



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Cycle II

21 January 2024



## Success in God's Time

**A** fisherman's life demands hard work and strength of character; it requires courage, firmness, and patience. It comes as no surprise, then, that Jesus should call strong, brave, and highly spirited fishermen of the Sea of Galilee for the work of being 'fishers of men'. Both fishermen and 'fishers of men' must work in teams. Fishing with a dragnet requires the concerted efforts of a crew of one boat or even two boats. Likewise, Jesus' followers must learn how to work together so they are sent on mission in pairs (Luke 10: 1).

Both fishing and preaching the word of God entail patience and perseverance. The ordinary fisherman cannot determine where the fish are and when they will come near. Preachers cannot afford to give up either. They must believe that success will come in God's time.

The fisherman must have courage to go out into the sea despite the threat of a storm that is always there. The preacher must contend with persecution, cynicism, and skepticism: the apostles will die for the faith they proclaim.

The whole community of God's people is called to venture into the deep too, with courage, to proclaim God's Word and catch people for the Kingdom.

*God's Word* Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

## Christ the Cornerstone

**J**esus identifies his disciples as his family. I want to say something about our becoming disciples in his family. Once we make the decision to follow Jesus, then every other claimant to supremacy must fall away.

As I've argued many times before, every one of us has something or some set of values that we consider greatest. Perhaps it is money, material things, power, or the esteem of others. Perhaps it is your family, your kids, your wife, your husband.

None of this is false, and none of these things are bad. But when you place any of them in the absolute center of gravity, things go awry. When you make any of them your ultimate or final good, your spiritual life goes haywire. When you attach yourself to any of them with an absolute tenacity, you will fall apart.

Only when we make Christ the cornerstone of our lives are we truly ready for mission. Keep in mind that every encounter with God in the Bible conduces to mission, to being sent to do the work of the Lord. If we try to do this work while we are stuck to any number of attachments, we will fail. Period.

*wordonfire.org* Bishop Robert Barron



Feast Days  
this Week

St Francis de  
Sales

24 January

The Conversion  
of St Paul

25 January

Australia Day

26 January

Parish  
Morning  
Tea



The Combined  
Choirs are  
hosting our  
Morning Tea  
this Sunday  
21 January  
in the Parish  
Centre after  
9:30am Mass.  
All Welcome!

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Quote  
for the Week

*There are more  
tears shed over  
answered prayers  
than over  
unanswered  
prayers.*

St Teresa of Avila

## Transformation

In this Sunday's Gospel, Mark 1:14-20, we witness the beginning of Jesus' ministry as he calls his first disciples to follow him. This passage highlights the importance of responding to God's call and the transformative power of faith.

Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming the good news of God's kingdom and calling on people to repent and believe in the Gospel. He then proceeds to call Simon, Andrew, James, and John, who respond immediately by leaving their fishing nets and following him.

This passage reminds us that faith is not just about believing in God, but also about responding to God's call and taking action. The disciples' decision to leave everything behind and follow Jesus is a powerful example of the transformative power of faith, as they are willing to give up their livelihoods and take a leap of faith into the unknown.

As we reflect on this passage, we can ask ourselves what it means to respond to God's call in our own lives. Are we willing to let go of our own plans and follow where God leads us? Are we open and willing to take risks for the sake of the Gospel?

Let us also remember that faith is not a solitary endeavour, but something that is lived out in community. Just as the disciples followed Jesus together, we too can find strength and support in our own communities of faith as we seek to respond to God's call. May this Sunday's Gospel inspire us to deepen our own faith and respond to God's call with courage and conviction.

Colleen Smith *Pastoral Associate*

## Second Chances

As was so in the life of the disciples, Jesus comes to each one of us in our ordinary lives. If, as St Paul says in today's reading, we are "engrossed in the world", we can be blinded to Christ's presence in the day-to-day events of our lives. We will miss the opportunity to follow Jesus, to be bearers of the Good News for those around us and to live our Christian lives fruitfully and faithfully.

