



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

5th Sunday of Easter | Year A Cycle II | 3 May 2026



Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled

Shortly before his death on the cross, Jesus speaks to his disciples. They are worried and afraid. He has already told them that he will be betrayed and denied. He has let them know that he will only be with them for a little while longer (*John 13*). They haven't really understood, but he knows they are wondering what is happening. He wants to reassure them. "Let not your hearts be troubled," he says. But they are struggling to understand. Philip is still looking for a clearer sign, a visible sign. Thomas is not sure how to follow when he does not know where Jesus is going. These are very human worries, similar to concerns we might have ourselves. Jesus tells them to have faith in him. He invites them to trust in him. He will give them the strength and courage to face all their difficulties. In the end they will be where he is. "How can we know the way?" Thomas asks. Jesus explains that he is the Way. His way is the way of love. Shortly after this, he tells them again that to love him is to keep his commandments (*John 14:15*). Love of God and love of neighbour are the heart of his teaching.

We might find it hard to trust and to hope. Perhaps our experiences in life have left us feeling that everything is risky and that we can't count on others. Perhaps we are wary of taking an action in case we get it wrong. But Jesus tells us to have faith, to take the risk of trusting in him. He will take care of us. He will give us the courage and strength to go on. His words are gentle and full of love. He can see that his disciples are struggling. He finds ways to let them know they are loved.

When we look around us today, we can see a lot of hatred and division. We can see anger. We hear, just like we heard in the First Reading, that some people are getting to the front of the queue quicker than we are. Social media in particular delights in stirring up controversy, often by spreading rumours and untruths. It's easy to get carried along in a wave of disinformation. Do we even know who our neighbours really are? Are we contributing to our local community, building people up, or are we busy knocking them down?

Jesus is the Way. Not in a narrow sense, which excludes, but in a generous, abundant sense, which holds us all together. His way is life – life in all its fullness. To embrace his way is to love each other as neighbours, as brothers and sisters. This is his commandment, to love one another as he loves us.

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The Coinherence of the Father and Son

Jesus declares his mutual indwelling with God: "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?" Charles Williams, a friend of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien, identified this indwelling as "coinherence" and considered it the master idea of Christianity.

How do we often identify ourselves? Almost exclusively through the naming of relationships: we are sons, brothers, daughters, mothers, fathers, members of organizations, or members of the Church.

Yet, in this Gospel passage, see how Jesus identifies himself. Jesus reveals the coinherence that obtains within the very existence of God. "Lord," Philip said to him, "show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

How can this be true, unless the Father and the Son coinhere in each other?

Though Father and Son are really distinct, they are utterly implicated in each other by a mutual act of love. As Jesus says, "The Father who dwells in me does his works."

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Jesus Compels a Choice

Either Jesus is who he says he is (in which case we are obliged to give our whole lives to him, making him Lord of every aspect of our personality and every dimension of our society) or he is a madman (in which case we should be against him). What does not remain, as C.S. Lewis saw so clearly, is the bland middle position that, though he isn't divine, he is a good, kindly, and wise ethical teacher. If he isn't who he says he is, then he isn't admirable at all; instead, he is guilty of making the most insane and outrageous claims of any major figure in world history.

The classical apologetic tradition expresses this dichotomy in the pithy adage *aut Deus, aut malus homo* - either he is God or he's a bad man. Thus Jesus compels a choice, a decision, in a manner that no other religious founder does. The Buddha could claim that he had found a way that he wanted to share with his followers, but Jesus said, "I am the way." Mohammed could say that, through him, the final divine truth had been communicated to the world, but Jesus said, "I am the truth." Confucius could maintain that he had discovered a new and uplifting form of life, but Jesus said, "I am the life." And thus, we are either with Jesus or we are against him. No other founder forces that choice as clearly as Jesus does.

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Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal

"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. The next bi-annual Appeal will be held in our parish on the weekend of 16/17 May.

