



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 28 June 2026



Reordering Priorities

The Gospel today challenges us to place Christ at the very centre of our lives. It reminds us that radical dedication to God requires ultimate priority, yet promises that even the smallest acts of love and hospitality done in his name hold eternal, supernatural value.

Jesus asks us for Supreme Allegiance: He asks us to love him above all earthly ties, including our own families. This is not a call to abandon family, but a declaration of his divinity: the ultimate good must be our primary anchor.

He asks us to Take Up the Cross: Discipleship demands sacrifice. The "crosses" we carry are the inevitable challenges, rejections, and personal renunciations we face when aligning our lives with Christ's Gospel rather than the secular culture.

And he asks of us the Grace of Hospitality: Jesus identifies deeply with his followers. By welcoming a prophet, a righteous person, or even a "little one," we are welcoming Christ himself and the Father who sent Him.

St Vincent de Paul Thanks You

Vinnies wishes to thank you for your continued support of their charity work. Without donations they can do nothing. Every donation counts.

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.

For any further donations to the Vinnies Winter Appeal you may place envelopes in the collections, donate at 13 18 12 or at vinnies.org.au

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A Sacred Duty

During the time of the Old Testament patriarchs, when both the nature of the terrain and the constant threat of misadventure made hospitality a necessity, it was regarded as a sacred duty to welcome guests and to provide for them with honour - a tradition that endures to this day, at least in some parts of the Holy Land. A good example is to be found in our First Reading from the Second Book of the Kings. Rather extravagantly, 'a woman of rank' welcomes the prophet Elisha and his servant Gehazi and offers them food and purpose-built accommodation. Jesus himself both gave and received hospitality (at the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus to give but one example) during the busy years of his itinerant public ministry. In today's excerpt from his discourse on mission he affirms the importance of such conduct and points to its deeper significance. 'Anyone who welcomes you,' he says to his disciples, 'welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.' Pope Francis reminded us that 'authentic hospitality is a profound Gospel value'; and Peter, addressing the Christians in Rome, said: 'Make hospitality your special care' (*Rom 12: 21*).

God's Word Br Brian Grenier CFC

A More Abundant Life

Catholic tradition emphasises that today's Gospel passage is meant to transform how we navigate our daily priorities. It teaches that giving up our selfish attachments and embracing Christ actually leads to a deeper, more abundant life. Acts of love - such as offering a simple "cup of cold water" - are never overlooked by God, no matter how small or hidden they may seem to the world.

Worthy

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches on the concept of being worthy of him. Jesus said to his apostles, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." The Lord could not be clearer: We are to love him more than we love anyone or anything else. So fundamental is the priority of our love and obedience to him that it eclipses even the most fundamental relationships in our family. Our love and honour for our parents is very important; it is mandated by the Fourth Commandment: "Honour your father and your mother." And yet, even it cannot overrule the most fundamental of all the commandments, the First Commandment: "I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me." Therefore, even the love and respect owed to parents and the love that parents should have for their children cannot be preferred to the love and obedience we owe to God. The same is true for any other relationship. If a spouse, a sibling, a boss or a government official were to try to compel us to act contrary to God's truth and commands, they have too much power.

Jesus speaks strongly and says that such people as this are not "worthy" of me. The Greek word translated here as "worthy" is *axios* and is related to weights and scales. Most literally, the word means "drawing down the scale," and thus the Lord is saying he far outweighs anything else. We are to assign a greater weightiness in our life to Christ than to the passing treasures and trinkets of the world. We must take the Lord seriously. His teaching is to carry a weight in our lives. This internal disposition of being worthy of God produces the external behaviors that are worthy of him.

National Catholic Register Msgr Charles Pope

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.



Seaside Youth Group

Seaside Youth Group is 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. Our next date is 11 July, the second Saturday of the month, after the 5pm Vigil Mass, in the Upper Room, until 8pm. Newcomers are always welcome – you can bring a friend! Any questions to 4332 2216.

Our Latest First Eucharist Children

We congratulate 2 more children who have received the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers. We wish them blessings, and may their hearts be filled with the light of faith.



Crossroad Companions End of Life Service

A terminal diagnosis can change life in an instant. Alongside the medical appointments, treatments and practical decisions, many people find themselves facing uncertainty, loss, fear and difficult questions about what lies ahead. Crossroad Companions, a program of CatholicCare, provides compassionate pastoral support to people living with a life-limiting illness, as well as their families and carers. Our trained companions walk alongside people from the time of diagnosis, offering a steady and caring presence throughout their journey.

Crossroad Companions focuses on emotional, spiritual and relational support. Companions spend time listening, sharing conversation, supporting reflection and meaning-making, exploring hopes and concerns, and helping people navigate the challenges that can arise as illness progresses. Support can also include discussing personal wishes, relationships, legacy, end-of-life planning and connecting people with faith and pastoral resources if desired. Family members and carers are also supported as they adjust to the emotional and practical realities of caring for a loved one with a terminal illness.

For more information about Crossroad Companions P: 1800 324 924 E: info@catholiccaredbb.org.au

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Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.



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Please Note

Welcome

We welcome the Westerdyk Family for the Reception of their child who will be Baptised in the near future.

Congratulations on your First Eucharist!

Blessings to Madison Farrugia and Beau Warren, who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Feast Days this Week

Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles 29 June; St Thomas, Apostle 3 July.

Mass on Feast of Sts Peter and Paul

Mass will be celebrated on Monday instead of the usual Communion Service.

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday 5 July Anointing will be celebrated during the 11:45am Mass.

First Friday Cuppa

Following the Anointing Mass on Friday come along to the Parish Centre for a cuppa and a chat. All are welcome! You may like to bring a plate to share.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday 4 July Adoration will be held following 9am Mass, for one hour, concluding with Benediction.

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: Mark Bugden, Maria Sabolievski, Elizabeth McGregor (mother of Deacon Kevin), Fr Brian Egan, Ruthie Buenaventura, Edgardo Estacio, Carl Sanchez Jnr, Peter Robinson, Harry McCarthy, Patrick Moloney, Fr Frank Coorey, Cheryl Gavan, Wadad Bechara.

Anniversaries: Margaret Foley, Mavis Dalton, Bernard Bowers, Petar Lerotic.

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, Peter Starr, Simon Butcher, Michael Langley, Nell Davis, Patrick O'Neill and all the Holy Souls.

Families: Borg, Marmara, Grima, Zammitt.

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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