



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

The Feast of the Ascension

| Year A Cycle II

| 17 May 2026



To Go Forward

Letting go of someone we love is always heart-wrenching. Yet there may be no other way for life to go forward as it should. Parents know this intimately in seeing their children grow up, leave home and forge their own path in life. At the Ascension, the disciples must 'let go' of Jesus as they have come to know him and enter the next stage of a Spirit-led journey. It is a scene of faith mixed with hesitation, of empowerment amidst fragility, of joy tinged with doubt. In our own lives, we too go forward with our personal mix of emotions in 'letting go' as God calls. On Ascension Sunday we can wonder at the thought that our own Baptism is a fruit of a long-ago mountain top commissioning. Like those disciples, we trust in God, step out in mission and sow seeds for future generations.

God's Word Teresa Pirola

Pastoral Works Appeal This Weekend

"Our Pastoral Works Appeal helps us to go further and wider in helping our community of Broken Bay. I am always deeply grateful for your ongoing support."

- Archbishop Anthony Randazzo DD JCL

Every year, your donations to Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) support two key Diocesan ministries. They are the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also contributes financially to St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities and the Ephpheta Centre which supports the deaf community.

Your donations help our Parish meet the quota set by the Diocese. \$29,027 is our current balance due by 30 June. Please give generously to our Appeal via the envelopes or the QR code.



PARISH PRIEST & DEAN: Fr Brian Moloney

DEACON: Rev Paul Simmons

SEMINARIAN: Tâm Nguyen

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Leanne McGill

Address: PO Box 189 THE ENTRANCE 2261

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9.30-5.00pm

Email: info@ourladyoftherosary.org.au

Web: www.ourladyoftherosary.org.au

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Fr Rosan Mathew

DEACON: Rev Tony Hoban

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Colleen Smith

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE MANAGER: Karen Green

239-243 The Entrance Rd THE ENTRANCE 2261

Office Hours Telephone No: 4332 2216

After Hours Emergency No: 0493 364 448

Facebook: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish The Entrance



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Continuous Presence

The mystery of the Ascension that we celebrate today is Jesus' glorification as he ends his earthly work of redemption and returns to the Father. The Apostles' Creed states that he 'ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.' The Ascension is not only about Jesus but also about us. Where Jesus is now, we hope to be one day. This is the reward that all of us are to hope and strive for. Both the First Reading and Gospel affirm that Jesus' Ascension does not mark an end, but a continuation of his work. His last words to his Apostles point to his saving mission and to their mandate to be his witnesses. As an extension of the mission mandate, all believers are called to be messengers of the Good News. We are not left alone; as we carry out his work, the continuous presence of Jesus and the assistance of the Holy Spirit are promised to us.

God's Word Fr (Dr) Sajith Cyriac SSP

60th World Day of Social Communications

Today is the World Communications Day, a time for us to reflect how we use or are affected by technological developments. Pope Leo has chosen as its theme, *Preserving human voices and faces*. "Our faces and voices are unique, distinctive features of every person; they reveal a person's own unrepeatable identity and are the defining elements of every encounter with others. The ancients understood this well. To define the human person, the ancient Greeks used the word 'face' (*prósōpon*), because it expresses etymologically what is before one's gaze, the place of presence and relationship. The Latin term 'person' (*from per-sonare*), on the other hand, evokes the idea of sound: not just any sound, but the unmistakable sound of someone's voice.

"Faces and voices are sacred. God, who created us in his image and likeness, gave them to us when he called us to life through the Word he addressed to us. This Word resounded down the centuries through the voices of the prophets, and then became flesh in the fullness of time. We too have heard and seen this Word (*cf. 1 Jn 1:1-3*) - in which God communicates his very self to us - because it has been made known to us in the voice and face of Jesus, the Son of God.

"From the moment of creation, God wanted man and woman to be his interlocutors, and, as Saint Gregory of Nyssa explained, he imprinted on our faces a reflection of divine love, so that we may fully live our humanity through love. Preserving human faces and voices, therefore, means preserving this mark, this indelible reflection of God's love. We are not a species composed of predefined biochemical formulas. Each of us possesses an irreplaceable and inimitable vocation, that originates from our own lived experience and becomes manifest through interaction with others.

"If we fail in this task of preservation, digital technology threatens to alter radically some of the fundamental pillars of human civilization that at times are taken for granted." The developments in social communications pose new challenges for the defence of human dignity, justice and labour. New technologies, "cannot replace the uniquely human capacities for empathy, ethics and moral responsibility. We need faces and voices to speak for people again. We need to cherish the gift of communication as the deepest truth of humanity, to which all technological innovation should also be oriented."

