



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 14 June 2026



## Congratulations to Our First Communicants!

Last weekend, at our Saturday Vigil and Sunday 9:30am Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi, we joyfully celebrated with 73 children who received the Sacrament of First Communion! This moment marked a significant milestone in their faith journey, as they opened their hearts to the love and grace of God.

A heartfelt thank you to our Sacramental Team, the teachers from OLR Shelly Beach School, and the parents and families for their unwavering support and dedication in preparing these children for this sacred Sacrament. Let us keep these young Communicants and their families in our prayers as they continue to grow in faith and deepen their relationship with Christ. May this occasion inspire both them and our parish community to embrace our spiritual journeys with renewed enthusiasm and devotion.

Congratulations to our young Communicants; may your hearts always be filled with the light of faith!

PARISH PRIEST & DEAN: Fr Brian Moloney

DEACON: Rev Paul Simmons

SEMINARIAN: Tâm Nguyen

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Leanne McGill

Address: PO Box 189 THE ENTRANCE 2261

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9.30-5.00pm

Email: [info@ourladyoftherosary.org.au](mailto:info@ourladyoftherosary.org.au)

Web: [www.ourladyoftherosary.org.au](http://www.ourladyoftherosary.org.au)

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Fr Rosan Mathew

DEACON: Rev Tony Hoban

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Colleen Smith

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE MANAGER: Karen Green

239-243 The Entrance Rd THE ENTRANCE 2261

Office Hours Telephone No: 4332 2216

After Hours Emergency No: 0493 364 448

Facebook: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish The Entrance



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

## God's Embrace

Where is God's treasure to be found? Not in things, but in people. 'All the earth is mine,' says the Lord in our First Reading, yet 'you shall be my treasured possession'. Only Jesus fully understood how much God prizes humanity, including those on the margins of society who, in his day, were considered worthless. Jesus' mission was to demonstrate the infinite breadth of God's embrace.

He knows that God treasures both those who are wayward and those who are virtuous; those who are sick and those who are strong. In today's Gospel he compared human beings to sheep: vulnerable creatures who panic easily and tend to stray. People need shepherding, not condemning. It was why Jesus so readily forgave even the worst sinners and deliberately laid healing hands upon people suffering incurable diseases. Such miracles were a signal that God's reign was close. The kingdom of heaven was believed to have arrived when impossible things began to happen.

Not everyone rejoiced. Identifying marginalised people as God's treasured possessions was seen at the time to be both ridiculous and offensive, but Jesus was not portraying God as a doting parent who indulges sin. On the contrary, he was showing the love of God to be a transforming dynamic, for to feel cherished is to be changed. Paul's letter to the Romans speaks of people who once were disobedient to God being joyfully reinstated into the Christian community.

Until this point, Matthew's Gospel focused on the life's work of Jesus. Now it was the apostles' turn to proclaim God's kingdom. They were to show God actively at work in people's lives, transforming them into a 'holy nation'. They were to treasure sinners, not shun them. Showing someone that they matter can indeed work miracles... miracles of the everyday kind, where people are seen to change and grow. This is the daily challenge of every parent and teacher, though they will tell us what we already know: that it is not always easy to treasure people. Even so, today's Gospel is uncompromising. Jesus instructs his apostles to imitate God's indiscriminate compassion, just as he has done.

Our Church is now that channel of God's life-changing love. We may not feel able to heal those who are sick and cleanse lepers, but anyone can heal a relationship if they have a mind to do so or wipe the slate clean by forgiving past wrongs. We may not be called to cast out demons, but we can work to rid our society of destructive influences. Raise the dead? Perhaps not, though sometimes all it takes is the hand of friendship for someone to feel life is worth living.

Jesus sends us out to proclaim God's kingdom, not just in words but by our attitude. As with the apostles, he addresses us by name, for each of us has a part to play in creating a society which sees the good in people and believes in their potential. Who knows what the outcome might be if we were to treasure those around us a little more? They might indeed come alive... so, might we!

*Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media*

## According to our Needs

Jesus has compassion on the people. He trains and provides shepherds after his own heart. As Christians, we do not select our shepherds. They are provided by Christ according to our needs. We need to be thankful to God for our shepherds. They can have human limitations and be poor in talents. But do not forget that they are provided by Christ, the Good Shepherd. He calls them by name despite knowing their shortcomings. This is not a mere healing service. He instructs them and gives them authority over evil. Let us pray for the shepherds that God has sent to look after us.

*God's Word Fr Alvin Fernando*

**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

## St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal next Weekend

Vinnies is once again calling on Australians to support their Winter Appeal, with the increased depth of financial pressure now facing households that were already struggling to get by. More than half of Australians (55%) say they have had to reduce spending on essentials such as medication, groceries and bills just to keep a roof over their heads.

