



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

4th Sunday of Easter

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Happy Mother's Day



A Happy Mother's Day to All Mums!

On Mother's Day we recognise the mothers in our lives as well as Mary, Mother of God, and celebrate all that our mothers do and have done for us. Here we have some quotes about Motherhood from Saints and Catholic figures, as well as one from our Mother herself.

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." – St Therese of Lisieux

"Thank you, women who are mothers! You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child's first steps, who helps it to grow, and who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life." – St John Paul II

A "woman by her very nature is maternal - for every woman, whether married or unmarried, is called upon to be a biological, psychological, or spiritual mother - she knows intuitively that to give, to nurture, to care for others, to suffer with and for them - for maternity implies suffering - is infinitely more valuable in God's sight than to conquer nations and fly to the moon." – Alice von Hildebrand

"Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety, or pain. Am I not here I who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?" – Our Lady of Guadalupe to St Juan Diego

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Good Shepherd Sunday

This Sunday we acknowledge the faithfulness of the shepherd and God's love for the "sheep" who follow Jesus. It is important that we appreciate the universal character of the message of Jesus. Its starting point is in Jerusalem, but its arrival point is within all nations, to the ends of the Earth. God is faithful and dedicated to our Christian communities, but the mission of Jesus is to reach out to other faiths and cultures - in our own neighbourhoods, as well as internationally - as did the first followers of Jesus. We may be hesitant about identifying with sheep, but they have several inspired qualities: in their gentleness they respond to the goodness of the shepherd with recognition and trust, and they heed his voice.

The rural image of the Good Shepherd and the sheep carried a special cultural meaning at the time of Jesus in a Galilean peasant society, but the meaning can be transported to the twenty-first century. We are being asked to pray in a special way for vocations which are very necessary for the life of the Church. We need pastoral shepherds for our parish communities. The late Pope Francis famously called bishops and priests to fulfil their vocations as shepherds who so immerse themselves in their ministry that they "smell like the sheep".

Yet, the call to follow Jesus is a call to all of us to be good shepherds for one another and especially for the most vulnerable among us – children, refugees, the poor, immigrants, exploited workers and victims of trafficking. Anyone who has been responsible for the care of others is like a shepherd. We also remember carers, doctors, nurses, parents, teachers and public servants in our prayers today, as we consider what contribution we are making to the life of this parish and to society outside it.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

A Message for Pilgrims of Hope

A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service. Every vocation in the Church, whether lay, ordained or consecrated, is a sign of the hope that God has for this world and for each of his children.

Nowadays, many young people feel dismayed as they look to the future. Often they experience insecurity about their prospects of employment and a profound identity crisis, a crisis of meaning and values, which the confused messages of the digital world only aggravate. The unjust treatment of the poor and vulnerable, the indifference of a complacent and self-centred society, and the brutality of war all threaten the hopes for a fulfilling life that young people cherish in their hearts. Yet the Lord, who knows the human heart, does not abandon us in our uncertainty. He wants us to know that we are loved, called and sent as pilgrims of hope.

We, the adult members of the Church, and priests in particular, are called to acknowledge, discern and accompany the young on their vocational path. You, young people, for your part, are called to set out on that path, together with the Holy Spirit, who awakens in you the desire to make your lives a gift of love.

From the late pilgrim Pope Francis

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

Weekday Masses: Monday - Thursday 9am | Friday 11:45am | Saturday 9am

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

Cenacle Prayer Group: Wednesday 9:30am

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



A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

Pastoral Works Appeal Thanks

Thank you to all who contributed to our Diocese of Broken Bay Pastoral Works (PWBB) Appeal last weekend. The Appeal supports various charities in our Diocesan community, particularly the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities, and the Ephpheta Centre supports the deaf community. These ministries need our community's generosity as they get little or no Government funding. For any further donations you may add your envelopes to the collections or online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/giving/pastoral-works-broken-bay/pastoralworks. Please nominate The Entrance Parish when donating online. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Thank you!

