



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

5th Sunday of Easter

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## A Call to Love

Before his death, at the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and taught them about the new commandment of love. He pointed them towards his sacrifice on the cross when he would pour out his life so that all people might be saved. To love unto death is the greatest act of love possible. The death of Jesus on the cross is not a failure but a triumph of love; a triumph through which he is glorified.

Women and men through the ages bear witness to the power of the commandment of love. All the great and little acts of love swell up into a great tidal wave which brings joy to countless people each day. If only all these acts of love could be counted! Only God sees the full picture of all the joy and grateful thanks. I can imagine God chuckling with delight.

This promise of the triumph of love gives hope to live another day and hope for the future. Love creates an eschatological hope, a hope for the future and the promise of eternal life, which is only fulfilled at the end of time, when we shall live eternally in a new life with a resurrected body with God and know love, joy and delight. There will be no more grief, no sadness, no mourning or death. This will pass away into oblivion. Only joy.

The testimony of love gives heart to us and to all the disciples of Christ in the Church. It inspires us onwards to keep running the race to the finish. We are encouraged to be faithful in the call to love, even when it costs dearly. There is no situation which is hopeless. There is no love which will not be rewarded. No action is too small not to have eternal significance. If we viewed life in this way, then we would rejoice and be glad. This joy will attract others to Christ. Joy is always powerfully attractive and infectious.

*Sunday Living Word* John Sherrington

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## Saintly Love

In the prison camp of Auschwitz One, there is the cell of St Maximilian Kolbe where he was imprisoned and ultimately murdered by lethal injection. The story is well known. In July 1941, when three prisoners appeared to have escaped from the camp, the Deputy Commander of Auschwitz ordered ten men to be chosen to be starved to death in an underground bunker. When one of the selected men, Franciszek Gajowniczek, heard his name called, he cried out, "My wife! My children!" At this point, Kolbe volunteered to take his place. Gajowniczek later said: "I could only thank him with my eyes. I was stunned and could hardly grasp what was going on. The immensity of it: I, the condemned, am to live and someone else willingly and voluntarily offers his life for me - a stranger. Is this some dream?"

St Maximilian Kolbe survived the starvation and kept faith through prayer and hymn-singing. When all his fellow prisoners had died, he remained alive. As the Nazis wanted the cell for other men, they killed him by lethal injection. As St John Paul said, "Maximilian did not die but gave his life... for his brother." He was cremated on 15 August 1941, the feast of the Assumption. In the darkness of that place, a candle in his cell can burn brightly with hope, and bear witness to the power of the commandment of love.

*Sunday Living Word* Majellan Family Media

## From Pope Leo XIV

'God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward. We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs his light. Humanity needs him like a bridge to reach God and his love. You help us to build bridges with dialogue and encounter so we can all be one people always in peace.'

'We have to look together how to be a missionary Church, building bridges, dialogue, always open to receiving with open arms everyone, open to all, to all who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, and love.'

'The world needs Christ's light. Humanity needs him to be the bridge so that God and his love can reach us.'

These remarks set a tone of hope, reconciliation, and a focus on Christ as the source of unity and peace for humanity.

Pope Leo's quotes include:

'In illo uno unum' 'In the one Christ we are one' is his episcopal motto.

'To serve is to love, and to love is to give oneself completely, just as Christ gave himself for us.'

'The Church is called to be a community that welcomes, that listens, and that accompanies, especially those who are on the margins.'

**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

## Combined Family Group Mass & Morning Tea

All parishioners are invited to join us to celebrate our 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Family Groups in the parish. Group Leaders will renew their annual commitment at the 9:30am Mass this Sunday, then we will have Morning Tea in the Parish Centre afterwards. All welcome!

## 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 for activities. Every 3rd Tuesday of the month commencing 20 May in the Reynolds Room from 10am to 12.30pm.

## Community Wills Seminar Cancelled

The Wills Seminar scheduled to be held here on Tuesday 20 May has been cancelled due to lack of registrations. A Seminar is planned to be held in the North Shore Deanery on 12 August. For any further enquiries call: 8379 1653 or email: parish.admin@bbcatholic.org.au

## Family Mass

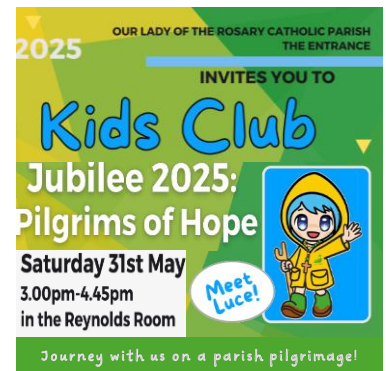
We're excited to invite you to our second Family Mass of 2025! Join us on Saturday 24 May at 5pm in the Church. We warmly welcome all families, especially those with children in Years 2 & 4 to come and celebrate with us. After the Mass, join us for pizza and light refreshments in the Parish Hall! Feel 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 use the QR code on the right, or the address <https://forms.office.com/r/MZkmp2RKUP> to RSVP for catering and participation purposes.

Family Mass - Saturday 24 May  
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## KidsClub

KidsClub is on again Saturday 31 May from 3-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. It is a parish social group for 5-12 year olds who want to make new friends, have fun, and learn more about Jesus! The theme this month is the Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope. Journey with us on a parish pilgrimage! Games, craft, activities and snacks all provided! Siblings also welcome. Parents may stay or drop off and pick up. Parents must stay with children under 5 years. You are most welcome to join us at the 5pm Vigil Mass afterwards. No RSVP required – just turn up! Enquiries: 4332 2216.



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** Acts 14:21-27 | Apoc 21:1-5 | Jn 13:31-35

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



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## Please Note

### **Feast Days this Week**

Our Lady Help of Christians, Patron of Australia Saturday 24 May.

### **Fr Brian Away**

Fr Brian will be joining Fr Rosan in India for a week. In his absence we will have Fr Hill and the Priests from Wyong Parish assisting. Blessings on your journey Fr Brian!

### **Welcome**

We welcome the Chase Family for the Reception of their child who will be baptised next weekend.

### **Nursing Home Communion Service**

Will be celebrated on Tuesday at Nareen Gardens Bateau Bay at 10:30am.

### **Men's Social Group**

Men, wives and friends are invited to come along for a social get-together and lunch at Diggers Club on Wednesday 21 May at 12 noon. Enquiries to Lui on 4388 9510.

### **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](mailto:Peter.deSouza@bbcatholic.org.au)

### **The Catholic Weekly**

Now on sale on the information tables. \$2 to the poor box please.

### **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.

## Keep Us in Your Prayers

**Recently Deceased:** Pauline Cornwell, Margaret Brownette, Len Moore, Rita Millar, Alfie Borg, John Faehrmann.

**Anniversaries:** Ron Myers, Alfonz Matijasevic, Deacon Jim Caulfield.

**Remembrances:** Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Charles Gatt and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**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:** Mollie McLoy, Millie & Arlo Reed, Luka & Jaxon Campbell.



## 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.

**Enquiries: 4332 2216**