, for all eternity. This is what we are made for. The big question is, how do we get there, when we know how often we fall and falter? Of course, in the end, grace and salvation are God's gifts to give. We can't earn our way to sainthood. But today's Readings give us a hint of how we can cooperate in God's plan for our salvation. The first two Readings indicate that there is suffering involved in being a saint. And in the Gospel, Jesus shows us through the Beatitudes what disposition is needed to enter the kingdom of heaven - we are to be poor, gentle, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers. Our life in Christ is one of constant purification, a stripping back of ego and hardness of heart and turning back to him. Herein lies our hope.

God's Word Debra Vermeer

National Church Life Survey This Weekend

This weekend, we will be asking Mass attendees to complete the "Attender Survey". Our church will be joining thousands of churches across the country in the largest and longest-running survey on church life in the world. After completion of these surveys, our church will receive resources, including our Profile of the results, to help inform us of our ministry and mission. Our prayer is that, with God's blessing, this survey will serve to strengthen the health and vitality of our church.

If you are unable to complete it this weekend or you know of someone who is away and should complete this survey, please contact the office or go to https://mysurveys.ncls.org.au/start/attender.

When completing either the online or paper survey, you will need to add the church code for the church you attend in the parish, either Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance or Holy Spirit Chapel, Bateau Bay (Reynolds Court).

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The Feast of All Souls

Our Missal tells us that this day is a day in which we remember our unity with all who have died and pray for the eternal repose of their souls. The First Reading from Isaiah paints a beautiful vision of what it is that we are praying for. That our loved ones and all the faithful departed will share in God's heavenly banquet, where suffering is banished and there are no more tears because we are face to face with God 'in whom we hoped for our salvation'. St Paul talks of our 'joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ' which underlines our hope for eternal life. And in the Gospel, Jesus speaks to every weary heart when he invites us to come to him and rest in him, both in this life and the next. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in your peace. Amen.*

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Pilgrims

For Jesus, our life in heaven is rooted in, and springs from, our life now, here below. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, who are merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers, and persecuted witnesses can all rejoice, for they are blessed and filled with God's grace.

The path to sainthood is both carrot and stick: we are inspired and encouraged, yet also challenged and urged forward. The mystical vision of St John in Revelation appeals to our imagination and presents a visual symphony of heaven, where all the redeemed surround the throne of the Lamb, the Lord who was slain and is alive. Our only response to this vision is adoration and praise. We are enticed onwards and upwards: what those who have gone before us have achieved is promised also to us.

What practical steps might we take towards sainthood? Wise words, variously attributed to a business entrepreneur and to Buddha, are surely helpful here: *Watch your thoughts, they become words; watch your words, they become actions; watch your actions, they become habits; watch your habits, they become character; watch your character, for it becomes your destiny*.

For the Christian, this becomes a powerful, transformative path to sanctity. It is an invitation to be formed by the Word of God as encountered in the Scriptures and in the Liturgy of the Church. At Mass we are immersed in the Word of God: in the greeting, the sacred dialogue between priest and people, in the Readings, in receiving Jesus, himself, in the Eucharist, in the prayers and hymns and in the dismissal, where we are sent out to share what we have received. It is the Word himself within us that shapes our thoughts, keeps us focused on God, and orients us towards him. Being imbued with the Word, we increasingly act in the ways of God. Beginning with our Divine inspiration, we eventually arrive at the destiny prepared for us: the glory of the kingdom of heaven. Suddenly, the daunting task of becoming saints can seem manageable – something on which we can all focus our efforts.

Today's feast reminds us of something else, something vital: we are not merely on a personal, individual journey where we can become lost, confused, or discouraged. We are a pilgrim people, travelling together, offering one another help, support, consolation, inspiration, encouragement and hope. As we journey together, we arrive at our heavenly destination together and are welcomed into the community of all who have travelled before us and triumphed against the odds. We are now eternally among the blessed.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Media

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

Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB). Through your prayers and giving, PWBB continues to support vital ministries that bring care, hope and practical assistance to people across our Diocese. Your past support has helped make a real difference in our communities – supporting pastoral care, outreach, chaplaincy, faith formation and assistance for those most in need.

As we begin the PWBB 2026/27 Appeal, we invite parishioners to continue supporting this important mission. Our parish Appeal will be held on the weekend of 14/15 November.

Every gift, large or small, helps continue the good works made possible through PWBB. Please give generously using the parish donation QR code or the envelopes provided. Donations over $2 are tax-deductible. Together, we can continue bringing care, hope and dignity to those who need it most.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for November

For the proper use of wealth.
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Parish Volunteers' Thank YOU!

Fr Brian and Fr Rosan would like to thank all of our Parish Volunteers, from Readers to Cleaners, Choir to Floral Team, and all in between. You hard work is appreciated and all you do to make this a great parish community. Come along on Friday 27 November at 5pm to the parish centre for drinks and nibblies. You know you deserve it! Please RSVP by 20 November to the sheets on the Church tables or call the parish office on 4332 2216.

Seaside Youth Group

We have new dates for the rest of the year. We will meet again on Saturdays 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 – Final Screening

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 – this final evening session will be held at The Ambrose Centre: 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!

Feast of All Saints **Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14 | 1 John 3:1-3 | Matt 5:1-12**

Entrance Antiphon: Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Mass for All Souls' Day

All Souls Day is this 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.

A Plenary Indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a Church on All Souls' Day (2 November), and praying the *Lord's Prayer* and the *Creed*, with the usual conditions of receiving Communion and Confession within the week and praying for the Pope's intentions.

Please Note

Feast Days this Week
Feast of All Souls 2 November, St Charles Borromeo 4 November.

Anointing of the Sick
First Friday 6 November during the 11:45am Mass.

First Friday Cuppa
Friday 6 November following the 11:45am Mass, in the parish centre. All welcome – feel free to bring a plate to share!

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Saturday 7 November following 9am Mass, for one hour, concluding with Benediction.

Broken Bay WYD Promotional Session
Thinking about WYD 2027? Join other youth, young adults, parents and staff from around the Diocese to hear more about our pilgrimage to Japan and South Korea for WYD in Seoul! Hear about our itinerary, application process, fundraising resources and how we can best prepare ourselves as we pilgrimage to Seoul in 2027! Wednesday 4 November 5.30pm – 6.30pm St Peter's College Hall Tuggerah.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Joy Delandre, Bev Pinkerton.

Remembrances: In November we especially pray for all the Holy Souls. The Mass intentions are placed on the Altar during the Masses. Please place your envelopes in the November Mass Offering box on the Sanctuary railing.

Sick: Pam Elliott, Pope Leo XIV, David Bowers, John, Jennifer, Walter and Anne Knoke, Henry Munns, Tully Jones, Linda Read, Michael & Julie Trussell, Linda Ho, Angela & Tony Fowler, Lynette Falken, Pat McCudden, Rod Slater, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Matilda Gilliver, Johnny Haddad, Remi & Rudi Retford, Sibyl Ray, Sophia Williams.

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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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