Our God is a God of "second chances" and of endless opportunity. Like ourselves, neither Paul nor the disciples were perfect, but they were all offered the opportunity to follow Jesus and some were even given a second chance to understand his mission and message. This can reassure us that, should we fail, God is waiting to offer us another opportunity, to offer us forgiveness and healing and a return to his loving embrace.

*Sunday Living Word* Majellan Media

## Speaking Out

How many of us these days take the risk to share ourselves, to make ourselves vulnerable in areas to which we are not accustomed? It is often said that during the last 20 years or so we have become very quiet as a culture and do not speak out or stand up for others like we once used to. Is this about being safe, being comfortable, being satisfied? So many people do not have the choices that some of us have, their vulnerabilities are on display, and it's up to us to assist them in a manner that is sincere and authentic. (*Author Unknown*)

## Australia Day Prayer

**W**e praise you, God of the universe, for this land, for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance of wealth and opportunity. We thank you for our history, with all its struggle in adversity, its courage and hope.

Give us in our diversity, tolerance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to justice for all.

Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Catholicdoors.com*

## Australians All Let Us Rejoice!

**T**oday is a significant date in our more than 40,000-year history. More than just the anniversary of an event, it is a day on which we acknowledge our considerable indebtedness to all who have inhabited this Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. It is on their sure foundations that we have built our lives. We thank God who has richly blessed our nation. Living in single-minded service to God, we are called upon to share those benefits in the spirit of the Beatitudes with our fellow citizens, especially those most in need. Acting thus with integrity, we will promote peace, harmony and justice in the country we love. We pray, 'that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples, old and new' (*Opening Prayer*).

*God's Word Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP*

## Catholic Mission Appeal Thanks

**T**hank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

Your gift is helping the Sisters and the Clinic continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor). Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

## Please Note

### Classes for Seniors

CatholicCare is running Brain Games and Gentle Exercises again on Mondays. Brain Games from 11.00am-12.00pm, Let's Get Moving from 12:15pm-1:15pm. Classes are in the Brogan Room. You can join anytime and a free trial lesson is available for all parishioners. Bookings are essential 9481 2659.

### Lost Property

Please see the lost property cupboard at the Ashton Avenue side door if you have lost any belongings. There are two sets of drawers either side of the cupboard. Any unclaimed items will soon be forwarded to Vinnies or disposed of.



### Low Gluten Hosts

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



### Welcome

to the Standish and Pellatt Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.



### Offertory Procession

Children are encouraged to take part in the Offertory Procession. Come to the Offertory Table when invited by the Acolytes.



### Church Cleaners Needed

Very light duties monthly on a roster basis, for Friday mornings from 9am for less than an hour. Please call the parish office if you can assist 4332 2216.

# THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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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

## 3rd Sunday

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Teach me your ways, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Martin Ghirxi, Joyce Stewart, Carole Millar, Jeanette Bishenden, Bridget Burgess, Josephine Duxbury, Fr Bill Aliprandi, Jill Trotter.

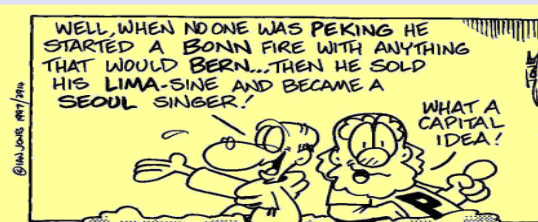
**Funerals:** The funeral of Jeanette Bishenden, Bridget Burgess and Joyce Stewart were held during the week. Please pray for Jeanette, Bridget and their families.

**Anniversaries:** Mark O'Sullivan, Fr Reg Reynolds, Heather Gardiner, Thomas Kirkham, Norman Tate, Stjepan, Maria Tuka and Maria Giacco.

**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Mark O'Sullivan (birthday), Rita Malone, Barbara Malone, Sam and Carmen Ghirxi, Simon Butcher, Casey, Tobin, Moore and Langley families and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Sick:** Peter Drinan, John McClement, Margaret Falzon, Susan Simmons, Barbara Greaney, Anne & Trish Knoke, Lyle Dunn, Paul Smith, Anne O'Rourke, Collette O'Grady, Emma Horton, Marc Sabat, 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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## Come & See!

The Gift Centre is open again each weekend before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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