



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

6th Sunday of Easter

Year C Cycle 1

25 May 2025



A Special Peace

Peace is a precious commodity, much sought after and most cherished. People try all sorts of things to enjoy peace. But the peace that Jesus offers is special, because it is a 'peace that the world cannot give.' It is a peace that comes from understanding that we have a Father in heaven who is with us always, even in difficult moments which seem to rob our peace. It is this knowledge that should prevent 'our hearts from getting troubled,' because when we are anxious and afraid, it means that we are insecure about God's presence in our lives. Jesus assures us of his gift of peace always. Is there anything that is troubling our peace at this moment? Are we willing to surrender this moment to Jesus, the Prince of Peace?

God's Word Fr Reuben Tellis

Union with Him

Don't you find it comforting to know that we have a heavenly "dwelling place"? In fact, that dwelling place isn't far off at all. Jesus made this promise: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him" (John 14:23). You are the dwelling place of God - he is already in you!

This is a great paradox of the Christian life: the more you settle down and spend time with Jesus, the farther you will travel on the road to union with him. The way isn't a set of prescriptions to follow; it's a Person to love. And even better still: this Person loves you even more. He wants to dwell with you.

"Jesus, you are my way, my truth, and my life."

The Word Among Us

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Dynamic Prayer

The disciples had more than enough reason to be troubled. Jesus was telling them that he was about to leave and that the "ruler of the world" was on his way (John 14:30). But while the disciples were troubled, Jesus was steadfast. He knew that his departure would bring them peace. With Jesus at the Father's right hand, he could pour his Spirit into their hearts, and that Spirit could reveal God's love to them in newer and deeper ways. Then their anxious hearts would be put to rest.

So how can we come to know God's love in the same way? How can we experience the peace that Jesus promised the disciples? The key lies in dynamic prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that prayer should engage "thought, imagination, emotion, and desire" (CCC, 2708). Mobilising our God-given faculties in this way can bring the truths of our faith to life and lead us ever deeper into the Father's heart. Prayer works when we ask the Holy Spirit to lift up our natural imagination and give us spiritual insight.

St. Ignatius of Loyola often relied on his imagination when he prayed.

With a Bible before him, he would picture the setting and time of whatever story he was reading and then imagine himself in the scene. In his imagination, he would pay close attention to the details and ask Jesus questions about what was going on. Ignatius especially liked to imagine himself at the Last Supper, at the Sermon on the Mount, or on Calvary as he watched Jesus give up his life for us.

Try it yourself. Imagine yourself at one of Ignatius' favorite scenes or one of your own. What is Jesus saying and doing? What is the expression on his face? What does his voice sound like? Now imagine Jesus talking right to you as the scene is playing out. What message does he have for you today? How can you best respond to him? It's amazing how much peace you can experience! Jesus can calm your anxious heart, just as he did for the disciples at the Last Supper!

"Father, I want to know you more. Show me your majesty, your love, and your joy. Let the knowledge of you remove my anxieties and fears."

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God's Spirit at Work

The disciples sitting around the table at the Last Supper may well have felt that they were living in a particularly uncertain moment. Jesus offered them reassurance in the promise of the Spirit, but how were they to understand this word? He told them not to be troubled but foretold his imminent death. The long-awaited kingdom was about to come, but its leader washed the feet of his followers!

In some ways it's reassuring to read the account of the Last Supper and to hear the bewildered questions of Jesus' disciples: where is he going, how can they follow him, why can he not make things clear? They are not so different from our own questions. Our questions can deepen our faith if we can make space in our minds and hearts for the Spirit to work within us. Without a habit of prayer which reflects on how God is present in our everyday reality, we are unlikely to hear God's still, small voice. The Spirit tends to whisper rather than to bellow. Are we listening hard enough?

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

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

Our Priests in India

Fr Rosan was the main Celebrant in his home parish of St George for Sunday Mass. Fr Brian and Fr Hien Vu concelebrated the Mass. The local Parish Priest is also pictured on left.



KidsClub

KidsClub is on again next 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.



Presentation of Eucharist Candidates

This weekend we welcome the candidates for First Eucharist, and their families. The children have begun preparations with four weekly lessons and they will be asking parishioners to take a prayer card and pray for them throughout the programme.

Thank You Flower Arrangers!

We have had so many comments and requests to thank our wonderful new floral arrangement team that we shall put it in writing! The flowers in the Church have never looked so good and it gives the Sanctuary a new brightness and life. We thank you for the great care you take and the variety displayed on our special occasions and feasts. Keep up the good work Raquel, Mariza and Mila and know that your efforts are appreciated by all!

6th Sunday of Easter Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23 | Jn 14:23-29

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: O God, Let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



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Please Note

National Volunteer Week

This week we celebrate the great impact volunteers have on our lives and our country. The theme for National Volunteer Week 2025 is "Connecting Communities". This theme emphasises the power of volunteering to bring people together and build lasting relationships within communities. In our own parish community we rely heavily on volunteers to participate in and keep our parish thriving. We appreciate and thank you all!

Feast Days this Week

St Philip Neri 26 May. The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 31 May.

Welcome

We welcome the Read, Bond and McVey Families for the Reception of their children who will be baptised this weekend.

Nursing Home Communion Service

Will be celebrated on Tuesday at Bupa Bateau Bay at 10am.

Pentecost Novena

Please find brochures on the information tables for a Novena to the Holy Spirit. The Novena is said on the nine days preceding Pentecost Sunday, starting this Friday 30 May.

Office Closure

The Parish Office will close early at 1:30pm next Friday 30 May, to enable staff to attend a Diocesan Awards Night.

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.

The Catholic Weekly

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

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Maurie Carr, Damian Allport, Jose Malinao, Arcangel Tatlonghari, Pauline Cornwell, Margaret Brownette, Len Moore, Rita Millar.

Anniversaries: Monica Parker, Irene McCudden, Ron Myers.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Brian D'Costa (birthday), Myrtle D'Costa (birthday) Martin & Lela Borg, Charlie Borg, Sam Marmara, Joe & Venga Marmara, Pam Wilton, James Edds, James Grima, Tess Carter, Lindsay Dean and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sick: Patrick Yeo, 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.

Families: Nick, Shaw, Moore & Langley.



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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