



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

6th Sunday of Easter

Year B Cycle II

5 May 2024



Christian Love

When Jesus tells us: "Love one another as I have loved you," what type of love has Jesus in mind? It is not love of pleasure, attraction or satisfaction. Nor is it only love of benevolence that focuses not on the one who loves but on the loved. What Jesus intends is transcendental love that freely gives all that one is and one has to the one who is loved. This is the highest form of love with which Jesus loved us. God is the focus of this level of love. In transcendental love, human love is not absorbed or suppressed, but illumined by the love of God. This is Christian love, the love which Jesus proposes to his followers. Here the one who loves may even sacrifice one's own happiness if the good of the loved is at stake. In doing so, the one who loves elevates love to the level of virtue: a love which is self-sacrificing- Christian love.

God's Word Fr George C Mathew SSP

Rooted in the Father's Love

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Love one another as I love you. Here Jesus weaves together the love that God has for Jesus, the love that Jesus has for his friends, and the love the friends have for one another. The source of this love is divine love itself.

Remain in my love. The disciples are invited to live in this love, to abide there. The Greek verb used, "menein" means "to stay in a place." It suggests permanence associated with God. The union offered is not intended to be a passing encounter; it is to be a lasting state of being.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. It will be accomplished through obedience. In this, Jesus is both the model and the mediator. As he has been obedient to the commandments of the Father, so the disciples must be obedient to his commandments. In fact, it is in their obedience to him that they will be obedient to God.

The challenge to love has its source in God. Embraced by God's love, we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise that it is boundless. This is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we are deserving of God's love (cf *Second Reading*). In fact, it is God's love that enables us both to receive and to give love in return.

365 Days with the Lord Jesus Malit sss



Mass at Bateau Bay

Mass is celebrated at Reynolds Court Bateau Bay Wednesdays at 10am and Sundays at 11am. All welcome!



Nursing Home Communion Service

A Communion Service will be held at Killarney Court Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11am.



First Reconciliation Preparation

Congratulations to Kaitlyn & Brock Johnson on the completion of your preparation for Reconciliation.



Low Gluten Hosts

Please see one of the Priests before Mass if you are a coeliac.

Inspired by Example

The Sixth Sunday of Easter presents us with readings that continue to focus on the theme of love. In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see how the early Christian community grappled with the issue of including Gentiles in their community. The reading reminds us that God's love is not limited to a specific group of people, but extends to all. The Second Reading from the First Letter of John reiterates this message, emphasising that God is love and that we are called to love one another. In the Gospel Reading from John 15:9-17, Jesus commands his disciples to love one another as he has loved them, and he reminds them that they are no longer servants but friends.

As we reflect on these readings, let us remember that love is the foundation of our faith. It is through love that we become friends of Jesus and are empowered to love others as he loves us. Love requires us to be humble, patient, forgiving, and selfless in our interactions with others. It is a choice we make every day, and it requires us to put aside our own needs and desires for the sake of others.

Let us ask God to help us grow in love for him and for our fellow humans. May we be inspired by the example of the early Christian community and the love of Christ to embrace all people, regardless of their background, and to work towards building a more just and loving world.

Colleen Smith Pastoral Associate

The Power of One

Are we crazy if we underestimate "the power of one"? It only takes one person with an idea, a message, a thought, a song, to touch the hearts of others and kindle a small flame. Sadly, we've often seen in the media the terrible results when love is in short supply, but we also witness the consequences when one person reaches out to another in love. It's like a pebble thrown into a pool of water, the ripples spread wider and wider. Without the pebble, the ripples would remain unborn. Without the power of one act of kindness, compassion, mercy or friendship, others wouldn't happen.

When the world in which we live is so hungry for love, why is it that we so often feel helpless and unable to do something to change things? We have a proverb, "mighty oaks from little acorns grow". Could I be the acorn which gives rise to the oak tree? I might not see the results of my act of kindness, but many who have come before, our Saints, did not know they would inspire countless others to see Jesus' undying love. "The power of one" is all it takes to provide a lifeline to someone else.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for May

For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Our Local Heroes



This Anzac Day was celebrated with some of our local heroes attending the 9am Mass. Pictured here are Michael Rhodes, Richard Drover, Fr Brian Moloney, Vince O'Sullivan, Alan Fletcher and Peter Drinan.

