



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ

Year A Cycle 1

11 June 2023



Congratulations First Communicants!

This weekend, we are overjoyed to welcome many children from our parish to receive their first Holy Communion! I know the kids are all excited, and we are all excited for them! They have spent weeks in preparation for this great Sacrament, with the wonderful assistance of their parents and carers, Colleen, our Sacramental Coordinator, and Tân, our Seminarian.

The pages of the Gospel show clearly how special was the love for children which Christ showed while he was on earth. It was his delight to be in their midst; he embraced them; and he blessed them. At the same time he was not pleased when they would be driven away by the disciples, whom he rebuked gravely with these words: 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for of such is the kingdom of God.' It is clearly seen how highly he held their innocence and the open simplicity of their souls on that occasion when he called a little child to him and said to the disciples: 'Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like little children, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one such little child for my sake, receives me.'

First Communions are so important to us as a parish, not just to celebrate with these children, but to see them also reminds us of how we are called to approach the Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Sometimes the repetition of Sunday Masses can make receiving Communion feel routine, normal, or just another thing to check off the list, but the innocence, excitement, intentionality, and anticipation of these children can help inspire those same qualities in each of us!

On Pilgrimage to Jesus

Our pilgrimage to Mass begins before we leave home, in our morning prayers and preparation. Once in church our preparation intensifies as we pray silently, recalling our intentions and people we are praying for. Perhaps we may read over the scripture readings and the words of a hymn, making them our own. The Priest enters and we stand together. This is the moment we become a community. In today's Mass for Corpus Christi St Paul reminds us that "we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf". Together we seek forgiveness and then join the angels of Bethlehem singing "Glory to God in the highest", peace to people of goodwill. The Collect is prayed, so called because it collects our individual prayers together. Then we listen to God's word, attentively and prayerfully. If we silently pray, "What, Lord, do you want me to hear today?" he may have a personal word for us.

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Feast Days This Week:

**St Anthony of
Padua**

13 June

**The Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus**

16 June

**The Immaculate
Heart of Mary**

17 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.ourladyoftherosary.org.au



Congratulations

to

**Richard
Houwing**

on his

**Ordination as a
Permanent
Deacon**

6 June 2023



Quote for the Week

*God promises a
safe landing,
not a calm
passage.*

On Pilgrimage to Jesus *(continued)*

Following the Creed and our prayers, the most solemn part of the Mass begins. Bread and wine are brought in procession to the altar, and with them we offer our own work and life to God. In a moment we are bidden to lift up our hearts, for this is when, as we pray today, "all creatures of heaven and earth sing a new song in adoration, and we, with all the hosts of Angels, cry out, and without end we acclaim: Holy, Holy, Holy...". Through the words of consecration, through the power of the Holy Spirit, St Francis tells us: "The Lord of the universe, God and the Son of God, so humbles himself that for our salvation he hides himself under an ordinary piece of bread! Christ, the Son of the living God, is present on the altar in the hands of a Priest! Let everyone be struck with fear, let the whole world tremble, and let the heavens exult." And so on this feast day we can remember that every Mass is, for us, a foretaste of heaven.

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Persona Christi

Now when the priest at Mass effects the Eucharistic change what's going on? He's not speaking his own puny words, but rather, at the consecration, the Priest speaks in *Persona Christi*, in the very person of Christ. He recounts what Jesus did. But then he moves into that first person discourse, "Take this, all of you, and eat. This is my body." He speaks with the full authority of Christ, which is why his words have the power to change the elements. And see, that's why for Catholics, the only proper response, when you're in the presence of those transformed elements, is to bow down and worship."

Word on Fire Bishop Robert Barron

For the Life of the World

Our digital age is having a profound effect on our culture, in ways we do not yet fully understand. Social networking, where we publish details and pictures of our lives on the internet, means that many of us live more publicly than ever before. Tweeting, where we send short messages from our mobile phones or computers about what we are doing at any particular time, is like distributing a diary to family, friends and others. When we blog, we share our thoughts on anything that takes our fancy and put them where anyone can see.

But what happens, in this electronic world when people mess up? When there are embarrassing stories, photos or movies about them on the internet? Or if stories appear about people that can harm them, whether they are true or not? The internet means people's past can be ever-present, they are not allowed to forget, not able to move on from where they were. No one yet knows how to tackle this new phenomenon.

Today we keep a memory: not one that will harm us or prevent our growth but one that gives us life and promises eternal life. It is not a memory in the sense that it reminds us of long ago - it is rather a memory that makes the past present. The self-giving of Jesus in his life and ministry, at the Last Supper, on the cross and in his Holy Spirit is as present to us as it was to the first disciples.

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29th Anniversary Family Groups Morning Tea

Our combined Family Groups are hosting the Morning Tea next Sunday 18 June after 9:30am Mass. (The date has been moved back one week to accommodate First Holy Communions this weekend.) Family Group Leaders will be 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. Group members are asked to bring a plate and leave it in the centre prior to Mass.

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 on 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. Wednesdays from 21 June in the Reynolds Room from 9:30am to 10:20am. Everyone is welcome to join at any week. No RSVP required.

Please Note

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 15 June

Elder abuse is a problem that exists both in developing and developed countries yet is typically underreported globally. The Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline 1800 628 221 was established in NSW to prevent and better protect older people and adults with disability from abuse, neglect and exploitation. For access to support with quality living, transport, social supports and domestic assistance, our Senior Living CatholicCare team can be contacted on 9488 2488 or visit www.catholiccareddb.org.au/aged-care/

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 preparing for marriage, 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@bbccatholic.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 For more contact: Dr Christopher Knauf at ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/

Fan Into Flame

Formation day Fan into Flame 17 June 2023 Marian Hall, Sacred Heart Church Pymble. This not to be missed event includes Mass, Praise and worship and sound teachings. Cost \$25 includes lunch. Registration via Try Booking or email CCR at email@ccrnsw.org.au



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.



New Sound System is On!

With much appreciation and thanks to a very generous parishioner we now have a brand new sound system.



This Week's Winners!

1st Prize - No 75
2nd Prize - No 46
Congratulations!



Classes for Seniors

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

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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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

Corpus Christi

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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

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

Anniversaries: Col McLaurin, Mario Tabone, Elizabeth & Thomas Kirkham, Frank McCudden, Peter Connolly.

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 and all the Holy Souls.

Families: Matthews family and friends.

Sick: Barbara Champley, Sue 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 and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Jack & Mila Merriman, Arlo Reid.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

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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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