Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 15 November 2026



According to our Ability

Our Readings today speak to us about how faith is not just something personal between us and God. Faith also calls us to live differently. We are all unique and special. We have all been given gifts from God, and we are all expected to use these 'talents' to become the person that God knows and wants us to be: the very best version of ourselves. God loves us and is merciful to us. We are called to share this love and mercy with others as part of our faith. In this way, his mercy multiplies, just like the talents in the parable we have heard today.

So let us take time to look inside ourselves. What gifts, skills, and talents have we been given? How will we make sure that we do not bury them in the ground, disappointing our Lord and Master who has placed his trust in us? Making the most of our gifts can be challenging. It almost certainly requires hard work, but it is not impossible. As we hear in the Gospel, he gave to each servant 'according to his ability'. We are not to hide behind fear, false humility, or the idea that it is someone else's responsibility to do something. Instead, we consider how to use our talents for the good of all people, sharing God's compassion in our troubled world.

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Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal This Weekend

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 is being held this weekend 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.

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The Point of Parables

The fact that so many people today can remember the parables is a testament to Jesus' teaching power. We have all heard the parable of the Good Samaritan, for example, and we are usually impressed. We might say, "What a lovely story. How heart-warming!" But the parables are designed to go deeper than this. The Gospel writers did not record them so that future readers could admire their prose or marvel over Jesus' undoubted skills as a storytelling teacher.

The whole point of a parable is to help us to discover for ourselves something profound, to precipitate a "light bulb moment" which will inspire us to transform our behaviour and become a different person. To say: "In future I will not ignore that person who needs help, I will copy this Samaritan in the way I respond to the needy". And that is the essence of Christ's teaching. What concerns Jesus is how we act rather than the ideas we hold; he calls us to be people who forgive. He urges us to be generous and compassionate with others and to pursue social justice and the way of peace.

There is a bias towards action in the Gospel. Jesus tells us that if you don't do it, then you don't believe it; if you don't do it then you haven't heard it or seen it. It's only when we start to actually put his teaching into practice that we can truly believe, in our hearts, what we say we believe all along in our heads. We can't be "theoretical Christians".

In the words of James, "If good works do not accompany faith, it is quite dead". If there is no change in us then the world isn't changed.

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The Sabbatical Continues

Dear Parishioners,

The Sabbatical continues now for a few more weeks as the days grow shorter and the weather gets colder. One of the highlights of our time has been the pilgrimage to Iona. It involved journeying to western Scotland and a ferry to the island of Mull then a further ferry to the island of Iona. Pictured is the church built on the ruins of the Monastery of St Columba who left his native Ireland to share his faith with the people of Scotland. My first seminary at Springwood was named after this saint.





The second photo is of a visit to Stirling Castle near Perth. This week we have a visiting priest from Ireland leading us through the Gospel of Mark which features next liturgical year starting in Advent.

See you when I return in early December.
Regards, Fr Brian

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

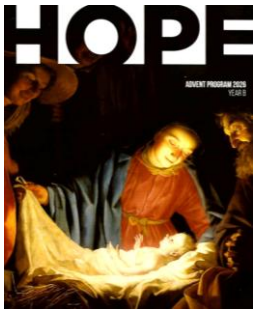
Formation/Education on Understanding the Mass

All Volunteers and parishioners are invited to an evening of Education and Formation on Understanding the Mass Thursday 26 November at 6pm (finishing 7:30pm) in the Church, presented by Fr Rosan. The Mass is the central act of worship in our Church and is the source and summit of Christian life. All are welcome! Please RSVP to the parish office 4332 2216.

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. Your 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. Please RSVP by 20 November to the sheets on the Church tables or call the parish office on 4332 2216.

Hope – Advent Reflection Mornings



All are invited to journey prayerfully through the Sunday Gospel Readings of Advent, opening the stable of our hearts to the hope and wonder of Jesus' coming into the world, led by Deacon Paul. Starting Thursday 26 November in preparation for the 1st Sunday of Advent, at 9:30am in the Reynolds Room. Refreshments provided. No RSVP necessary – just turn up. Enquiries 4332 2216.

Faith in Action - Catechists

Make a difference in a child's life without leaving your community. Become a volunteer Catechist (Scripture Teacher) in our local parish public schools. Teach values, share faith and inspire young minds for just one hour a week. No prior teaching experience is required as full training and approved lesson materials are provided. A Working With Children Check number is required, free for volunteers. Just fill out a 'Faith in Action' brochure which you will find on the Church tables or contact Leanne in the parish office on 4332 2216.

Kids Club

Kids Club is a parish social group for 5-12 year olds who want to have fun, make new friends and learn more about Jesus! Games, craft, activities and snacks are provided. Parents of under 5 year olds must stay – all parents are welcome to stay. The next date is Saturday 21 November from 3pm-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. All are welcome to join us afterwards for the 5pm Vigil Mass. Enquiries: 4332 2216.

Seaside Youth Group

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!

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Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.
Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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Please Note

Feast Days this Week
St Elizabeth of Hungary 17 November, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 21 November.

Catechist Award Presentation & Parish Morning Tea
At the 9:30am Mass this Sunday 15 November Catechist Alfia Sanchez will be presented with a Papal Award for 20 Years of Service to our children in the State Schools. Well done Alfia! The Catechists will then host our Morning Tea afterwards in the parish centre. All are welcome!

Niche Blessing for Joy Delandre
There will be a niche blessing for Joy Delandre on Friday 27 November after 11:45am Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Men's Social Group
The Men's Group will get-together again this Wednesday 18 November at 12noon at Diggers Club, Long Jetty. Come along for lunch and a yarn – wives and friends welcome! Enquiries: Lui 4388 9510.

Sisters of the Immaculata Vocations Retreat
If you are a young woman from 17-35 years old and are interested in discerning religious life, we would like to invite you to a Vocations Retreat from Friday 27-Sunday 29 November in Armidale NSW. Spend some time with us to adore the Lord, listen to his voice and experience the life and charism of our community. For more information and to register, please email us at vocations@immaculata.org.au

Christmas Service & Carols
St Andrew's Presbyterian Women's Association invite all to celebrate a Christmas Service and Carols at St Andrew's Church The Entrance on Wednesday 2 December at 10am. Morning tea will follow. RSVP Fran Beek 0401 302 517.

Red Wednesday Diocesan Mass
Red Wednesday is an opportunity to come together in prayer and show our support for Christians around the world who face persecution, discrimination, and violence because of their faith. You are warmly invited to attend our Diocesan Red Wednesday Mass and stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians this Wednesday 18 November 7pm at Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood.

The Catholic Weekly
On sale on the Church tables. $2 to the poor box please.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Paul Langmack.

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: Julee Slater, Lorraine Laing, Pam Elliott, David Bowers, John, Jennifer, Walter and Anne Knoke, 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: Sonny Ridge, Dawson Adams.



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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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