



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Feast of Sts Peter & Paul

Year C Cycle 1

29 June 2025



## Congratulations First Eucharist Children!

Last weekend two groups of children received their First Eucharist at the 5pm and 9:30am Masses, and one child at the 5pm Maronite Mass - approximately 85 children and their families celebrating this wonderful Sacrament in our parish! The children looked beautiful and were very excited for this special day in their lives. Thank you to Colleen Smith, with assistance from OLR Teachers, for the preparation of the children, and their parents and families for their support and participation during the programme. We look forward to seeing you all again in the near future.

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## We Believe

When we recite the Apostles' Creed, we declare that we believe in the "Communion of Saints". By this title, we are not just declaring a belief in all the canonised or proclaimed saints in heaven. We are stating a belief in the calling of all Christians, alive or dead, to see ourselves as linked to each other in our acceptance of Christ as the author of our salvation. A consequence of this is that we try to treat each other as we would treat Christ or, more importantly, as he treats us. This is not as easy as it seems, and it is no wonder we are at times happier to leave the call to holiness to the saints in heaven or to those who pursue the religious life. No such distinction is made in the Creed. We are all called to holiness because we are holy already, the beloved of Christ. St Paul tells us: "You are holy. Therefore, be holy".

The next question is inevitably: "What does it mean to be holy?" Does it mean being always in church or on our knees? That is not possible if we are holding down a job and looking after our family. Our holiness lies in how we live out the reality of our lives, how we treat each other, our honesty and integrity, our openness to loving and being loved. Prayer and our gathering as a community in church, especially to celebrate the Eucharist, help and support these aims, but the measure of our holiness lies in our daily challenges at home and abroad, "among the pots and pans", as St Teresa of Avila would say.

*Sunday Living Word* Majellan Family Media

## Two Pillars

Simon Peter was first in the list of the Twelve Apostles. Along with James and John, he was witness to significant moments in the life of Jesus such as the Transfiguration (Matthew 17: 1), the raising up of the daughter of Jairus (Mark 5: 37), and the Agony in the Garden (Matthew 26: 37). In today's Gospel he is revealed as the rock on which Jesus will build his Church. Peter's primacy was recognised by the early Christian community and his martyrdom and burial in Rome helped to make the eternal city a place of great religious significance.

The apostle Paul brought the Good News to the nations, to the Gentile world. Many of the letters he wrote are included in the New Testament. As his life drew to a close, he took comfort in knowing that he had devoted his life to the spreading of the Gospel and that 'the crown of righteousness' awaited him. Like Peter, he suffered martyrdom. He was buried just outside the walls of Rome.

*God's Word* Fr Ruben C Arenos SSP

## You are the Christ

The Jews have long awaited the coming of the Messiah, and they imagine him to come in many different ways. Simon Peter is able to recognise Jesus, who stands before him and refers to himself as "Son of Man," to be the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus calls Peter "blessed." He also calls Peter son of Jonah. Peter has experienced spiritual transformation like the biblical figure in the Old Testament. Peter recognises Jesus as the Messiah not by human judgment but by enlightenment brought by the grace of God.

*365 Days with the Lord* Fr Paul J Marquez SSP

**Masses:** Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 8am & 9:30am | Reynolds Court 11am | Maronite Mass 5pm

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

**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

**Cenacle Prayer Group:** Wednesday 9:30am

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





# A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

## Blessing of Seaside Youth Group's Upper Room

On Pentecost Sunday, a significant and grace-filled moment unfolded with the blessing of the Upper Room - a space set apart for the young people in our parish for gatherings and renewal. The blessing took place immediately following the Mass, evoking the Spirit of the first Upper Room where the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles.

The Upper Room became the birthplace of the Church, and this space too is meant to be a place of encounter, mission, and renewal for the young people of our parish community. This new Upper Room now stands as a visible reminder of our ongoing call to be Spirit-filled disciples, sent forth to renew the face of the earth.



## First Friday Cuppa

Next Friday 4 July is time for our First Friday Cuppa! Join us after the 11:45am Anointing Mass for a lovely hot cuppa and a chat. Bring a plate to share, which can be dropped off before Mass to the Parish Centre. All are very welcome!

## First Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Each first Saturday of the month Adoration is held following the 9am Mass, for one hour.

'In the Eucharist Christ gives back to the Father everything that has come from him. Thus there is brought about a profound mystery of justice on the part of the creature towards the Creator. Man needs to honour his Creator by offering to him, in an act of thanksgiving and praise, all that he has received. Man must never lose sight of this debt, which he alone, among all other earthly realities, is capable of acknowledging and paying back as the one creature made in God's own image and likeness. At the same time, given his creaturely limitations and sinful condition, man would be incapable of making this act of justice towards the Creator, had not Christ himself, the Son who is of one being with the Father and also true man, first given us the Eucharist.' – John Paul II

**Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles**     **Acts 12:1-11 | 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18 | Mt 16:13-19**

**Entrance Antiphon:** These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord set me free from all my fears.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.



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## Please Note

### Welcome

We welcome the Baxter and Carey Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.

### Feast Days this Week

St Thomas, Apostle, 3 July.

### Anointing of the Sick

First Friday 4 July during 11:45am Mass.

### Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated at Killarney Court Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11am.

### Weekday Mass Reynolds Court Chapel

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.

### Christmas in July

St Andrews Presbyterian Church Women's Association The Entrance invites all to a Christmas in July and Mission Morning on Wednesday 23 July at 10:30am. RSVP: Fran Beek 0401 302 517.

### Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group

Please join in prayer with others around the world for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Tuesdays after 9am Mass in the Church. Enquiries: 0438 320 927.

### Spirituality in the Pub

The next meeting of Spirituality in the Pub is 7.30-9.00pm on Tuesday 1 July at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming. Guest speakers are our own Diocesan Chancellor Kelly Paget and husband Chris Paget who have a long and deep connection to the Catholic Church. Hotel bistro opens at 5.30pm. SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.

## Keep Us in Your Prayers

**Recently Deceased:** Eddy Bidese, Carolynne Vanderpoel, Nicola Iacovazzi, Michael Thomas, Margaret Kelly, Trish Knoke, Peter Sereno.

**Anniversaries:** Nick Sirolli, Petar Lerotic.

**Remembrances:** Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Simon Butcher, Sam Marmara, Charlie & Joan Borg, Joe & Venga Marmara, Pam Wilton, James Edd, Lindsey Dean, Dominic McCabe, Susan & Frank Zammit and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Families:** Moore & Langley.

**Sick:** Denis Flood, Ian Reece, Lisa Rudd, Dino Gava, Kitty Dowse, Helen Freeman, Janine Harpley, Patrick Yeo, Loui Abraham, Stjepan Tuka, Peter McCarten, Pam Elliott, Graham Henneberry, Pauline Fowler, Antonio Palagiano, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne Knoke, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Raya Sarkodie, Rya Wells, Felix Cainci, Tiarlei & Jayda Peene.



## Our Lady of the Rosary Sacred Gifts

### Welcome to OLR Sacred Gifts

OLR Sacred Gifts is open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass.

You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.

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