



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C Cycle 1 | 16 November 2025



The Source

What is the source of our hoping, our believing? It is the reality that 'the Lord comes' according to today's psalm. Whatever the situation we find ourselves in, the Lord comes into it with us. Jesus experienced betrayal, even by those close to him; he knew hatred. From his experience of human reality, which is also our reality, he asks us to trust in him when we experience betrayal or hatred of whatever kind. Today he calls us for he 'comes' and is always coming, to encourage us towards a new spirit of endurance, believing that with him we 'win' our lives.

The end is near, Jesus points out, reminding us of the temporary nature of our life on earth, and all the things that make up our lives. The Communion antiphon captures the essence of today's readings and liturgy: 'To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.' Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you', says the Lord, for I come, helping you to live joyfully and endure with me.

God's Word Sr Flora Ricupero PBVM

Stand Firm

The Jews were completely attached to the temple of Jerusalem. The temple was utterly destroyed by the Romans in 70AD. This event had disoriented them. They even felt that it was the end of the world. Luke uses this imagery to focus on the end times, in his eschatological discourse. This is the chief message that there will be distrust, disharmony, destruction, trouble, violence and even persecution, not only from outside but from your own also. But Jesus actually instils in us hope; he assures us that we will not perish. He exhorts us to stand firm and believe that he is with us, even though it may seem that all is lost.

God's Word Fr Robert Das SJ

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A Place for Sleeping

The Church, through its maternal granting of indulgences, teaches us to visit cemeteries. In November particularly we are encouraged to pray for the dead. (In the first week of November you may obtain one plenary indulgence each day, which is applied to a soul in Purgatory - that is to say, that soul most definitely leaves Purgatory and enters Heaven - if we visit a cemetery and pray there for the dead. The other days of the year, the indulgence is partial, not plenary.)

Of course, we must fulfill the usual conditions for the granting of an indulgence: a whole-hearted detachment from all sin, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, and, within a reasonable time (one to two weeks before or after), making a sacramental Confession and receiving Communion.

The word "cemetery" means "place for sleeping" (from the Greek verb for sleeping, *koimaō*). It was never applied to pagan graveyards but rather coined specifically for the graveyards of Christians and Jews who believed in the resurrection of the dead.

We must learn to see Christian "sleeping places" in this way. They must come to appear to us in a certain way. They are not dreary places of hopelessness and annihilation. - "She is not dead, but sleeping." (*Luke 8:52*)

Rather, they are places of anticipation, of assurance of the quick passing of this world. The bodies there, the remains, are as if longing to be called from their tombs, like Lazarus.

A cemetery is a holy place, an extension of a church, the hard-won ground of many battles, a democracy of the Christian dead, a nexus of reckoning, and a rebuke and affront ("Let me go back and warn my brothers" (*Luke 16:28*). To a pagan it is merely spooky; to a Christian, it is a visible and tangible mystery.

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Blessed

Have you ever wondered about the various uses of 'blessed' and its meanings?

Blessed are you among women... Blessed is the fruit of your womb... Blessed are the poor in spirit... Blessed be God...

When referring to Mary or those mentioned in the Beatitudes the meaning is: fortunate, favoured. When referring to God the meaning is: praised.

World Day of the Poor

Pope Leo XIV has declared this Sunday to be the ninth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "You are my hope," taken from the Psalmist's cry "You, O Lord, are my hope" (*Ps 71:5*).

In his message the Holy Father urges us to recognise those experiencing poverty as "witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalisation."

The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel.

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 donations to our Pastoral Works Appeal. This Diocesan Appeal supports various charities in our community, particularly the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities, and the Ephpheta Centre supports the deaf community. These ministries need our community's generosity as they get little or no Government funding. Your donations will help us reach this year's goal of \$45,847.00, which the Diocese has allocated to our parish. Further donations can be made via the QR code or through the collections. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Envelopes are available on the tables.



Communion Under Both Kinds

Bishop Anthony has instructed that in Broken Bay Diocese from the Feast of Christ the King (23 November) each parish will make Communion under both kinds available at each Mass celebration. We will slowly introduce this with 1 chalice only at this stage.

