



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

5th Sunday of Lent

Year B Cycle II

17 March 2024



Hear the Cries of Others

In John's Gospel, some Greeks who want to see Jesus, arrive at the beginning of his Passion, at the very moment he is experiencing his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. I believe that in some way these Greeks are the answer to Jesus' prayer to be saved from the anguish of his hour. Jesus cannot dwell on what awaits him; their cry reminds him that there are people who need him, who need his saving love. The whole purpose of his being lifted on the cross is to draw all people to himself - all people, Jews and Greeks alike.

When we feel that our own troubles are getting too great, we can share our feelings with others as Jesus did. Like Jesus we can also cry out, 'Father save me from this hour!' Our good God will save us, probably not by solving our problems, but by helping us to hear the cries of others who need us, the cries of those who are less fortunate than we are. Remarkably, responding to their needs will bring healing peace to our life as well.

God's Word Fr Michael Goonan SSP

Prepare our Hearts

On the 5th Sunday of Lent, we are invited to reflect on the themes of death and new life. Jesus reminds us that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He is referring to his own upcoming death and resurrection, which will bring new life to all who believe in him.

God promises to make a new covenant with his people, writing his law on their hearts. This new covenant will bring about a new relationship between God and his people, marked by forgiveness and a deep knowledge of God's love.

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus has opened up a new way for us to approach God and experience his love and mercy. We are called to let go of the old ways of sin and embrace the new life that Christ offers us. We are invited to trust in God's promise of resurrection and live our lives with hope and joy, even in the face of difficulty and suffering.

Let us use this time of Lent to deepen our faith and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. May we embrace the hope of new life that comes from God and share it with others, so that they too may be encouraged and transformed by the power of the resurrection. The Paschal mystery reminds us of the promise of new life, and we are invited to live our lives with faith and hope, trusting in God's love and mercy.

Colleen Smith *Pastoral Associate*



Feast Days this Week

St Patrick
17 March

**St Joseph,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin**
19 March



Reflection Mornings

Presented by
Rosan, our
Seminarist,
Wednesdays of
Lent in the
Reynolds Room
after 9am Mass.



Nursing Home Mass

Mass and
Anointing of the
Sick will be
celebrated at
Nareen Gardens
on Tuesday
at 10:30am.



Palm Sunday

BYO Palms

We ask everyone
who is able to
please bring your
own palm or olive
branch (and any
extras to share)
to the Palm
Sunday Masses
next weekend.

The Coming Hour

Jesus declares: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit." Spoken in a time of distress, the agony in the garden, Jesus is greatly "troubled" at the coming of the "hour" which will culminate in his death on the cross. But he is determined to go through it because this is how he will glorify the Father. Moreover, it is by dying that he will give life - much life ("much fruit") as his death and resurrection will draw all peoples (Jews and Gentiles) to him in faith, and in "believing, have life in his name" (*Jn 20:31*).

The coming of the Greeks to Jesus does not just show the curiosity of the Greeks over the Rabbi of Nazareth. For the evangelist, it anticipates and fulfills the very words of Jesus: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." The "lifting up" is the glorification of Jesus which entails his dying on the cross and his return to the Father from whom he came, bringing along many other children. In his death and resurrection, the Father of the Son becomes the Father of the disciples, his God is their God (*Jn 20:17*).

365 Days with the Lord Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

Prayer Under Trial

And they came to a country place called Gethsemane, and he took with him Peter and James and John, and he began to feel dread and to be exceedingly troubled. And he said to them, "My soul is sad, even unto death. Wait here and watch.... Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

What do these inspired words from Gethsemane tell us? First of all, they show how truly human Jesus was. He dreaded the prospect, not so much of death itself, as of death under such circumstances: death through a gross miscarriage of justice; death at the hands of the very people he had done so much good for; death with such ignominy and disgrace. Jesus dreaded the prospect of death for sins he had not personally committed but that others deserved to expiate themselves. Most mysterious of all, because he foresaw the future, he saw that not all he would suffer and die for would profit from his Passion.

These inspired words further tell us that Jesus suffered intensely, and that is why he prayed. Two words that never should have been separated since Gethsemane are suffering and prayer. The one for all times should evoke the other, should be almost a condition for the other.

With Jesus in Gethsemane Fr. John A Hardon SJ

Project Compassion

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Central Coast Atrium

Where children come to discover, explore, and experience God's love for them.

Last Saturday afternoon Fr Brian blessed the Atrium and those present. The blessing of the Atrium was followed by afternoon tea to celebrate this beautiful ministry. Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is thrilled to welcome Amanda Paton and Ashleigh Donnelly as Coordinators and Catechists for The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo's Pastoral letter to the community of the Central Coast identified the precinct of The Entrance Parish as a resource to develop Formation in Pastoral Ministry. In the letter, Bishop Anthony expressed his happiness about the establishment of an Atrium for the ministry of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at The Entrance Parish.

'The Atrium' will open on Saturday 16 March. If you have any enquiries or would like to enrol your child, please contact Ashleigh on 0466 255 033 or email centralcoastatrium@gmail.com



Welcome
to the Warren, Bondfield, Koeford Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.



Lenten Adoration
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Saturday of Lent following 9am Mass for one hour.



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



Men's Group
Join us for lunch and a yarn. Wednesday 20 March 12 noon at Diggers Club. All Welcome! Enquiries: Lui 4388 9510.



Holy Week Ceremonies

Tuesday 26 March	7.30pm Chrism Mass at Waitara Cathedral
Wednesday 27 March	6.00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation
Holy Thursday 28 March	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00pm-9.00pm Gethsemane Adoration
Good Friday 29 March	10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Confessions after both ceremonies
Holy Saturday 30 March	9.30am-10.00am Confessions 4.00pm-4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Easter Vigil Ceremonies and Mass
Easter Sunday 31 March	8.00am & 9.30am Masses 11am Mass at Reynolds Court Bateau Bay

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

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Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-30

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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

Recently Deceased: Br Charles Barry FSP, John LoPiccolo, Kerrie Snelling, Jill Lockyer.

Anniversaries: George Robinson, Anthony Gauci, Nora O'Sullivan.

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: Clarke, Tyrell, Giutronich, Snell.

Sick: Jenny Balacco, Laila Calvi, Paul & Keith Snell, John McClement, Susan Simmons, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Peter O'Grady, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Welcome New Junior Altar Servers: Rosan Mathew our Seminarian is training ten children to be Junior Altar Servers. They will be learning all aspects of this ministry over the coming weeks. We thank them and their families. Please keep them in your prayers.

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!

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