



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Year A Cycle 1

4 June 2023



The Eyes of Faith

The first human being in space, Yuri Gagarin in 1961, is supposed to have said that during his flight he looked and looked and did not see God. More recently, the James Webb Space Telescope has looked into the furthest reaches of the Universe. The distances and timescales involved are unimaginable. Our understanding of God, the creator, has to stretch to embrace them, but still we cannot see God. When young Billy was asked by his teacher what he was drawing, he answered, "God". "But nobody knows what God looks like," said the teacher. "They will when they see my drawing," Billy confidently asserted. Yet, despite the evidence of Gagarin, of the James Webb Space Telescope and of Billy, no description of God is sufficient.

Human beings have a need to explain the mysteries of life, and in every age, in every civilisation, learned and wise people have struggled to unravel these questions. Some have suggested that God is the source of life and of the whole of creation. Others deny this and say that everything stems from a coincidental coming together of prime matter which resulted in the Big Bang followed by the evolutionary process. Despite the efforts of scientists, philosophers and theologians, God is still a mystery.

Writing to the Romans, St Paul said that, although invisible, the everlasting power and deity of God are there for the mind to see in the things that God has made. We can know something about God through looking at the wonder of creation, but we still do not know God. We must wait for God to speak. This is precisely our faith, that the Lord revealed himself first to his chosen people, the people of Israel, as "a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness".

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Pastoral Works Appeal Thanks

Thank you to all those who contributed to our Pastoral Works Appeal last weekend. Any further envelopes may be added to this week's collections. You are serving those in need, helping to rebuild and renew families and parish communities and introducing our children in state schools to the wonder and beauty of our faith.

Envelopes are available on the information tables or you can donate online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. Please be sure to nominate The Entrance Parish when donating online. Our parish quota to Pastoral Works is \$37,295 for the year. **Donations are 100% tax deductible.**



Feast Days
This Week:

St Boniface
5 June

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New Parish
Website

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

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Quote
for the Week

*Some minds are
like concrete -
thoroughly
mixed up and
permanently set.*

The Eyes of Faith *(continued)*

Through the experience of the patriarchs, and of Moses and the prophets of the Old Testament, we come to know the God who is revealed as the Saviour of this people, called out of slavery into a new and everlasting covenant of love. Finally, the love and mercy of God are revealed in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the eyes of our faith are opened, and we are able to see God.

The main objection to this understanding of a God of love is the pain and suffering in this world. If God is all-powerful, if God is love, why do so many innocent people suffer, especially children? Why is there so much violence and oppression in the world? Why do rich people prosper, while those who are poor continue to lack even the basic needs?

This has been the problem taken up by many faithful people throughout the history of God's relationship with his people. Sometimes they can take the blame on themselves, on their own infidelities. Sometimes they protest their innocence, but, in the end, the answer is to be found in the life and death of Jesus. God does not simply stand by and watch us suffering, God sends his Son into the world so that through him the world might be saved, that those who believe might have eternal life. Jesus teaches us the way of self-sacrificing love and service of others, especially the little ones, those who are sick in body and spirit, outcasts. He does this not simply by his words, but by his actions. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. It is the love of Jesus revealed in his death on the cross and resurrection from the dead that brings about the forgiveness of our sins. It is love that reconciles us with God. It is love that reconciles us with each other. It is love that enables compassion and brings peace.

Today we are invited to celebrate the Lord who has revealed himself to us as God the Father, creator and source of all life; Jesus, the eternal Son of the Father, God's Word of love made visible; and the Holy Spirit of their love, who continues to live in the hearts of all who believe. We are set free. We are reconciled. We are destined for eternal life. We live now in the communion of God, the Holy Trinity, so that in our life of love and service of others, the face of Jesus, the image of God, may always be seen in our world. That's what God is like.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Media

New Holy Oils Cabinet

We now have a new Holy Oils Cabinet called an Ambry. Within this is placed the 3 Holy Oils blessed each year by Bishop Anthony in Holy Week at our Cathedral. The Oil Containers are marked as follows:

CAT (Catechumens): This is the Oil used in Baptism to strengthen those baptised on their Christian journey through life.

CHI (Chrism): This perfumed Oil is used in the Ordination of a priest and in Confirmation and in Baptism.

INF (Infirmorum): This is the Oil of the Sick used in Anointing the Sick to ask God's strength for them in time of illness and to forgive their sins.

We sincerely thank our generous donors who made the purchase of these beautiful Church pieces possible.



Catechist's Reflection Morning

Our Seminarian Tân presented at the recent CCD Broken Bay Reflection Day for Catechists. There was a great turn out of many Catechists from all over our diocese, who enjoyed spiritual enrichment, sharing of experience and friendship, and joined us for 11:45am Mass.



29th Anniversary Family Groups Morning Tea

Our combined Family Groups are hosting the Morning Tea this month, which will be held on 18 June after 9:30am Mass. (The date has been moved back one week to accommodate First Holy Communions on 11 June.) 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.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for June

The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer his request and join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention for June: For the abolition of torture. We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Kids Club Celebrates Pentecost



KidsClub is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month in the Reynolds Room from 3-4:45pm. All children are welcome! Watch this space for future dates.



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.



Congratulations to our Children who are making their **First Holy Communions** next weekend. Well done all!



Welcome Back Deacon Paul!

We welcome Deacon Paul back this week from his overseas travels. Good to have you back with us!



This Week's Winners!

1st Prize - No 26
2nd Prize - No 11
Congratulations!

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Serving the Catholic Community of The Entrance and extending the Kingdom of God

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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

Trinity Sunday

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18

Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm: Glory and praise for ever!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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

Recently Deceased: Maura Prior (Ireland), Charlie Borg, Tracy Quin, Peter Street, Anne Smith.

Anniversaries: Eric Camilleri (1st), John Storrier, Taccoli Lucina, George Santarossa.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, John Giutronich, Benny Scarella, Tim Parsons, June Maher, Ralph Jayesuria (birthday), Joe Bond and all the Holy Souls.

Families: Matthews family and friends.

Sick: Sue Simmons, Agnes Burke, Peter Larotić, Oskar Alessandro, Morna Faehrmann, Emma Horton, Trish Knoke, Margaret Foley, Charlie Borg, Marc Sabat, Patrick Cologon, Rita Matthews (Liz Drover's mum), Linda Read, Rita Meilak, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Flora Appleby, Avery & Flynn Gleeson, Eden Pemberton, Jai Taylor.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

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CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Opening Hours

We are open before and after the
5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and before and after the
9:30am Sunday Mass.

You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.
EFTPOS is available. For any enquiries call

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