Winter is one of the toughest times of year for those the Society supports, but financial insecurity is now hitting many Australians harder than ever. For those with little or no savings buffer, it only takes one setback, like an illness, accident or job loss, to go from just getting by to going under.

The Annual Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held at all Masses on the weekend of 20/21 June.

Envelopes will be on the pews or you can donate at 13 18 12 or at [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au)

## Kids Club

Kids Club is a parish social group for 5-12 year olds who want to have fun, make new friends and learn more about Jesus! Games, craft, activities and snacks are provided. Siblings are welcome.

Parents of under 5 year olds must stay. All parents are welcome to stay. Our next date is Saturday 20 June from 3pm-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. We will be celebrating the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

After Kids Club all are welcome to join us for the 5pm Vigil Mass in the Church. Kids Club coordinators have WWCC. For any enquiries please call the parish office on 4332 2216.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Expressions of Interest are now being accepted for the Sacrament of Confirmation for children in Year 3 and above. This Sacrament is an initiation rite in the Catholic Church that completes the process begun in Baptism and strengthens the recipient with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This programme is designed to prepare your child for this significant Sacrament.

With Archbishop Anthony Randazzo transitioning to his new role in Rome, the Sacrament of Confirmation will now be celebrated in our parish in September, with Fr Brian Moloney officiating. As a result, all previously announced dates have had to be adjusted.

**Information and Enrolment sessions will be in the parish hall on the following dates:**

**Before school holidays – Monday 29 June at 9:30am and Tuesday 30 June at 6:30pm.**

**After school holidays – Friday 24 July at 9:30am.**

For further details and to enrol your child, please join one of these Information and Enrolment sessions, each lasting about one hour. Note that children's attendance is not necessary for these sessions.



## Christians, Remember Your Greatness!

Join us for 'Christians, Remember Your Greatness! Being Human in the Age of AI', breaking open two documents that the Church has released on AI, *Antiqua et Nova* and *Quo Vadis, Humanitas?* This formation session offered by the Diocese will explore what it means to be human and in relationship with God, self, others and the environment, how AI mimics aspects of this and some of the technical limitations of AI in this regard.

Thursday 18 June 6pm-8pm Ambrose Centre. Scan the QR Code or email [mission@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@bbcatholic.org.au)



**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Exodus 19:2-6 | Romans 5:6-11 | Matthew 9:36-10:8

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

**Responsorial Psalm:** We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent, and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

## Please Note

### Welcome

We welcome the Martin and Gentle-Church Families for the Reception of their children who will be Baptised in the near future.

### Congratulations on Your First Eucharist!

Blessings to Oscar Lendich, Felix Cianci, Piper and Billie Martin, who are making their First Eucharist this weekend.

### Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Nareen Gardens Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10:30am.

### Men's Social Group

The Men's Group will be meeting this Wednesday 17 June at 12 noon at Diggers Club, Long Jetty. All are welcome to join us. Enquiries to Lui on 4388 9510.

### Commitment of Combined Family Groups and Morning Tea

This weekend the Family Groups are celebrating their 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary in our parish. The Group Leaders will renew their annual commitment at 9:30am Mass. These Groups formed to provide 'a family for all' who wish to belong, whether young or old, Church going or not, married, single, separated or divorced. There is an acceptance of everyone. Activities include hosting morning teas, picnics, BBQs, weekends away and other special celebrations. All are welcome to join. Feel free to talk to the members at the morning tea in the parish centre after Mass.

### 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!

## Keep Us in Your Prayers

**Recently Deceased:** Harry McCarthy, Patrick Moloney (Uncle of Fr Brian), Fr Frank Coorey, Cheryl Gavan, Wadad Bechara, Terry Jack.

**Funerals:** The funeral of Harry McCarthy will be held on Tuesday at 11am. Please pray for Harry, Ricki and family.

**Anniversaries:** Betty O'Neill.

**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, Thomas Mayne, Nick Sirolli, Patricia Knoke, Peter Starr, Simon Butcher, Michael Langley, Leonie Perera (birthday), Mervyn O'Sullivan, Ann O'Neill and all the Holy Souls.

**Sick:** Fr Harry Kennedy, Chris Benotic, Jason Dobbie, Glenn Bartholomew, Doug Thomas, Michael & Julie Trussell, Lise Blache, Liz Myers, Christine Bailey, Susie Reyes, Josephine McMahon, Lynette Falken, Steve Bond, Fr Bob Brogan, Walter Knoke, Anne Knoke, Pat McCudden, Linda Read, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Janine Harpley, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

## Our Lady of the Rosary



# 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.

**4332 2216**