



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

3rd Sunday of Lent

Year C Cycle I

23 March 2025

Congratulations Fr Rosan!

This Wednesday Fr Rosan Mathew was ordained a Priest by Bishop Anthony Randazzo at Waitara Cathedral. It was a joy-filled, blessed occasion witnessed by Fr Rosan's 85 brethren, parents, parishioners and friends! (More photos of the celebrations next weekend.)





Feast Days This Week

**The
Annunciation
of the Lord**
25 March



Stations of the Cross

Stations is held
on Fridays of
Lent after the
11:45am Mass.



Lenten Adoration

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



Nursing Home Communion Service

will be celebrated
on Tuesday at
Bupa Bateau Bay
at 10am.

Producing Fruit

In today's Gospel, Jesus is told about the tragic death of a number of Galileans at the hands of Pilate's soldiers while on a pilgrimage to the temple of Jerusalem. We do not know what motives the people had for telling Jesus about this. They certainly must have concluded that these Galileans were great sinners for having suffered such a misfortune. Jesus bluntly denies a cause-effect connection between guilt and punishment here on earth. God is not an avenging God, ready to pounce on anyone who violates his law. Instead, he is a compassionate and forgiving God who seeks out sinners. However, Jesus uses the story to drive home the lesson that all of us, without exception, are sinners and in real need of repentance. The Galileans killed by Pilate are not more deserving of their gruesome fate than other Galileans, including those listening to Jesus. They were not more sinful than others. Their untimely death should serve as a warning of what can happen to us unless we turn to God and change our sinful ways. We cannot and should not remain unaffected by the disasters and misfortunes that strike others. When such disasters happen to others we need to turn to God through a life of conversion, for an unexpected disaster can strike us on the last day when God calls us to render an account of our life.

To further emphasise the point, Jesus tells us the parable of the fig tree. In the Old Testament Israel is frequently likened to God's vineyard, which makes this parable a pointed reference to his immediate listeners. Just as the fig tree is given a final chance, a period of grace to bear fruit, so the people are given time - present time to repent and reform. Seen in the light of the period of persecution during which Luke is writing, these passages of his Gospel are reminders to us Christians, that we must persevere in living lives of faith and repentance. There is no room for self-complacency. The time of grace given us must be used fruitfully. As the owner of the fig tree allows the unfruitful tree yet another year to produce fruits, so God gives sinners time and opportunity to bear the "fruit of repentance". His goal is not judgement but fullness of life which he prepares for those who return to him.

God's Word Fr George C Mathew SSP

Human Freedom

Jesus wants his fellow Jews to recognise the educative value of tragedies as wake-up calls and warnings against living unexamined lives and settling down comfortably with old sinful ways and habits. The time of reckoning is unavoidable, and repentance is the only means by which one can be delivered from the accumulated negative effects of sinfulness. These effects, which are misconceived as "divine punishment," are really the fruit of the wrong use of human freedom- something that we bring upon ourselves and not imposed on us from the outside - definitely not by our loving God.

Jesus tells the parable of the barren fig tree to shed light on divine forbearance and at the same time to call people to responsibility. In essence, the parable implies that our earthly existence has a purpose that is up to us to discover and pursue.

366 Days with the Lord Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

Presentation of Reconciliation Candidates

This weekend we welcome the children who are participating in the First Reconciliation Programme, to be presented to the parish, and to ask parishioners to pray for them on their faith journey.

One great advantage of receiving Reconciliation at a young age is that it develops a habit of asking for and receiving forgiveness. How important this may be at ages 13, 16, 19 - as your child starts to explore the adult world and perhaps makes some serious mistakes - to know that he/she can be forgiven. With youth suicide rates so high, it is essential that our children grow up knowing that no failure is so bad that there can be no way out. Likewise, how important it is that children see their parents receiving this sacrament. Otherwise they will see it as 'kids' stuff and may not turn to this source of grace when they most need it in their adult lives.