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

Congratulations Frs Tân, Shane & Huy

A most beautiful ceremony for the Ordination of our newest Priests, Tân Nguyen, Shane D’Cunha and Huy Tran was celebrated on Wednesday evening. Fr Tân will celebrate Mass with us here on Sunday 24 May at 9:30am. The Hospitality Group will host Morning Tea afterwards in the Parish Centre. All are invited to come along and bring a plate to share on this great occasion. (Photo left: Shane, Tân, Huy)



Deanery Leaders in Council

A new synodal initiative, Deanery Leaders in Council, has now commenced across the Diocese following its recent establishment by Archbishop Anthony. Created to strengthen collaboration and shared pastoral discernment between parishes, Catholic Schools Broken Bay, and CatholicCare Broken Bay, the initiative offers a valuable new forum for leaders to listen, reflect, and respond together to the needs of our local communities. (Photo right: Central Coast Deanery Leaders)

Seaside Youth Group

We are a Youth Group made by youth, for youth! A space for young people to connect with friends and faith. We welcome youth in School Years 5-12. We gather on the second Saturday of the month during school terms. Our next get together is on Saturday 9 May after the 5pm Mass, in the Upper Room, until 8pm. Newcomers welcome – bring a friend! See you then! Enquiries to 4332 2216.

Kids Club

Kids Club is on Saturday 9 May from 3:00pm-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. Kids Club is a parish social group for 5-12 year olds who want to make new friends, have fun and learn more about Jesus! Games, craft, activities and snacks are provided. Siblings welcome. Parents of under 5 year olds must stay.

The Pope’s Prayer Intentions for May

That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

5th Sunday of Easter **Acts 6:1-7** | **1 Peter 2:4-9** | **John 14:1-12**

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: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. 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

Welcome!

This weekend we welcome the Greville, Steele and Ahearn Families for the Reception of their children who are being Baptised in the near future.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Killarney Court Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11 am.

Broken Bay Diocese Safeguarding Charter

A limited number of copies of the Safeguarding Charter for our diocese are available on the tables of the Church.

Divine Retreat Centre

The Divine Retreat Centre offers a variety of programmes each month including One-Day Pilgrimages, Special Prayers for the Sick, and this month a Preparation for Pentecost Retreat. Held at various locations and the main Centre at 160 Hensons Road Somersby. For more information and bookings contact 4372 1598, drcsydney@gmail.com or go to www.divineretreatcentre.org

Recommended Mass Offering Amount

Based on guidelines from various Australian Catholic organisations such as Aid to the Church in Need Australia, the following is the common recommended amount for a single Mass offering: \$15 to \$20. For names to be listed in the bulletin with no Mass offered there is no charge.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Fr David Taylor (former PP of Manly), John Kelaher, Margaret Mahoney, Anthony Baillie, Feliciano Escarlan.

Funerals: The funeral of John Kelaher will be held here next Friday at 1pm. Please pray for John and his family.

Anniversaries: Archangel Tatlonghari (1st), Bruce Parry, Barry O'Neill, Don O'Sullivan, Neville O'Hara.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Giutronich, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Richard Falzon, Nona Redman, Fr Michael Kelly, Dino Gava, Patricia O'Hara, Simon Butcher, Michael Langley, Celedonia Tatlonghari, Joe Bond, Frank & George Grech, Mary Gatt, Narelle Adams, Saviar, Carmel, Guza, Mary, George, Philip & Sonia Sciortino, Carmelo Cilia, John, Maria, Nenu, John Jnr & Freddy Armeni, Emanuel & Luckada Busutti, Freddy Grima, Joe Degabriele, Les Mangon, Antunela Azzupardi, Tony, Maria & Carmel Carawana, Emanuel Gatt, Meleta, George & Paul Borg, Maria Farrugia, Joe & Charlie Curmi, Joe & Mary Cilia, Percy Coalior, Jesmond Mifsud and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sick: Doug Thomas (operation), Michael & Julie Trussell, Lise Blache, Chris Benotic, Oscar Tanner, Liz Myers, Christine Bailey, Richard Drover, Sophie, Susie Reyes, Harry McCarthy, Josephine McMahon, Lynette Falken, Steve Bond,, Lynne White, 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.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Theodore Newhall, Sienna Rose, Vinnie Steven, Angus Barry-Donnellan, Rio Oakenfull, Zoe Harper.

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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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