



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Cycle 1

12 November 2023

## Farewell from Fr Leonse



**N**o Duty is more urgent than that of returning Thanks.  
- St. Ambrose

For us priests, serving the will of God and our life as missionaries is a life of being with people, getting to know them and sharing the love of Jesus for a short while, leaving them and moving on. For me, living in NSW Central Coast and getting to know the parish community quickly and the people of The Entrance creates some new and refreshed memories. The time has now come to say goodbye until we see again.

But before I leave The Entrance, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support in growing my priesthood journey. Though it was of short duration, your guidance, support, commitment and love towards me were instrumental in progressing

my time here as assistant parish priest and the Administrator.

I genuinely appreciate your inspiring love, friendship, patience, kindness and concern towards me as I move into my next assignment in serving the ministry. As I complete my term at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, my heart is singing out of gratitude, and it's hard to name all those individuals who have touched me with a great sense of humour and affection in teaching the true essence of love and gratitude-A memory that I will cherish forever.

First and foremost, I thank God almighty for all His graciousness. Thank you for allowing me to bear witness to Jesus to exercise my priesthood and offer the sacrifice of the Mass in memorial of Jesus our Lord. My heart also swells up with gratitude and joy for sanctifying and dignifying my stay here at The Entrance with His abundance of blessings.

Let me take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Bishop Anthony Randazzo, who welcomed me to this Diocese and for his ongoing love and care.

A wholehearted and sincere thanks to Fr Brian, Fr Joshi and Tan. Our time together gave me a great certainty of fraternity, and we were all done equally with mutual respect and cultural safety. Together, we have carried our pastoral ministry in a spirit of brotherhood.

My gratitude goes now to the office staff for the collaboration that we have had in the exercise of our apostolate in this parish. You have been so kind to me these past few months. Thank you for all you have done for me.

I am incredibly grateful to all of you, dear parishioners. I feel your love for God, the Church, this parish community, and me. Your passion has sustained my faith and ministry. Your commitment to the Church keeps my hope alive.

Finally, I want to say I love you all. You are a fantastic community of family and faith, and I treasure your faithfulness. I thank each and every one of you for all that you have been for me during the time we have been together.

As I go forth to my new assignment, I will remain spiritually near to you. Far from my eyes, but never forget to hold you in my heart, especially at the altar of God.

May the almighty gracious Lord continue to bless your lives with His boundless gifts, protect you and always show you that He is faithful to His promises.

Fr Leonse Kurian



**S**adly we say goodbye to Fr Leonse at the Morning Tea this Sunday after 9:30am Mass. Fr Leonse leaves for a holiday in India and then new placement. Please join us in thanking him for his time here with us. Please bring a plate and drop it off to the parish centre before Mass.



## Feast Days this Week

**St Elizabeth  
of Hungary**  
17 November



## MEN'S GROUP

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



## 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.

## Keeping our Candles Alight

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus uses the marriage practices of his time and place to teach a serious lesson. The reason for staying awake and on the watch is about our future destiny in the kingdom of God. We have been invited to the wedding feast of Christ as his bride, the Church. As members of the Church, we are all, as it were, bridesmaids waiting for the Lord to come to take us to his house. In many traditional rituals it is still an important event when the bridegroom takes his bride from her home to his. It requires some ceremony, perhaps a procession with torches. At our baptism, we were presented with a burning candle which was entrusted to us to be kept burning brightly so that we will be ready to welcome our Lord when he comes. In the early Church there was an expectation that Christ would come again very soon to take his bride to himself. As time went by, the expectation diminished and people grew tired with waiting. In some cases, the light was flickering and dying. People needed to be encouraged to stay awake, to be on the watch, to keep the flame of their faith alive. The greatest disaster for us as believers is the loss of eternal life. How can we keep our lights burning, the flames of our baptismal candles alight?