The Story Source Teresa Pirola

Remember Project Compassion this Lent

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. Please donate today through the donation boxes, by scanning the QR code, online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. Thank you!



KidsClub

It's time for KidsClub again! Join us on Saturday 12 April in the Reynolds Room from 3pm-4:45pm for lots of fun, activities, games and snacks! KidsClub is for children 5-12 years (younger must be accompanied by an adult). No need to RSVP - just turn up! And then you are welcome to join us afterwards for the 5pm Vigil Mass.

Please Note

24 Hours for the Lord

A Lenten Initiative of prayer and reconciliation at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara 9am-9am on 28/29 March. During this time there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliations available. Please register for a time slot via the QR code or trybooking.com/CZUBM



The Last Supper in Theatres

'The Last Supper' film from 'The Chosen' series is being released in theatres from Thursday 10 April. It is a powerful cinematic Biblical journey that brings to life the ultimate act of love and sacrifice as seen through the eyes of those who walked alongside Jesus. This reimagining unveils untold perspectives, offering a deeply human and spiritual exploration of the moments that shaped history and faith.

Events Cinemas Tuggerah 10-11-12-13 April at 3:20pm only.

Hoyts Cinemas Erina 10-11-12-13 April at 3:00pm and 6:15pm only.



Welcome
To the Ida
Family for the
Reception of their
child for the
Sacrament of
Baptism.



**Lenten
Reflections
Mornings**
Deacon Paul
is holding
Lenten Reflection
Mornings on
Wednesdays in the
Reynolds Room
after 9am Mass.



**Holy Souls
Crusade**
Please join in
prayer with others
around the world
for the Holy Souls
in Purgatory!
Tuesdays after
9am Mass in the
Church. Enq:
0438 320 927.

Save Your Palms!



Don't trim your
palms yet -
we will need all
who can to bring
palms for the
Palm Sunday
Masses. Please
drop off on the
morning of
Friday 11 April.

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court) Maronite Mass 5pm.

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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Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Keep Us In Your Prayers

There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel

Recently Deceased: Angel Ruhl, Jacqueline Peat, Ray Parsons, Connie La Basso, Robbie Lamont, Angel Cabral.

Funerals: The funeral of Ray Parsons will be held here on Tuesday at 11am. The funeral of Jacqueline Peat will be held at Rose Chapel Palmdale on Friday at 1pm. Please keep Ray, Jacqueline and families in your prayers.

Anniversaries: Joe Bond, Verna Goonetilleke, Robyn McCudden.

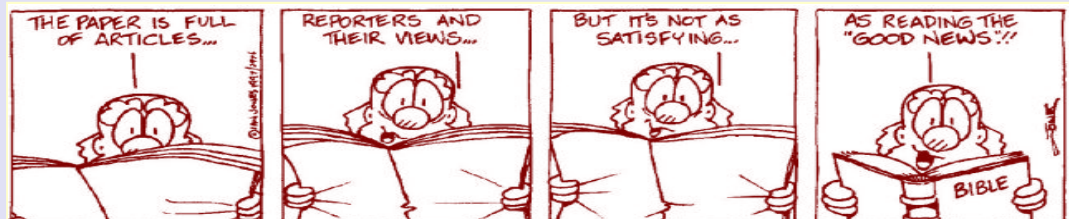
Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Brian D'Costa, Jeanette Leonidas (birthday), Virginia Tejano Villareal, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Nicholas & Shaw.

Sick: Carmel McSweeney, Fay Jones, Graham Henneberry, Kathryn Walker, Pauline Fowler, Antonio Palagiano, Glenda Way, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Andrew & Thomas Sheldon, Freya Grant, Leo Andronicos, Miles McKeig.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Welcome to OLR Sacred Gifts

OLR Sacred Gifts is open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass. You'll find us in the foyer of the Church. Enquiries: 4332 2216.