Message of his Holiness Pope Leo XIV

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

Welcome Fr Tân

Our newly ordained Fr Tân Nguyen will celebrate Mass with us here on Sunday 24 May at 9:30am. The Hospitality Group will host a Morning Tea afterwards in the Parish Centre. All are invited to come along and bring a plate of finger food (no hot food) to share on this special occasion.



Presentation of First Eucharist Candidates

The children currently preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be presented to the parish on the weekend of 23/24 May at the Masses. We give a big welcome to them and their families. The children will have prayer cards to hand out after Mass for parishioners to take and pray for a particular child whose name is on the card, during the programme.

Family Mass

We're excited to invite you to our Family Mass to celebrate Pentecost! Join us on Saturday 23 May at 5pm. We warmly welcome all families, especially those with children in Year 4 who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion to come and celebrate with us. After the Mass, join us for pizza and light refreshments in the Parish Hall! Feel free to bring a plate to share. It's a wonderful opportunity to relax, connect, and meet other families in our community. We can't wait to see you there and share in this special time together! Please scan the QR code for catering purposes.



40th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving & Farewell

A 40th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop Anthony Randazzo will be held on Thursday 28 May at 7pm at The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara. The Mass will be followed by a farewell supper for the Archbishop as he prepares to take up his new ministry at the Vatican next month. All are most welcome to attend the Mass and supper. For catering click the QR code or use the Link: <https://www.greenvelope.com/event/40th-anniversary-mass-of-thanksgiving>



40th Anniversary Dinner & Gala Awards Evening

All are invited to a Gala Dinner to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our Diocese, as well as an Awards Event, on Friday 29 May 6:30pm at the Epping Club, Rawson Street, Epping. Tickets for this event are \$150.00 per person or \$1500.00 for a table of ten. This includes pre-dinner drinks, three course dinner, raffles with some amazing prizes, entertainment and the opportunity to celebrate with the recipients of our Papal and Diocesan Awards. Archbishop Anthony Randazzo will host the night before he departs for his new ministry at the Vatican next month.



Dress: lounge suit/evening wear. Bookings by 18 May: QR or <https://www.trybooking.com/DLZBE>

The Ascension of the Lord **Acts 1:1-11 | Ephesians 1: 17-23 | Matthew 28:16-20**

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Please Note

Welcome

We welcome the Iann and Nixon Families for the Reception of their children who will be Baptised in the near future.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Nareen Gardens Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10:30am.

Men's Social Group

Join us for lunch and a yarn on Wednesday 20 May at 12noon at Diggers Club Long Jetty. Friends welcome! Enquiries to Lui on 4388 9510.

Franciscan Food Drive

The Secular Franciscans of our parish are collecting donations of non-perishable items for distribution to the needy via the Benevolent Society Hub at The Entrance Community Centre. Donations such as tinned foods, long-life milk, tea, coffee, shampoo etc may be left in the baskets at the Church doors. Thank you for your support!

Shroud of Turin Replica at Toukley

St Mary's Church Toukley has been fortunate to obtain a full-sized replica of the Shroud as well as replicas of the nails, flagrum and Crown of Thorns from 7-14 June. A presentation by Shroud expert, Francine Pirola on Decoding the Shroud will be held from 3-5pm on Monday 8 June (The King's Birthday holiday). Tickets for this event are \$5 to cover costs. Go to www.trybooking.com/DLPJA
The Shroud is also available for viewing after Masses during the week and weekends.

Develop Sustained Self-reliant Futures in Overseas Communities!

Join Palms International Volunteering for a special session where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications. In our May session we have a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. Scan below or see palms.org.au/events



Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Fr Bob Crawford, Anthony Baillie, Mary Ellen Kelly, Peter McTaggart, Walter Gruber, Fr David Taylor, John Kelaher.

Anniversaries: Jean Workman, Deacon Jim Caulfield, George Grech, Alfonz Matijasevic, Arthur O'Neill.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Richard Falzon, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Giutronich, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Nona Redman, Fr Michael Kelly, Simon Butcher, Michael Langley, Peter Costello, Brian D'Costa, Myrtle D'Costa, Nick Shaw, Violet Shaw, Bernadette O'Neill, Mervyn O'Sullivan and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sick: Jason Dobbie, Glenn Bartholomew, Doug Thomas, Michael & Julie Trussell, Lise Blache, Chris Benotic, Liz Myers, Christine Bailey, Susie Reyes, Harry McCarthy, Josephine McMahon, Lynette Falken, Steve Bond, Fr Geoff Bugden, Fr Brogan, 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.

Our Lady of the Rosary



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.

4332 2216