



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 21 June 2026



At the Heart of our Faith

Jesus gives us the biblical antidote for fear. What are you afraid of? What do you have to lose? Does it terrify you to think that you might lose your wealth? Your social status? The affection of others? Your health? Your power and influence? Your reputation and good name? Your life?

In the great film *A Man for All Seasons*, King Henry VIII is infinitely frustrated because he cannot manipulate Thomas More. The king wants his chancellor to approve his illegitimate second marriage and to sanction his authority over the Church in England. But his usual methods don't work, precisely because More is not afraid of the king.

In time, Henry takes away More's job, status, money, reputation, friends, family, freedom - each time hoping that he will give in until finally the king takes away his life. Everyone else he could intimidate, but not More. And Thomas More's last words are instructive here: "I die his majesty's good servant, but God's first." Thomas More did fear someone. He had that holy fear that the Bible speaks of often: the fear of the Lord. There was something he feared losing - and that was intimacy and friendship with God.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal this 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 this weekend. Envelopes are on the pews or you can donate at 13 18 12 or at vinnies.org.au

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You are Known

Jesus called his Father 'Abba', the Hebrew word for 'Father, I will obey you', which denotes intimacy and obedience, so in today's Gospel, he's speaking from personal experience in describing God as a loving father who, in his love, has counted every hair on our head. A human parent can't imitate God to that extent, but doesn't a parent's love teach us a great deal about God's love for us?

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that nothing is hidden from God: not the truth of who we are, the intentions of our hearts, the struggles we carry quietly or the wounds we hide from others. This is meant to reassure us rather than frighten us, because if God sees everything, then God also sees us – fully, lovingly, without distortion. God is our Father, holding us in his hands and loving us beyond anything we can imagine. We sometimes think that our worth depends on our achievements, reputation, usefulness or strength. But Jesus reminds us that our value is rooted in something far deeper: the tender gaze of the Father. 'Even the hairs of your head are all numbered.' This is Jesus' way of saying, 'You are known completely. You are loved completely. You are held completely.'

Jesus described the sparrows which his Father protected and defended although they were so common that, on the local market, they were literally two-a-penny. He told us that if even sparrows received the Father's care, we are worth far more to him than many sparrows. If God notices small birds, how much more does God see people who are vulnerable, voiceless, marginalised, forgotten and who feel unseen.

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The Sanctity of Life

In our world, we acknowledge that society often overlooks the value of life when it is inconvenient, dependent or diminished. We see this in attitudes toward those who are unborn, elderly, disabled, terminally ill, refugees, homeless or mentally unwell. Fear often whispers that these lives are too complicated, costly or demanding, forcing us to be quiet when we should speak, look away when we should draw near, or choose personal comfort over compassion for other people.

The Gospel calls us to a different vision: a vision where every life is welcomed, protected and accompanied, where no one is left to suffer alone, where love casts out fear.

This is the heart of the Church's teaching on the sanctity of life. We do not defend life because it is useful, successful or strong. We defend life because God sees, loves, and calls it good. From the first moment of conception to the final breath and at every fragile stage in between, each life is held in the palm of his hand. Jesus sends us out with the assurance of his Father's love. 'Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.'

If God holds us so tenderly, then we can also be gentle. If God sees our worth, then we can help others discover theirs. If God accompanies us in our vulnerability, then we can accompany those whose lives are fragile or threatened. Every life is held by God, cherished by God, and worth more than we can ever dream.

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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

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.

Martha & Mary: A Ministry of Welcome & Hospitality

Join us for a Formation Day: “Martha and Mary: A Ministry of Welcome and Hospitality for Parishes.” Presented by Kelly Paget, this Formation Day is grounded in the Gospel witness of Martha and Mary and our calling to be a people of welcome. This gathering is designed to support parishes in cultivating a consistent, intentional, and Christ-centred culture of radical hospitality within their local communities and across the Diocese. This is a planned two part-series on Saturdays designed for Clergy, Parish Pastoral Council Members, Parish Ministry leaders and all interested parishioners.

Saturday 1 August and Saturday 22 August, 9:30am–3pm at the Caroline Chisholm Centre, with a Satellite Hub here in the Ambrose Centre. Register at mission@bbcatholic.org.au

Ascend Ignite Youth Conference

Ignite Conference 2026 | *Ascend* is a national Catholic Conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God’s people united with one heart. Proudly hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay at the Light of Christ Centre, Waitara with over 50 speakers, workshops, expo, Sacraments, music, rallies, worship, small groups and hubs. Thursday 9 July – Sunday 12 July. Tickets are selling fast, so don’t miss out! Go to <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>.

First Communicants

Last weekend 4 more children received the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please keep these children and their families in our prayers. We congratulate them all, may their hearts be filled with the light of faith.



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Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will by my witnesses. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.



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Please Note

Welcome

We welcome the Spano and Orr Families for the Reception of their children who will be Baptised in the near future.

Congratulations on Your First Eucharist!

Blessings to Edward and Thomas Tchappat who are making their First Eucharist this weekend.

Feast Days this Week

Sts John Fisher & Thomas More 22 June, The Nativity of St John the Baptist 24 June.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Bupa Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10am.

Reynolds Court Chapel Weekday Mass

Every Wednesday Mass is celebrated in the Reynolds Court Chapel at 10am. Everyone in the area is welcome to join the Reynolds Court residents at this 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!

Divine Retreat Centre

The Divine Retreat Centre offers a variety of programmes each month including Weekend Retreats and Outreach Ministries. Held at the main Centre at 160 Hensons Road Somersby and various locations. Contact 4372 1598, drcsydneyrego@gmail.com or go to www.divineretreatcentre.org

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Fr Brian Egan, Carl Sanchez Jnr, Peter Robinson, Harry McCarthy, Patrick Moloney, Fr Frank Coorey, Cheryl Gavan, Wadad Bechara, Ruthie R San Buenaventura, Edgardo C Estacio

Anniversaries: Carl Sanchez, Margaret Foley, Mavis Dalton.

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, Patricia Knoke, Peter Starr, Betty O'Neill, Marie O'Brien, Molly Amor, Bob Amor, Barry Milwain, Gordon Milwain and all the Holy Souls.

Sick: Jean Jackson, 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.



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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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