Those wishing to receive the Chalice need to line up on the left-hand aisle for the Host then go to the left to receive the Chalice. As is the church custom the minister will give you the Chalice to consume a small amount of the Precious Blood and then you will hand it back to the minister.

N.B. After the minister says 'The Body of Christ', or 'The Blood of Christ' we reply with: 'Amen'.

A reminder that the church allows us to receive the Host either on the hand or on the tongue. If receiving on the hand, please place your hand well out in front of you for the minister to place the host upon. If receiving on the tongue, please open your mouth wide enough and place your tongue out so that the minister does not contaminate their hand with saliva.

Bequests

Have you ever thought of remembering OLR parish in your Will?

While we have a great deal of assets here in the parish including Lakesea Apartments, we now must begin a series of loans as we pay out those in Lakesea when they terminate their Loan Licence agreements. Your generosity would enable us to pay off this loan and equally importantly enable us to continue to best serve the needs of all in our parish community now and into the future.

Geoff O'Reilly, a Solicitor on our Parish Finance Committee (Nash, Alen, Williams & Wotton 4332 3588), has generously agreed to provide a Free Will to those bequeathing \$10,000 or more to our parish.

Kids Club Christmas Celebration

Kids Club will be getting together to celebrate Jesus' birthday. It will be a very special Christmas Party! Join us for fun, craft, games, food and a birthday cake to say 'Happy Birthday' to Jesus. Saturday 13 December in the Reynolds Room from 3-4:45pm. Then come along to the Vigil Mass at 5pm. Enquiries to the parish office on 4332 2216.

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Mal 3:19-20 | 2 Thes 3:7-12 | Lk 21:5-19

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: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.



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Please Note

Welcome!

This weekend we have the Reception of the Toms family whose child is being Baptised in the near future.

Congratulations Gae & Nella!

We congratulate Gae and Nella Losanno on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 21 November. Blessings to you both!

Feast Days this Week

St Elizabeth of Hungary 17 November, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 21 November, St Cecilia 22 November.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Killarney Court and Opal Killarney Vale on Thursday 20 November at 11 am and 10am respectively.

Franciscans Food Drive

Please continue to bring your donations of non-perishable items for our Food Drive to the baskets at the Church doors. It has been a great response so far so please keep it up. The items are delivered to The Entrance Food Hub for the many needy in our area.

Red November

This month we remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout the world. Our Diocese will participate on 19 November with the lighting in red of Our Lady of Dolours Church (94 Archer Street, Chatswood), and Bishop Anthony Randazzo will celebrate Mass at 7pm.

Revised December Roster

There will no longer be Commentators at the weekend Masses. The 'Prayers of the Faithful' will now be read by the person doing the Second Reading. The Mass notices will be announced by the Priest. Please pick up your copy from the Sacristy and disregard the previous December roster. Thank you.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: John Keating, Gaye Sweeney, Bede Hickey, Carmel Anglin, Mata Funnell, Mary Tierney.

Funerals: The funeral Carmel Anglin was held during the week. The funeral of Gaye Sweeney will be held on Wednesday 19 November at 10:30am. Please pray for Carmel, Gaye and their families.

Anniversaries & Remembrances: *November is a special time to pray for all deceased. Mass Intentions in November are placed on the Altar during the Masses. Please place your envelopes in the November Mass Offering box on the altar rail.*

Sick: Fr Geoff Bugden, Fr Brogan, Graham Heuneberry, Marlene Pennings, Eamon McRory, Donny Daniels, Julie Fletcher, Lynette Falken, Walter Knoke, Carl Sanchez Jnr, Teddy Williams, John Cox, Abigail Holt, Linda Read, Pat McCudden, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Janine Harpley, Rosanna Natali, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, Anne Knoke, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Lacey & Abby Kokolis, Lennox & Evander Vainikolo, Joseph Tohme, Joaquim Oliveira-Baptista, Eli Helguers, Adam Vieira, Finn & Arlo Kinnane.



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**Sacred
Gifts**

Welcome!

We are open 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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