



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Cycle II

11 February 2024



## If You Want To

**I**f you want to you can cure me. These are the words, the plea, of a desperate man suffering from leprosy who came to Jesus begging for healing. The man approaches Jesus and falling on his knees makes his request. Jesus is profoundly moved by this man's plea and does the unthinkable—he stretches out his hand and touches the man saying, 'of course I want to! Be cured. To touch someone with leprosy was against the law and made the person unclean. Jesus' compassion for the man goes beyond the law.

While we are not afflicted with leprosy, perhaps we are experiencing other physical, spiritual or emotional conditions that are eating away at us and leading us to feel alone and isolated. We may carry shame in our hearts from past experiences. Let us approach Jesus in trust, believing that he will not turn us away. May we hear today these powerful words of Jesus - 'be cured'. Jesus wants to stretch out his hand to us so that we too can experience the loving and compassionate touch of God in our suffering. Let us also always approach others and welcome them as Jesus does with us.

*God's Word* Dr Louise Byrne vdmf

## Ash Wednesday & Paschal Precept

**L**ent begins this week from Ash Wednesday 14 February. Masses will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday at 9am and 6pm. Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on this day and Good Friday. Fasting means taking only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary according to one's needs, but solid foods between meals is not permitted. On all Fridays of Lent the law of common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing: Prayer - eg Mass, family prayer, a visit to a Church, reading the bible; Self-Denial - eg no eating sweets or dessert, giving up entertainment; helping others - eg special attention to the poor, sick, lonely.

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. All of the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.



## Feast Days this Week

**Ash Wednesday**  
14 February  
Masses  
9am & 6pm.  
10am at Reynolds  
Court.



## Parish Sacramental Statistics for 2023

Baptisms 114  
Confirmations 74  
First Eucharists 61  
Marriages 1  
Funerals 37



## Nursing Home Mass

Mass and  
Anointing of the  
Sick will be  
celebrated at  
Opal Killarney  
Vale on Tuesday  
at 11am.



## Quote for the Week

*Holy Communion  
is the shortest  
and safest way  
to heaven.*

- Pope St Pius X

## Whatever It Takes

This week in 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 and the Gospel of Mark 1:40-45, we are reminded to do everything for the glory of God, to act with love and compassion towards others, and to help those who are in need. In the Gospel of Mark 1:40-45, Jesus shows us how to be compassionate and to help those in need. He heals a man with leprosy and tells him to go show himself to the priests. This is a powerful reminder that we should be willing to do whatever it takes to help those around us, even if it means going out of our way. Being in a community means being a part of something bigger than ourselves, where we can work together, support one another, and grow in our faith. Let's create a community that reflects the love and compassion of Christ, where everyone feels valued and loved, and where we can come together to worship, learn, and serve. Where are you being called to help or serve?

Colleen Smith *Pastoral Associate*

## Reconciliation Programme

This programme is for children in Year 4 and above who have been Confirmed. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our focus turns to God's mercy, how we forgive among our family, friends and community and how we celebrate forgiveness. One of the most important 'life lessons' a person can learn is the importance of saying 'I'm sorry.' The Sacrament of Reconciliation presents an opportunity to teach this essential life lesson to your child, in the context of our Catholic faith tradition. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the programme please attend the Parent Information Evening this Tuesday 13 February at 7pm in the parish centre. Brochures are available on the Church tables and you can call Colleen for any further enquiries 4332 2216.

## Altar Service Training

Are you in year 4 or above? If yes and interested, we invite you to embark on a rewarding and enriching journey by becoming a Junior Altar Server in our parish. This is an opportunity to actively contribute to our worship community, fostering spiritual growth and forming lasting friendships. As a Junior Altar Server, you'll play a vital role in our liturgical celebrations, learning the sacred rituals and traditions that make our parish unique. This experience not only deepens your understanding of the Mass but also allows you to develop leadership skills, responsibility, and a strong sense of belonging.

We welcome you to embrace this chance to contribute to the spiritual life of our parish. Your enthusiasm and dedication will undoubtedly enrich our worship experience, and we look forward to welcoming you into the cherished tradition of altar service.

Take the first step toward a meaningful and fulfilling journey – become a Junior Altar Server!

Dates: Saturdays 2, 9, 16 & 23 March

Time: 4pm followed by Vigil Mass

Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Church The Entrance

Thanks,

Mr. Rosan Mathew

## Catechist Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Catechist Sunday, a time to stop and appreciate the incredible work of our dedicated volunteers. We congratulate our Catechists and Helpers as they are commissioned to go into the State Schools of our parish once again this year. The commissioning will take place at 9:30am Mass, with the Catechists hosting the Parish Morning Tea afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Thank you all for your great work and if anyone would like to know more about this most rewarding ministry please contact Leanne in the parish office on 4332 2216.

## Lenten Reflection Mornings

You are invited to join our Seminarian, Rosan, for Lenten Reflection focusing on the Sunday Gospel Reading. The Reflection mornings will be held on each Wednesday of Lent 21 & 28 February, 6, 13 & 20 March in the Reynolds Room from 9:30-10:30am (after 9am Mass). Refreshments will be provided. All Welcome!

## Lenten Adoration & Stations of the Cross

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Church for one hour from 9:30-10:30am on all Saturdays of Lent (and on all First Saturdays of the month).

Stations of the Cross will be held after 11:45am Mass on all Fridays of Lent.

## Rite of Election

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo extends an invitation to Catechumens, their sponsors, family, friends, RCIA team members, and all parishioners to the Rite of Election at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral 23 Yardley Avenue Waitara on Sunday 18 February at 2pm. The Rite of Election is a 'roll call' of Catechumens to be presented to the Bishop before they receive the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Please RSVP to Colleen Smith: colleen.smith@bbcatholic.org.au or 4332 2216 by 8 February.

## Please Note

### Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes for Lent are now available at the Church doors. Please support Caritas Australia as it tackles poverty around the world.

### Triple P Positive Parenting Programme

The Triple P Programme teaches parents how to use effective strategies to promote their children's development and deal with common developmental challenges. Thursdays 22 February to 21 March 9:30-11:30am in the Parish Centre. Bookings essential [www.ccfss.org.au](http://www.ccfss.org.au) or 4340 1585.

### The Mystery of the Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat

All are invited to a Retreat Day at the John Paul II Shrine, Gosford Parish, with international Guest Speaker Fr Peter Prusakiewicz csma. Saturday 24 February 9am-3:20pm, 76 York Street East Gosford. Please RSVP to [JPll.centre@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:JPll.centre@bbcatholic.org.au)



### Parish Morning Tea

The Catechists are hosting our Parish Morning Tea this Sunday 11 February in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. All welcome!



### Welcome

to the Collitts, Spano & Page Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.



### First Communion Congratulations

to  
**Ashton Starr**  
10 February  
2024!



### 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

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**

**1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

**Mark 1:40-45**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Jenny King, Fr Michael Kelly, Fr Kevin Bates sm, Anthony Clare, Diana Dakula, Faye Cuneo.

**Funerals:** The funeral of Fr Kelly was held during the week. Please pray for Fr Kelly and his family.

**Anniversaries:** Prachak Pakdee.

**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Simon Butcher and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Families:** Borg, Marmara, Carter, Xeureb, Moore, Langley, Clarke.

**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.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Tihana Tofilau, Skyla Sevelle, Lachlan Cannane.

## Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT CENTRE

*For all your devotional needs...*

## Everyone Welcome!

The Gift Centre is open 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!

**Enquiries 4332 2216**