



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Easter Sunday | Year A Cycle II | 5 April 2026



Happy Easter to All!

May the joy of the Risen Christ fill your heart with peace, hope, and renewed faith this Easter season. As we celebrate his victory over sin and death, may his light guide your path and strengthen your spirit. May you and your loved ones be blessed with grace, love, and abundant mercy. Let us rejoice in his resurrection and share his love with all. Wishing you a holy and blessed Easter, filled with faith and joy in the Lord always. May his resurrection inspire kindness, forgiveness, and compassion in our lives each day, drawing us closer to his eternal promise.

Easter Timetable

Holy Saturday 4 April	9:30am-10.00am Confessions 4:00pm-4:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Easter Vigil Ceremonies and Mass
Easter Sunday 5 April	8:00am & 9:30am Masses 11:00am Mass at Reynolds Court Bateau Bay 5:00pm Maronite Mass
Easter Monday 6 April	9:00am Mass instead of Communion Service

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The Greatest Grave Robber

St. John's narrative of the Resurrection opens on the morning of the first day of the week. It is still dark - just the way it was at the beginning of time before God said, "Let there be light" (*Gen. 1:3*). But a light is about to shine, and a new creation is about to appear.

The stone had been rolled away. That stone, blocking entrance to the tomb of Jesus, stands for the finality of death. When someone we love dies, it is as though a great stone is rolled across them, permanently blocking our access to them. And this is why we weep at death - not just in grief but in a kind of existential frustration.

But the stone had been rolled away. Undoubtedly, Mary Magdalene thought that a grave robber had been at work. The wonderful Johannine irony is that the greatest of grave robbers had indeed been at work. The Lord said to the prophet Ezekiel, "I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves" (*Ezek. 37:12*). What was dreamed about, what endured as a hope against hope, has become a reality. God has opened the grave of his Son.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

Why the Disciples Believed

If any persons had removed the body of Jesus, would they have stripped it before doing so? Or if anyone had stolen it, would they have taken the trouble to remove the cloth, and roll it up, and lay it in a place by itself? They would have taken the body as it was.

On this account John tells us, by anticipation, that the body of Jesus was buried with much myrrh, which glues linen to the body even more firmly than lead. So when you hear that the linen wrappings lay apart, you may not endure those who say that the body of Jesus was stolen.

For a thief would not have been so foolish as to spend so much trouble on a superfluous matter. Why should he undo the clothes? And how could he have escaped detection if he had done so? He would probably have spent much time in so doing, and be found out by delaying and loitering.

But why do the clothes lie apart, while the cloth was folded together by itself? That you may learn that it was not the action of men in confusion or haste, the placing some in one place, some in another, and then wrapping them together.

From this the disciples believed in the Resurrection. On this account Christ afterwards appeared to them, when they were convinced by what they had seen. – St John Chrysostom

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Bequests

Have you ever thought of remembering OLR parish in your Will? While we have a great deal of assets here in the parish including Lakesea Apartments, we now must begin a series of loans as we pay out those in Lakesea when they terminate their Loan Licence agreements. Your generosity would enable us to pay off this loan and equally importantly enable us to continue to best serve the needs of all in our parish community now and into the future. Geoff O'Reilly, a Solicitor on our Parish Finance Committee (Nash, Allen, Williams & Wotton 4332 3588), has generously agreed to provide a Free Will to those bequeathing \$10,000 or more to our parish.

Masses: Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 8am & 9:30am | Reynolds Court 11am | Maronite Mass 5pm

Weekday Masses: Monday Communion Service 9am | Tuesday - Thursday 9am | Friday 11:45am
Saturday 9am | Reynolds Court Wednesday 10am

Reconciliations: Saturdays 9:30am - 10am | 4pm - 4:30pm **Liturgy of the Hours:** Saturday 8:40am

Rosary: Monday-Thursday 8:35am | Friday 11:20am | Saturday 9:30am

Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group: Tuesday 9:30am **Cenacle Prayer Group:** Wednesday 9:30am

Christian Meditation Group: Friday 10:30am - 11:30am Reynolds Room



A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

Introducing Tam Nguyen

Seminarian Tam (pronounced Tum) Nguyen is coming to our parish on Tuesday. Tam's long-awaited visa has been granted and he will be travelling from Vietnam. Tam will live with Fr Brian and Fr Rosan to acculturate before going to the Seminary for his studies. Tam will be engaged in ministries in the parish like Deacon Tân was. Please make Tam most welcome.



