



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

4th Sunday of Lent

Year C Cycle I

30 March 2025

## Congratulations Fr Rosan!

**F**r Rosan has now celebrated his first Mass of Thanksgiving as well as his first weekend Mass with our parish community and weekday Masses. Much joy has also been shared as he also gave a Priestly blessing to many parishioners individually.





## Anointing of the Sick

will be celebrated  
Friday 4 April  
during 11:45am  
Mass for those  
over 65 or with  
serious or long-  
term illness.



## Stations of the Cross

are 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  
Killarney Court  
Killarney Vale  
at 11am.

## Everything We Need to Know

**F**riends, our Gospel today is Jesus' best-known parable, and perhaps the greatest story ever told. It tells us practically everything we need to know about our relationship to God, if we but attend to the details carefully.

The younger son asks for his share of the estate and quickly squanders it in a faraway land - and so it always goes. We are the children of God; we have been given life, being, everything by him; we exist through him at every moment. What is represented here so vividly is the moment of sin, which means rupture or division.

So the son is forced to hire himself out so as to become a feeder of pigs. And no one gives him anything. Coming to his senses at last, he decides to break away and return to his father.

The father sees him from a long way off, and then, throwing respectability to the wind, he comes running out to meet him. The Bible is not the story of our quest for God, but of God's passionate, relentless quest for us. He puts a ring on his son's finger - the ring of marriage, symbolising the reestablishment of a right relationship between us and God.

*Word on Fire* Bishop Robert Barron

## What About Me?

**W**e are very familiar with this Gospel story. The phrase "Prodigal Son" has even entered our common parlance; if someone has gone their own way but then returns to a group or a family we will sometimes say "the prodigal returns"... but there is always the outside chance that this is said more in scorn than in gratitude and concern!

Here in this story the father is on the lookout for his son who has wandered away from him; he is concerned for him; he loves him and he is always seeking his good. It is hard to know exactly what thoughts and worries were in the Father's heart, but many of us will know something of that "at a distance" care which we have to exercise for others.

The elder boy, the one who has always kept his head down and worked hard for his father, doing everything that was asked of him, is none too impressed when his brother comes back and is feted with such lavish care and attention. "What about me?" you can hear him say.

The situation in which Jesus tells this tale is an encounter amongst the Pharisees and Scribes, those who were well-versed in the Jewish Law and customs, who show a certain stand-offish attitude when they see that Jesus "welcomes sinners and eats with them".

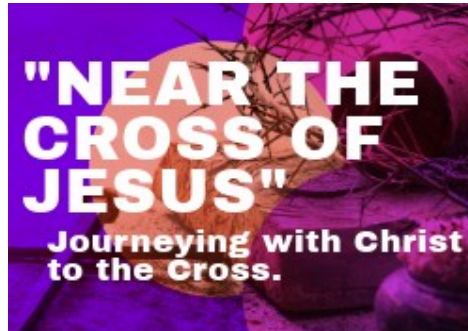
Now there can be a tendency to think that all Pharisees and Scribes were bad people; not so. They had a love of God at the heart of what they were trying to do, but Jesus wants them to see another angle to their faithfulness - an angle of understanding of peoples' weaknesses and sin, and the fact that the Father - his Father, God - is always wanting to draw people back into a relationship of love and of care and of real and true family where they will be safe and welcomed. Yes, they will have learned lessons on the way, they will have made their mistakes and taken their wrong turns (which one of us hasn't?), but what will ultimately matter is that "your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found".

*Sunday Living Word* Majellan Family Media



## Youth Group April Gathering

This month we are journeying with Christ to the Cross "Near the Cross of Jesus". Saturday 12 April after the 5pm Vigil Mass, finishing at 8pm. All youth aged 12-17 years are welcome - you can bring a friend along! Enquiries to the parish office on 4332 2216 or email [theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au)



**Welcome**  
To the Murphy Family for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.

## KidsClub Celebrates Easter

KidsClub is a Parish social group for 5-12 year olds who want to make new friends, have fun, and learn more about Jesus! Siblings are welcome. Parents may stay or you can drop off and pick up at 4.45pm (parents must stay for children under 5 yrs). We encourage all to join us at 5pm Mass after KidsClub.

Saturday 12 April in the Reynolds Room from 3pm-4:45pm. No need to RSVP - just turn up!



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

## 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, scanning the QR code, calling 1800 024 413 or online at [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) Thank you!



**Thank You**  
From Fr Rosan

A special thank you to the Tuka Family for the spit pork, Saigon Chopsticks for much of the Vietnamese food, Anne & Des Little, and all our wonderful helpers!

## The Chosen - Last Supper

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.

**Event 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.



**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

## 4th Sunday of Lent *Joshua 5:9-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Wally Moore, Noel de Silva, Michael Cook, Tom Kelly, Angel Ruhl, Jacqueline Peat, Ray Parsons, Connie La Basso.

**Funerals:** The funeral of Michael Cook will be held on Wednesday. Please pray for Michael and his family.

**Anniversaries:** John Paul II.

**Remembrances:** Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Jeanette Leonidas, Sue Simmons (birthday), Simon Butcher, Jack & Grace Gosper, Petar Lerotic, Alfonz Matijasevic (birthday) and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Families:** Moore & Langley.

**Sick:** Stjepan Tuka, Peter McCarten, Pam Elliott, 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, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Anastasia Lasalo, Alfonzo Craig, Ruby Ida.

## 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.