Pastoral Works Appeal 18/19 May

Our Diocesan-wide Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) May Appeal will be held on the weekend of 18/19 May. PWBB supports two key charitable works in the Diocese – the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine or CCD and our Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme. Your donations are never taken for granted, especially in these challenging economic times.

Our Pastoral Works Appeal connects everyone to the mission of Jesus Christ in our Diocese. Every gift or donation brings comfort, friendship, or security, and often opens the doorway to a faith-filled life. Donations can be made at any time. The May Appeal is the last one for the financial year 2023/2024 and we need \$12,875 to meet this year's quota. Donations tax-deductible.

Combined Family Group Mass & Morning Tea

All parishioners are invited to join us to celebrate our 30th Anniversary of Family Groups in the parish. Group Leaders will renew their annual commitment at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 19 May. Then come along to our combined Morning Tea in the parish centre. Family Group members please bring a plate and leave it at the parish centre prior to Mass. If you would like to get involved in a Family Group you can talk to a Group Leader on the day or speak to the Coordinators, Anne and Des Little on 4334 1642.

Family Mass

We warmly invite you and your family to join us for the Family Mass event on Saturday 18 May. After the Mass, we would love for you to join us for some light refreshments in the parish hall. This event is open to all families and friends, so feel free to bring your loved ones along. If you wish to lend a hand with the refreshments, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 4332 2216 and leave your details. Thank you and we hope to see you there! Please RSVP to assist us with catering.



Welcome to the Hawkins Family for the Reception of their child for the Sacrament of Baptism.



KidsClub

Join us this Saturday 4 May for fun, friends and learning about Jesus! 3-3:45pm in the Reynolds Room. Enquiries: 4332 2216.



Secular Franciscans

We meet on the second Friday of the month (10 May) at 1pm in the Reynolds Room. All welcome! Enquiries: 0439 519 018.



Family Mass
Saturday
18 May
5pm
RSVP here

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)

Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

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** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

6th Sunday of Easter *Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17*

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: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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.

Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

Recently Deceased: Bishop Peter Ingham, Don Walker, Vera Benotic, Martin Gaffey, Peter O'Grady, Irene Bouchet, Annette Howell, Millie Ingram, Ron Batger.

Funerals: The funeral of Don Walker will be held next Tuesday at 11am. Please pray for Don and his family.

Anniversaries: Barry O'Neill.

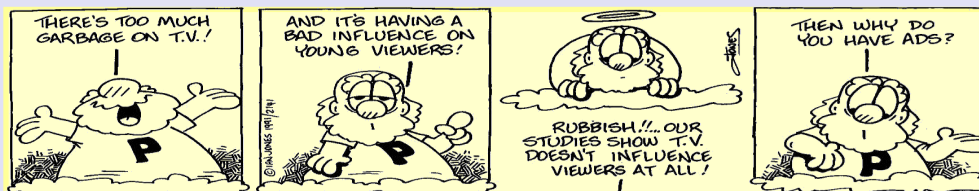
Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Joe Bond, Frank & George Grech, Carolyn Finch, John Guider, Stella Dominguez, Sam Marmara, Charlie Borg, Jason Grima, Martin & Lela Borg, Daniel Heggarty and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Grech, Zahra, Grima, Cassar, Sciberras, Camilleri, Falzon & Patterson.

Sick: Ron Myers, Jonah Langley, Susan Simmons, Maria Nassar, Jenny Balacco, Laila Calvi, Paul & Keith Snell, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Leo Abbot, Archie Anderson, Ari Mayadunne, Reggie Turner, Amelia & Lucy Pearson, Tulsu Underwood.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT
CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Everyone Welcome!

The Gift Centre is open each weekend before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Enquiries 4332 2216