At our baptism, the flame of our faith was entrusted to our parents and Godparents with the words: "Parents and Godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. These children of yours have been enlightened by Christ. They are to walk always as children of the light. May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts. When the Lord comes, may they go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom." As we grow, we take on this responsibility for ourselves. It's up to us to keep the flame burning brightly. But we are not on our own. We are members of the community of faith. Already we are united with the saints as we wait for the Lord to come. We encourage one another with the example of our faith. Husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters, friends and neighbours, we don't wait for disaster to strike. We love one another and care for the whole world together in our everyday life, strengthened by the love of Jesus which we share in the Eucharist and all the sacraments. Together we are the bride of Christ, waiting for our Lord.

*Sunday Living Word* - Majellan Media

## Pray for the Deceased

This month of November is the time in which we keep especially present those who have gone ahead of us to the encounter with God. In the Catholic tradition there is a work of mercy which is to "pray for the deceased." We usually remember to pray for them on dates such as All Souls Day, the feast of the "deceased faithful." And the inspiration to do so is almost always aroused by the memory of sentiments associated with the person who is no longer physically among us.

It's the contact between affection and faith, which makes us wonder and respond to what we can offer for someone we love who is no longer with us. In other words, prayer comes to us as a gift that someone can really receive who has gone ahead of us. The Holy Mass being the greatest and most perfect prayer, it's understandable that its value surpasses in every sense every other offering we can make.

*Zenit.org* Fr Jorge Mujica LC

## Pastoral Works Appeal this Weekend

Our Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal is being held this weekend. It is a difficult time to be asking people to be generous. We are all facing cost-of-living challenges in many ways. However, your support and generosity are vitally important. It has made a huge difference in the past to many people and the November appeal will do so again. You may decide to contribute this weekend or next or perhaps later in the month. At any time, we can support each other and our community.

The Appeal raises funds for our Diocesan Pastoral Works: Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (SRE), St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with special needs, and the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired.

Our parish quota is \$19,175 to contribute, with now only the 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/pastoralworks](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks). Please nominate The Entrance Parish when donating online. All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.

Everyone's gift makes a difference.

## Midnight Mass this Christmas

Fr Brian has now added 12am Midnight Mass to the Christmas schedule. Masses will be celebrated at 5pm, 7pm and Midnight on Christmas Eve and 8am and 9:30am Christmas Day. (And 11am at Reynolds Court). Please advise the office of your availability for these Masses, and also any changes for the next roster. Your assistance is much appreciated.

## Please Note

### Special Projects Update

We are very happy to announce the stained glass window repairs are now completed. We have also had news that the LED sign has been reviewed by the Council assessor who has referred it to Council's Heritage Office for further review.

### Let's Get Moving Senior's Classes

We still have vacancies for our group exercise classes, catering to all fitness and mobility levels. Designed to improve your cardiovascular fitness, strength and balance in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Mondays 12.15pm – 1.15pm in the Lecture Room. You can join anytime and one free trial lesson is available for all parishioners. Bookings essential call 9481 2659.

### Living in the Divine Will Retreat

Come and hear how to live in the Divine Will, a sanctity inspired by the Italian mystic, Luisa Piccarreta, who lived only on Holy Communion for 60 years, presented by Fr. Hugh Thomas. Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Fr Patrick Croke Circuit Kincumber, 18 November 8:45am-3:15pm.

### Spirituality in the Pub

Next meeting is on Tuesday 14 November at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming 7.30-9pm. Our Special Guest Speaker is Dr Andrew Kwong whose highly acclaimed book *One Bright Moon* is the story of a young Chinese boy's awakening – to survival, education, fulfilment, and eventually to a new life of freedom as a successful doctor in Australia. Enquiries: 0415 129250.



### 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 Opal Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11am.



### Secular Franciscans

We meet on the third Sunday of the month (19 November) at 10:30am in the Reynolds Room. All welcome! Enquiries: 0439 519 018.



### Low Gluten Hosts

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

# THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

*A beacon of Faith, Hope and Love*

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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

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

Wisdom 6:12-16

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of man is coming. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

## 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:** Anne Knoke, Robert Bower, Greg Firns, Michael Webb, Lyle Dunn, Anne O'Rourke, Susan Simmons, Paul Smith, Collette O'Grady, Trish Knoke, Emma Horton, Marc Sabat, Linda Read, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will, and all with serious illness.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Arlo & Goldie Gornalle, Alba Leichsenring, Emile Proust, Charlotte Whitehorn.

## 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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