



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

The Feast of Pentecost | Year A Cycle II | 24 May 2026



Welcome Fr Tân!

This Sunday we welcome newly ordained Fr Tân Nguyen who will celebrate 9:30am Mass with us. The Hospitality Group is hosting Morning Tea afterwards in the Parish Centre. All are invited to come along on this special occasion.

The Birthday of the Church

The Feast of Pentecost we celebrate today is the Birthday of the Church and the culmination of the Easter season. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles mirrors God's act of breathing His life into us (ref. Gen 2:7). Jesus' breath revives our life with the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. Thus, we are to dispose and prepare ourselves to experience the transforming, sanctifying, and strengthening presence of the Holy Spirit whom Jesus gifted to us. The Pentecost calls us to live in a state of forgiveness; nothing is retained against us, and thus we shall not retain anything against ourselves or another. The Pentecost makes the Church a reconciling presence in the world; this reconciling presence should be our way of life as well. As the fruits of Pentecost, we are to become God's instruments of grace, peace, and reconciliation in today's world!

God's Word Fr (Dr) Sajith Cyriac SSP

Pastoral Works Appeal Thanks

Thank you for your donations to the Pastoral Works Appeal.

Every year, your donations to 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. Any further donations may be added to the collections via the envelopes or through the QR code. Thank you!



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The Grant of Divine Forgiveness

There is no greater manifestation of the divine mercy than the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' disciples were waiting in the upper room, the followers who had denied, betrayed, and abandoned their Master, when Jesus came and stood in their midst. When they saw him, their fear must have intensified: undoubtedly he was back for revenge.

Instead, he spoke a simple word: "Shalom" (Peace be with you). He showed them his hands and his side, lest they forget what the world (and they) did to him, but he does not follow up with blame or retribution—only a word of mercy.

And then the extraordinary commission: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Jesus' mercy is communicated to his disciples, who in turn are sent to communicate it to the world.

This is the foundation for the sacrament of Penance, or Confession, which has existed in the Church from that moment to the present day as the privileged vehicle of the divine mercy.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

Total Transformation

On the evening of Jesus' rising from the dead, the first day of the week, the disciples stayed behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. And their fear and sorrow instantly turned into joy. Then Jesus sent them as he was sent by the Father. But first, he breathed on them, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." And so, out of the chaos of fear, doubt, and confusion came a "new creation." The once fearful disciples became joyful and courageous proclaimers of salvation in Jesus' name. They repeated the works of their Master, healing the sick and giving new hope to people in search of the truth (*Acts 3-4*). The religious authorities of their day threatened them unceasingly, hoping that they would give in, but the transformation made possible by the Spirit enabled them to endure. They continued to "speak the Word of God with boldness" (*Acts 4:31*).

This "new creation" takes place in our midst today as the Holy Spirit helps us with the important task of peace building. "Peace be with you," Christ's Easter greeting and gift, is not only a liturgical formula used in the Mass. It is a strengthening force that accompanies us, his present-day disciples, as we go out to accomplish the mission he sent us to do: forgiveness, reconciliation, the total transformation of human hearts, of communities, and of the face of the earth.

365 Days with the Lord Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

Closely United

As we celebrate our birthday as the Church, may our prayer be that we are more closely united as a faith community, gathered with Christ as our Head, with worship and the celebration of the Mass at its heart. The Spirit inspires us to bring this Christ and his values to our troubled world. Pentecost teaches us that wherever we come from, we are part of that one Body and have a role in carrying out that mission. The Church present here in our local parishes is a real symbol of the universal Church, called to be a powerhouse of mission and of service, called to bring the Spirit of peace and truth to all.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

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 First Eucharist Candidates

The children currently preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be presented to the parish this weekend at all 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.

Fr Tân's Mass at Home

Fr Tân was able to return to Vietnam to offer his first Mass in his homeland. He was accompanied by Fr Rosan and Fr David Ranson, pictured here with Fr Tân's family and friends. Fr Huy Tran and Fr Shane D'Cunha were also able to return to family to celebrate their ordinations. We thank these wonderful missionary Priests for joining our Diocese in their ministry.



40th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving & Farewell

A 40th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop Anthony Randazzo will be held this 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>



Ignite Youth Conference - Ascend

Ascend, proudly hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay Light of Christ Centre, Waitara Thursday 9 July – Sunday 12 July 2026. To support our young people encountering Christ and community through this event, the Diocese will offer subsidies for individual young participants to attend Ignite Conference with a group from their parish. If you would like to express interest in obtaining a Broken Bay subsidy, complete the form: <https://forms.office.com/r/3kuxSFCzGQ> or use the QR code by Thursday 14 May at 5pm.



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.

Pentecost Sunday **Acts 2:1-11** | **1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13** | **John 20:19-23**

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



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Please Note

Welcome

We welcome the Curran Family for the Reception of their child who will be Baptised in the near future.

Feast Days this Week

Our Lady Help of Christians 25 May, St Philip Neri 26 May.

Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians Mass

Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 9am, instead of the usual Communion Service.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Bupa Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10am.

Christian Meditation Group

You are welcome to join our group to learn more about Christian Meditation Fridays 10:30am - 11:30am in the Reynolds Room.

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.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Diana De La Motte, Peter Starr, Ross Carballo, Fr Bob Crawford, Anthony Baillie, Mary Ellen Kelly, Peter McTaggart, Walter Gruber.

Funerals: The funeral of Diana De La Motte will be held here on Tuesday at 2pm. Please pray for Diana and her family.

Anniversaries: George Grech, Grazjo (Frank) Grech, Ron Myers, Ruth Jayesuria, Monica Parker, Irene McCudden.

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, Alfonz Matijasevic and all the Holy Souls.

Families: Borg, Marmara, St Julian.

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

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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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