



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Cycle 1

18 June 2023



## Congratulations First Communicants!

As a faith community, we congratulate and keep in our prayers, students from schools within our parish who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time last weekend. It was a special time for the children in their faith journey allowing them to participate more fully in the Mass. The children participated in the Mass with reverence and looked absolutely wonderful. We look forward to welcoming the rest of the children in the coming weeks who were unable to attend last weekend. Please take the time to look at the children's artwork they created at the Enrichment Day which is hanging on the wall in the church.

## Real Purpose

We all have a mission in life. Sometimes, however, we can live without any real purpose or focus. Jesus reminds us in the Gospel today that we have been called and chosen to participate with him in spreading the Good News. As Jesus went from town to town, he saw the needs of people. We are told he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.'

In our daily life, how sensitive are we to the needs of others? What are our feelings when we see someone who is sad and without hope? Do we make it a priority to share the Good News with them? In our prayer today, we might like to dialogue with Jesus about how we might live out our mission concretely in our daily lives. We all need to do our part because today, as in Jesus' time, 'the harvest is great but the labourers are few.'

*God's Word* Dr Louise Byrne (vdmf)



**Feast Days  
This Week:**

**St Aloysius  
Gonzaga**  
21 June

**Sts John Fisher  
& Thomas More**  
22 June

**The Nativity of  
St John the  
Baptist**  
24 June

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New Parish  
Website**

Our new site is  
under construction  
- we would love  
you to take a look!  
Go to

[www.ourladyof  
therosary.org.au](http://www.ourladyof<br/>therosary.org.au)



Join us next  
Saturday 24 June  
for lots of fun,  
activities, games  
and snacks! For  
kids 5-12 years  
(younger must  
be with a parent)  
from 3-4:45pm  
in the Reynolds  
Room.



**Quote  
for the Week**

*Forbidden fruits  
create  
many jams.*

## Crowd Control

Crowds are a strange human phenomenon. Many of us have probably experienced both the euphoria of being in a crowd and also the sense of fear when the mood of the crowd changes and becomes hostile. In his book *Crowds and Power* Elias Canetti, who had experienced the activities of mobs in Nazi Germany, analysed the way crowds behave. There has to be a common object or aim that focuses their attention.

As emotions are raised, people let go of their inhibitions and allow themselves to be carried away by the passion of the moment. Common sense, detachment, any usual politeness or propriety disappears. At such a point, if the crowd is thwarted in its aims, it can quickly become violent. In the storm of emotion, an enemy can be identified and attacked, and with the sudden outpouring of violence against this scapegoat the crowd's anger can grow to even greater intensity before fragmenting into its bewildered parts.

Anyone who can manipulate this force in crowds is in a very powerful position indeed, as history constantly reminds us. We can still see it in our world today, especially when crowds are stirred up by politicians. It is the art of detaching people from their sense of individual responsibility in such a way that they are taken over by a force greater than themselves. We may also be attracted to crowds if our own sense of self-esteem is low, for the strength and confidence of the crowd give us a false sense of our own importance.

Jesus spends a lot of his time with crowds. They follow him everywhere. In the end it will be a crowd that causes his downfall, egged on by manipulative leaders. Perhaps it was the same crowd that cheered him loudly on his way but a few days earlier. This is how crowds behave, even in this case to the point of declaring that they would willingly take his blood upon their heads and upon the heads of their children. Carried away by the passion of the moment, they are capable of anything.

But for all this Jesus never condemns the crowds. He loves them. And he sees their underlying misery and despair. They are like sheep without a shepherd, lacking direction and security. It is in response to the dejection of the crowds that Jesus gathers his disciples together for their first mission. He wants to offer true leadership, a leadership that will cast out evil spirits and cure all kinds of disease and sickness. He wants to take away their brokenness and lack of love. He has shown he can do this himself. Now he shares his power with disciples, sending them first of all to the people of Israel, for it is right that such healing is offered first to those the Lord has chosen as his own. Later the mission will be to the peoples of the nations as well, the Gentiles, for all are called to be healed and reconciled and to become members of God's people.

Crowds have not changed. They are still very much with us, still capable of carrying us away with their enthusiasm, still capable of irrational acts of violence. Each crowd, however, is made up of individuals. Our calling as disciples is to follow in the steps of Jesus, by discerning the individuals' need for healing and reconciliation. Such a response takes great courage and much patience. First of all we need to have a good sense of ourselves and our relationship with Christ. At that point we are invited to be of help, even if, like Jesus himself, we have suffered at their hands.

