



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

4th Sunday of Lent

Year B Cycle II

10 March 2024



One Good Person

There are many examples in literature of people who, through the course of the story, move from despair to hope, selfishness to generosity, darkness to light. Rarely do they do this entirely through their own efforts. Usually someone is rooting for them, encouraging them, or coaxing them towards something better. This persistent support empowers them, not only to do better for themselves, but also to do better for others.

In Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, Scrooge is shown a way of living that differs from his self-absorbed existence. He sees what might be if he let joy, light and generosity into his world. He responds, reluctantly at first, but later with uncurtailed joy. In Barbara Kingsolver's *Demon Copperhead*, several good people refuse to give up on a boy born into a life of poverty, neglect and addiction, where circumstances seem to make bad outcomes inevitable.

In many cases, the path is not straight. Life is messy, and ups may be followed by downs. Characters resist support. Or they accept support but nevertheless encounter hurdle after hurdle. As in real life, there may be no fairy-tale ending. But it is usually clear that goodness makes a difference, and that even one good person can transform how another experiences the world. Indeed, those involved in young people's services know that having "one good adult" is crucial in helping a young person to flourish. And surely this continues to apply in adulthood. Scrooge, after all, was no longer young when he accepted love from others in a way that enabled him to bring love into the world in turn.

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Transformative Power

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent we are reminded of the transformative power of love as we reflect on the readings and Gospel. The Gospel of John reveals to us the selfless and unconditional love of God for the world, a love that knows no bounds and limitations. The First Reading from the Second Book of Chronicles shows us that love is not just a feeling but an action that requires us to extend ourselves beyond our own needs and desires for the well-being of others.

As we journey through the season of Lent, let us deepen our understanding and experience of God's love by opening our hearts to receive it and allowing it to transform us. Let us also share God's love with others through acts of kindness, compassion, and service. May we be inspired by the selfless love of God and strive to live our lives in accordance with that love.

Colleen Smith *Pastoral Associate*



Reflection Mornings

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



Congratulations Ashton Starr

on receiving your
First Eucharist
9 March 2023



Nursing Home Mass

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



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
on 23/24 March.

One Good Person *(continued)*

As Paul tells us in the Second Reading, "God loved us with so much love that he was generous in his mercy." Paul is clear that we are not saved by anything we alone have done. We are saved through grace and faith, gifts from God given in Christ Jesus. He is that one good person who empowers us "to live the good life". He is the one who John says was sent by God to save the world, empowering us to live by the truth "so that it may be plainly seen that what [we] do is done in God".

Living the life God intended is impossible if we go it alone. That is why we open our hearts to Jesus as the one who brings light, grace and faith into our lives. Spending time in prayer and reflection, pondering on the scriptures, and celebrating our faith in community can help us experience the transformative light of Christ. This light is not just for us as individuals, even if we experience it through deeply personal prayer. Our life in Christ is not simply an "inward" or "upward" spiritual exercise. Just as we see the power of one good person upon many a character in literature – and as we may have experienced in our own lives – so we are called to reach into the world around us.

Each of us is just one person, but our influence can be transformative if we are the one who brightens another's day, offers a word of comfort, lifts another up, treats our environment and every person with the respect they deserve as part of God's creation. Our gestures do not need to be grand, although some of us may be in a position to do great things. Today, let us think of one way in which we might be one good person in the world.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Media

Chrism Mass Invitation

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. Priests of the Diocese of Broken Bay gather for this celebration with Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitments. During Mass, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and brought back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese.

Project Compassion

As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory (pictured) faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes available from the Church doors, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Admission to Candidacy

Bishop Anthony Randazzo has accepted the application of Mr Rosan Mathew for admission to Candidacy for Sacred Orders. It will take place on Saturday 16 March 2024 within the 5pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. Let us continue to pray for him as he takes this important step on the path towards priesthood.

The Rite for Admission to Candidacy is an important step for each man on his journey toward Holy Orders. The rite is an opportunity for the candidate to express publicly his intention to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders. The Admission to Candidacy is celebrated when it has been established that the intention of those aspiring to Holy Orders is supported by the necessary qualifications and that they have achieved sufficient maturity. It is a process of formal recognition on the part of the Church.



Welcome
to the Demetriou
& Jarvis 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.

Presentation of Reconciliation Candidates

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

Please take a child's prayer card to support them along the way.

Attention: Catechists Wanted

If you are a retired individual or a tertiary student, you may have time to spare and would like to share your faith with Catholic students attending one of the four state primary schools in our Parish. These students may not have had the opportunity to hear about Jesus. This ministry is very fulfilling and rewarding, as you get to see the fruits of your labour, helping draw young Catholics into a closer, more personal encounter with Christ. It can be a life-changing experience for them (and you). There will be plenty of support available to you. Please feel free to make enquiries by contacting leanne@ourladyoftherosary.org.au or calling the parish office at 4332 2216.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Imagine a place... where children come to be with God to discover, to explore and experience God's love for them. 3-6 year olds are invited to join us at the Central Coast's newly established Atrium. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a particular way of journeying with children toward God. It is grounded in scripture and the liturgy of the Church, then framed by Montessori principles of education.

Saturdays 9am -10.30am, from 16 March in the Muldoon Room (the old Gift Centre)

Cost is \$8 per week,
\$5 for siblings.

Contact Ashleigh:
centralcoastatrium@gmail.com
or 0466 255 033.



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

**Parish
Morning
Tea**

The Simply the
Best Family
Group is hosting
our Morning Tea
this Sunday
10 March in the
Parish Centre
after 9:30am
Mass. All
Welcome!

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

4th Sunday of Lent

Chron 36:14-16, 19-23

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14-21

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: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

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: Stiven & Vera Fehir.

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

Families: Clarke.

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

Welcome Newly Baptised: Charlee & Indianna Towle, Billie & Everly Mills, Oaklyn Ray, Charlie & Harry Coburn, Finn Breneger, Margot Robilliard, Flynn Apap.

Congratulations Newlyweds: Georgina Lamont & Maison Whitehorn.

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