



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Cycle 1

5 November 2023



The Highest Vocation

The kingdom that Jesus announces points us to something greater than ourselves, and greater than structures that have been built by humans. The kingdom refers to the rule of God in hearts and relationships. Equality and loving relationships characterise the new age that Jesus has initiated among us.

Jesus points out that all people are called to be listeners to God's message. That listening is something that we are to do together, regardless of status. The way of living offered by Jesus has nothing to do with arrogance and power. Rather, it is about partnership, servanthood and humility. So there's a warning here to beware of hierarchies of power which can hamper work to bring about God's kingdom. And it isn't just addressed to those at the top. Some people prefer only to follow orders, waiting for instructions rather than taking responsibility. When this happens in church structures and communities, the individuals and churches may be less likely to fulfil their God-given potential. Humility is important too. It helps us to be aware of God at all times, in all places, at the centre of all things. It is so easy in our society to make ourselves gods of the tiny kingdoms we occupy and to be enamoured of fancy titles. We climb very small ladders and then assume that we have risen to the heights of our humanity. Those whose lives are lived without listening to their hearts and consciences, and those who make gods out of themselves, their work, their status, their money, never find the God of the universe, who waits quietly within for us to exhaust our compulsive race to nowhere.

Jesus teaches us that serving others and the wider world is the highest vocation, and humility is the greatest virtue. When we listen to God, we are all equal – everybody has the gift of the Holy Spirit, and all are able to tune into that Spirit. When we are bruised, when our fire sputters out, when our lives are battered by situations of oppression and exclusion, we can be inspired by the Spirit of God to reach out to others, touching the world in which we live.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Media

Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal

Our Pastoral Works Appeal will be held next weekend 11/12 November at all the Masses. This Appeal raises funds for our charities in the Broken Bay diocese, such as CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (Special Religious Education), St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with special needs, and the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired. These vital works rely on our generosity, and our parish has a quota of \$19,175 to contribute, with now only two collections per year to raise these funds. To donate, complete the Appeal envelope and add it to the collection boxes, or go to www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoral-works. Please nominate The Entrance Parish when donating online. Thank you for your generosity.



**Feast Days
this Week**

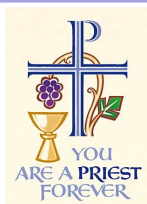
**The Dedication
of the Lateran
Basilica**

9 November

St Leo the Great
10 November

**St Martin of
Tours**

11 November



**Congratulations
Fr Joshi**

on your

**7th Anniversary
of**

Ordination

7 November 2023!



**Peg Doll Painting
is Back!**

All are welcome to
join us for a
cuppa, chat and
some fun painting.
No skills required!

Fridays 9:30-
11:30am in the
Parish Centre.



**November Mass
Envelopes**

November is a
special time to
pray for the
Holy Souls. Mass
offering envelopes
are available and
will be placed on
the Altar during
the month.

The Exercise of Power

In the normal course of human interaction, a person in authority cannot but be a step higher than those under him or her. By definition, a power relationship is "asymmetrical": the master is above the slave, the jail warden above the detainee, the prison official above the convict, the parent above the child, the teacher above the student, the priest above the flock. It is the nature of power to create, preserve, or reinforce a hierarchy. There is nothing wrong with this. This is simply the way power operates.

This remains true even when those in power appear to downplay or reject the very power they possess. Power remains dangerously real especially when it pretends to be absent. It is therefore an illusion to root out power from human life. The issue is not its existence, but rather its exercise.

The scriptural readings today present instructive examples on possible ways of deploying power. In the First Reading, the Lord criticises the Old Testament priests for using their power to perpetuate a culture of laxity in their priestly duties of offering temple sacrifices and giving good spiritual guidance ("you have made void the covenant of Levi"). God also condemns the misuse of power in marital relationships to legitimise a culture of divorce ("Why then do we break faith with each other...?"). In an altogether different setting, Jesus denounces the Pharisees for using their power to promote a culture of self-entitlement and spiritual elitism without a sense of healthy self-criticism. By contrast, Paul encourages a nascent Christian community to remain faithful to the word of God by gently reminding them how he exercised power not harshly but "as a nursing mother cares for her children."

If power in whatever form is an irremovable element in human relationships, and if the temptation to its abuse is always there, what can serve as a guarantee for its proper exercise? An answer can be found in Augustine of Hippo who is reputed to have told the people of God: "To you I am a bishop, but with you I am a Christian." The saint admitted to the fact that God had called him to be in ministerial power, but at the same time affirmed that he was a companion and friend with all the baptised. It was this sense of "being with" others that guided Augustine in the exercise of his episcopal powers. The ultimate meaning of power is therefore its possessor's ability to actualise his personal "oneness" with the people over whom he exercises such power. The one in power is called to be one with the people.

God's Word - Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

Good Advice from Mother Teresa

Someone asked me what advice I had for politicians. I don't like to get involved in politics, but an answer just popped out, "They should spend time on their knees. That would help them to become better statesmen."

Strive to be the demonstration of God in the midst of your community. Sometimes we see how joy returns to the lives of the most destitute when they realise that many among us are concerned about them and show them our love. Even their health improves if they are sick. May we never forget that in the service to the poor we are offered a magnificent opportunity to do something beautiful for God. In fact, when we give ourselves with all our hearts to the poor, it is Christ whom we are serving in their disfigured faces. For he himself said, "You did it for me."

Farewell Morning Tea for Fr Leonse

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Fr Leonse at the Morning Tea next Sunday 12 November after 9:30am Mass. Fr Leonse will be leaving us for a holiday in India and new placement. Please join us in thanking him for his time here as Assistant Priest, and Administrator in Fr Brian's absence. Please bring a plate and drop it off to the parish centre before Mass.

God's Plan for Aging

Most seniors don't get enough exercise. In his wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their keys, glasses and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In his wisdom he made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath!

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for November

For the Pope
We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Christmas & Holiday Roster

This Christmas Eve falls on the Sunday evening, Christmas Day on the Monday. Masses will be celebrated at 5pm and 7pm on Christmas Eve and 8am and 9:30am Christmas Day. Please advise the office of your availability for these Masses, and also any changes for the next roster. Thank you all for your great assistance.

KidsClub Night of Light

A beautiful night was celebrated by our families on All Hallow's Eve



Parish
Morning
Tea Farewell
to Fr Leonse!

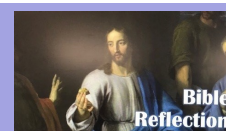


All parishioners are invited to join us to farewell Fr Leonse next Sunday 12 November in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass.



Welcome

to the Whitehorn/
Lamont & Williams
families for the
Reception of their
children for the
Sacrament of
Baptism.



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



**Nursing Home
Mass**

and Anointing of
the Sick will be
celebrated at
Killarney Court
Killarney Vale
on Thursday
at 11am.

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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

31st Sunday **Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13-10 Matthew 23:1-12**

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

Recently Deceased: Dallas McDonald, Joseph Timp, Frank Grech, Trevor Williams.

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: Robert Bower, Greg Firns, Michael Webb, Kerrie Snelling, Lyle Dunn, Anne O'Rourke, 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.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

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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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