Welcome Visitors

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish over the Easter holidays. We love to have you with us. If you have any queries, please speak to Fr Brian, Fr Rosan, Dcn Paul or Dcn Tony, who are all very happy to meet you. For general enquiries the parish office will reopen on Tuesday 7 April. Happy Easter!

Congratulations Candidates!

This year, we had an inspiring group of 14 adults participate in our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program. This Easter marks a significant moment as they fully enter the Catholic Church. Five adult Candidates will be received into the Church, embracing the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Additionally, nine Elect adults and nine children will be Baptised, with the adults also being Confirmed and receiving their First Eucharist.

At the Easter Vigil, we joyfully congratulate and welcome Mitch Coates, Kimberly Ward, Alison Butterfield, Steve Clissold, James Denson, Nicole Grundy, Tyler Lombo, Kimberly Miller, Karlee Hanna, Nevaeh Hanna, Matilda Saunders, Koa Mules, Samantha Wake, Evander Danks and Ivy Danks. The remaining members of this remarkable group will be received into the Church in the coming weeks.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for April

For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Divine Mercy Feast

On the Sunday after Easter we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy, where we may obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment, an extraordinary grace promised by Jesus. To obtain such grace we must go to Confession within 21 days before or after that Sunday, receive Holy Communion on the day, venerate the image of the Divine Mercy, and be merciful to others, through our actions, words and prayers.

"In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to my Mercy. Be merciful even as your Father is merciful." – Diary of St Faustina

Easter Sunday **Acts 10:34, 37-43** | **Colossians 3:1-4** | **John 20:1-9**

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



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Please Note

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Killarney Court Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11am.

Parish Morning Tea

The Hospitality Team (Group 3) are hosting our next Morning Tea on Sunday 12 April in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. Come along for a cuppa and a chat. Parishioners are welcome to bring a plate to share.

Central Coast Secular Franciscans

The next Franciscan Prayer Meeting is on Friday 10 April at 1pm in the Reynolds Room. We have a bite to eat after the 11:45am Mass and then our meeting. All welcome – contact Sandra 0499 811 177.

Blessing of Homes during Eastertime

Please find flyers on the information tables for you to use for a home blessing.

Easter Offering Envelopes

These donations support the Priests of our diocese – retired and active. Envelopes are on the information tables. Thank you!

Easter Water

The new Easter Water will be available in the Holy Water urn next to the Confessionals this weekend.

Project Compassion

Please remember to return your Project Compassion boxes to the baskets at the Church doors.

Mothers' Day Lunch

Central Coast Santa Maria Committee invites you to a Mothers' Day Lunch at Toukley Golf Club on Sunday 3 May 12noon-4pm. Two course lunch and nibbles with DJ. \$45pp pay by 16 April. Contact 0404 194 020 or 0448 742 591 to book.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Sr Clare McCudden, Scholastica Lakra (mother of Fr Anselam Chatswood), Paul Kelberg, Fr John McCall o.s.a., Dino Gava, Lin Ortiz, Annamma Joseph, Imelda Bourke.

Anniversaries: Leo Moloney, Robyn McCudden, Michael McCudden, George Taylor (& birthday).

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Giutronich, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Richard Falzon, Nona Redman, Fr Michael Kelly, Frank & George Grech, Mary Gatt, Narelle Adams, Denis Farrell, Annette Howell, Simon Butcher, Michael Langley, Bernardo Najera, John McDermott, Agnes & Alfred Rodger, James Molly, Mary Freney, Michael McQueen Snr, Michael McQueen Jnr, Alfonz Matijasevic (birthday), Terry O'Sullivan and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Rodger, Freney.

Sick: Sophie (operation), Susie Reyes, Harry McCarthy, Josephine McMahon, Lynette Falken, Steve Bond, Fr David Taylor, Lynne White, Fr Geoff Bugden, Fr Brogan, Julie Fletcher, Walter Knoke, Pat McCudden, Linda Read, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Janine Harpley, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, Anne Knoke, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

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Sacred Gifts

Welcome!

We open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass.

Also weekdays by appointment.

You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.

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