First Eucharist Information & Enrolments

The Sacrament of First Eucharist or First Holy Communion begins with an Information and Enrolment session for parents. The last session is on Monday 12 May at 9:30am in the Parish Centre. If you are unable to attend this session you will need to make an appointment with Fr Brian before the closing date for enrolments on Thursday 15 May. We look forward to the preparation and celebration of this most important Sacrament with you and your child.

Combined Family Group Mass & Morning Tea

All parishioners are invited to join us to celebrate our 31st Anniversary of Family Groups in the parish. Group Leaders will renew their annual commitment at the 9:30am Mass next Sunday 18 May. Then we will have Morning Tea in the Parish Centre. Family Group members please bring a plate and leave it in the Parish Centre prior to Mass.

Seniors: New Craft – Games – or Chat Morning

Come along for a relaxing, fun time and make new friends! Carers are welcome. While enjoying a cuppa and biscuit, just have a chat, do your craft, or bring your cards or favourite game. Share other ideas of activities. Every 3rd Tuesday of month commencing 20 May in the Reynolds Room from 10am to 12.30pm.

Free Community Wills Seminar

Join us for a free seminar with legal expert Cecilia Castle of Castle Lawyers who will cover essential estate topics like: Writing a Will, Power of Attorney, and Enduring Guardianship. Tuesday 20 May 10:30am-12:30pm in the Parish Centre. Call: 8379 1653 or email: parish.admin@bbcatholic.org.au

Family Mass

We warmly invite you and your family to join us for the Family Mass on Saturday 24 May at 5pm, followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre. Bring your loved ones and friends. For any enquiries and to RSVP for catering call the office on 4332 2216 and we will see you there!

4th Sunday of Easter Acts 13:14, 43-52 | Apoc 7:9, 14-17 | Jn 10:27-30

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.



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Please Note

Feast Days this Week

Our Lady of Fatima – 13 May. St Matthias, Apostle -14 May.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this day we give thanks for Fr Brian, Fr Rosan and Deacon Paul as they minister to our parish.

Nursing Home Communion Service

Will be celebrated on Tuesday at Opal Killarney Vale at 11am.

Warning – Beware of Thieves!

Please take your handbags or valuables to Communion with you and keep them in front of you in the pews. There have been recent theft attempts.

CCD Reflection Day – Stations of the Resurrection

Join us as we reflect on the post-Resurrection journey of Jesus. To be held on 19 May. All Catechists are invited, and welcome to bring a friend. Registrations essential: registrations@bbcatholic.org.au or call 8379 1643.

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. Enquiries: 0438 320 927.

Our Lady of Guadalupe with Fr Peter De Souza

Experience the rich faith of the Mexican people and the miraculous story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. View the miraculous tilma of Juan Diego that bears an inexplicable image of Our Lady that is revered the world over. 12 Days - Mexico City, San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Guadalajara, Pátzcuaro, and return to Mexico City. Commences 22 September 2025. Enquiries: T: 02 9484 1427 or E: Peter.deSouza@bbcatholic.org.au

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Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Len Moore, Rita Millar, John Faehrmann, Alfie Borg, Pope Francis, Fr Michael Fallon, Kathryn Walker, Petra Fazzino.

Anniversaries: Jean Workman, Arthur O'Neill, Ron Myers.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Charles Gatt, Leo Moloney, Carmel, Guza, Maria & Sonia Sciortino, Maria, Luckada, Manual, Maria, Carmen & Diores Armeni, Antunela, Maria, Guza & Carmel Carwana, Meleta, Maria & Mary Borg, Simon Butcher and all the Holy Souls.

Families: Moore & Langley.

Sick: Loui Abraham, Stjepan Tuka, Peter McCarten, Pam Elliott, Graham Henneberry, Pauline Fowler, Antonio Palagiano, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Grayson & Kingston Bones, Otto Tonon Caetano, Quinn, Harper & Braith Croker.



Our Lady of the Rosary Sacred Gifts

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.

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