*Sunday Living Word* Majellan Media

## New Bible Reflection Group

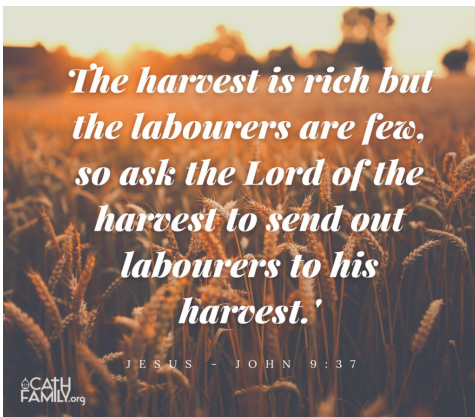
The focus of the Bible Reflection Group is to create an opportunity for everyone to learn, reflect and deepen their knowledge of the Word of God. Presented by Seminarian Tân Nguyen, the Scripture text to reflect on will be the Gospel of the coming Sunday of the week. Bring your Sunday Missal or we will provide a printed copy for you.

Morning Tea will be held after the Reflection. Starting this Wednesday in the Reynolds Room from 9:30am to 10:20am. Everyone is welcome to join any week. No RSVP required.

## 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Groups Morning Tea

Our combined Family Groups are hosting the Morning Tea this Sunday 18 June after 9:30am Mass. Family Group Leaders are being commissioned at the Mass to renew their commitment to leading their Family Group, and Morning Tea for all parishioners and friends will be held in the Parish Centre afterwards. Well done to our Family Groups!

## A Special Invitation to Serve in Your Parish



Parishioners are invited to join any of our many ministries here in our Parish. We are seeking volunteers in the following areas: Senior and Junior Altar Servers, Readers, Choir, Musicians, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Church Cleaners, Catechists, Sacramental Programmes and Visitation. If there is a Ministry that you would like to know more about please talk to Fr Brian or contact the Parish Office.

## Please Note

### Divine Retreat Centre

The Divine Retreat Centre offers a variety of programmes for June including a Couples Growth Retreat, One-Day Pilgrimages, Divine Mercy Fridays, One-Day Retreats and Divine Youth Ministry. 160 Hensons Road Somersby. Contact 4372 1598, drcsydney@gmail.com or www.divineretreatcentre.org

### Natural Fertility Education for Engaged or Married Couples

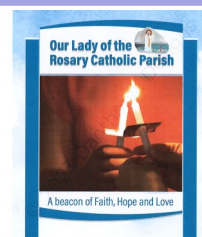
The Diocese of Broken Bay offers a free service of Natural Fertility Courses for couples to manage and understand their fertility. Young couples beginning their journey, or those already married are welcome to explore this option with our FertilityCare Practitioner. The choice to engage in 7 online sessions across the year equips a couple to manage family planning effectively and independently. Email katie.fullilove@bbcatholic.org.au

### Catholic Theological College

Find Your Path at CTC Online Information Session on Monday 19 June at 7.30pm. Register via our website: [ctc.edu.au/information-session](http://ctc.edu.au/information-session) For more information contact: Dr Christopher Knauf at [ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/](http://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/)



We are committed to fostering safety and care for all people, especially for children and others who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.



### Our New LED Sign is Ordered!

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### This Week's Winners!

1st Prize - 12  
2nd Prize - 17  
Congratulations!



### Classes for Seniors

Join us for Brain Games and Gentle Exercise classes on Mondays. Bookings essential 9481 2659.

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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** Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

## 11th Sunday

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.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Keith Fealy, Maura Prior, Charlie Borg, Tracy Quin, Peter Street.

**Anniversaries:** Col McLaurin, Mario Tabone, Elizabeth & Thomas Kirkham, Frank McCudden, Peter Connolly, Betty O'Neill.

**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, John Giutronich, June Maher, Ralph Jayesuria, Taccoli Lucina, Stephen Henry, Peter Street, Arthur Vella, Leonie Perera, Norman Tate and all the Holy Souls.

**Families:** Matthews family and friends.

**Sick:** Barbara Champley, Susan Simmons, Agnes Burke, Peter Larotić, Oskar Alessandro, Morna Faehrmann, Emma Horton, Trish Knoke, Margaret Foley, Charlie Borg, Marc Sabat, Patrick Cologon, Rita Matthews, Linda Read, Rita Meilak, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will, June Molloy and all with serious illness.

## Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

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## Order God's Word Now!

If you would like *God's Word 2024* please let Leanne know in the office so she can order you one.

We are open before and after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and before and after the 9:30am Sunday Mass in the Church foyer. EFTPOS is available. For any enquiries call

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