



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle 11 | 12 July 2026



## Listen & Grow

Today, we are faced with the challenging question: do I really listen? In our Gospel, Jesus uses the image of a sower to explain the ways in which people can receive God's word. Some might be easily led astray. Others might lose courage or conviction at the sign of a challenge, or be tempted to choose other things over God's word. And others will hear, listen, and take to heart what they have heard. Listening to both God and others takes time, commitment and attention. It's probably not hard for us to remember a time when we really felt listened to, and to remember how that felt. If we listen deeply to God's word, especially as it comes to us in the readings, we will be able to grow in our openness and ability to really listen to others. So, do I really listen? How can I listen better??

*God's Word* Sr Sophia Boffa csfn

## Loved & Lived

Jesus says that good soil yields a hundred, sixty or thirtyfold. According to the studies of experts, however, by the mode of labour carried out at that time, seeds could bring forth a maximum of eleven or twelve grains. The proportion that the parable narrates is truly immense and unlikely. What does the Lord want to tell us by this deliberate exaggeration? He wants to give us the certainty that his Word, if it is accepted, loved and lived, yields extraordinary, unpredictable fruit. The Lord can give us much more than we dare imagine or hope for. The only condition is that we open our hearts to him; are generous and available to him. Let us ask for the grace to be good soil; to free ourselves from the thorns and stones that choke the Word in our hearts; and the Spirit of the Lord will make his immense blessings sprout in us and around us.

*God's Word* Fr Simon Thomas SJ

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## Sea Sunday

On this Sea Sunday, we remember all who live and work upon the waters, as we reflect on the Gospel of the sower. Jesus tells of seed scattered on different kinds of ground: some falls on the path, some on rocky soil, some among thorns, and some on good soil, where it bears fruit abundantly.

For seafarers, this parable speaks powerfully. Their lives are marked by uncertainty: storms, isolation and long months away from home. Like seed on rocky ground, faith can be tested by hardship. Like seed among thorns, worries and pressures can choke hope. Yet when the Word of God finds good soil in the heart, it brings strength, courage and peace, even in the fiercest storm.

The sea itself is a parable. Waves may scatter ships across the globe, but God's Word is never lost. Chaplains and missions to seafarers sow seeds of kindness in ports and harbours. Families sow seeds of love through letters and prayers. Communities sow seeds of justice when they work for fair treatment of those who sail. Each act of care is a seed that can bear fruit in lives often hidden from our sight.

Most of us rarely think about those who bring us the goods we use every day. Yet over ninety per cent of world trade is carried by ship. The clothes we wear, the food we eat, the fuel that warms our homes: all are transported across oceans by crews who often spend months away from their families. Their work is demanding, lonely and sometimes dangerous. They face storms, accidents, piracy and isolation. Many seafarers come from poorer nations, working long hours for modest pay, often in difficult conditions. They deserve our prayers, our respect and our support.

Sea Sunday is also a reminder of our own journey of faith. As we pray for those who sail the seas, let us also remember that we, too, are pilgrims on a voyage. So today let us give thanks for the sea and for those who serve upon it. Let us pray for their safety, their families and their wellbeing. Today, we pray that the hearts of seafarers may be good soil, receiving the Word with joy.

*Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media*

## The Cares of the World

The Word of God is the central and defining dynamic of life. To know the will of God, to know the mind of God, to understand his purpose and path is all-important. Without it, you lose your way amidst all of the conflicting voices and inclinations of the world.

Jesus refers to these as "the cares of the world and the lure of wealth." How much time do you spend worrying about the particular concerns of home and family, fame and work, money-making and saving? There's nothing wrong with these preoccupations in right proportion. But if they take on a dominating significance, something is off. Does the lure of riches obscure your deeper desires?

So from this we can construe the nature of good soil. When we understand the faith; when we take the time to read theology, to study the Scriptures, to feel with the Church; when we have perseverance; when we are disciplined and enter into the practice of the faith; when we have our priorities straight - then the seed will take root in us. And it will bear fruit thirty, sixty, or a hundredfold.

*The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron*

**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.

Confirmation will be conferred in our parish in September, by Fr Brian Moloney.

For further details and to enrol your child, please attend the final

**Information and Enrolment session in the parish hall on Friday 24 July at 9:30am**

Note that children's attendance is not necessary for the session.



## Becoming Catholic – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you, or someone you know, considering the journey to become Catholic? Join us on Thursday 23 July from 6:00 to 7:00pm for an informative and welcoming presentation. This session will cover the basics of the Catholic faith, the steps involved in the initiation process, and the significance of becoming part of our community. It will be a relaxed setting where you can feel comfortable asking any questions you have. We look forward to sharing this important journey with you.

Visit our website for more information or contact the parish office to speak to a member of our Pastoral Team. Phone: 4332 2216 or Email: [theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

## Baptised Catholic – Yet to Complete the Sacraments

When you were growing up, things may have been difficult, and some parents may not have had the chance to guide their children through the complete sacramental journey. Many adults today find themselves uncertain about whether they have received all of their Sacraments. If you're feeling unsure, a good first step is to reach out to the parish where you were baptised. You can request a copy of your Baptism Certificate and inquire if they have records of any other sacraments you may have received. If you were Confirmed, this information should be included in your Baptism records.

If you discover that you haven't completed your Sacraments and wish to do so, please know that we are here to help you. We encourage you to contact the parish, and we will gladly guide you through the process. You can call us at 4332 2216 or email us at [theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au).

Remember, it's never too late to continue your journey 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.

For more information about Crossroad Companions P: 1800 324 924 E: [info@catholiccaredbb.org.au](mailto:info@catholiccaredbb.org.au)

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**Isaiah 55:10-11 | Romans 8:18-23 | Matthew 13:1-23**

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



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## Please Note

### Welcome

This week we welcome the Dos Santos Family for the Reception of their child who will be Baptised in the near future.

### Feast Days this Week

St Bonaventure 15 July, Our Lady of Mt Carmel 16 July.

### Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Opal Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11 am.

### Parish Morning Tea

The Hospitality Team (Group 2) will be hosting our Morning Tea this Sunday 12 July in the parish centre after 9:30am Mass. Come along and enjoy a hot cuppa and a bikkie! Feel free to bring a plate to share.

### Men's Social Group

All are invited to the next Men's Social Group get-together on Wednesday 15 July at 12 noon at Diggers Club Long Jetty. Enquiries to Lui 4388 9510.

### 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 is a two part-series of Saturdays: 1 and 22 August 9:30am–3pm at the Caroline Chisholm Centre with a Satellite Hub at the Ambrose Centre behind our Church. Register via the QR code or enquiries to [mission@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@bbcatholic.org.au)



## Keep Us in Your Prayers

**Recently Deceased:** Lyle Dunn, Grace Winkler, John Berthold, Valda Doyle, Nicholas Agius, Leo O'Meara, Noah Martin, Elvira Azuero, Mark Bugden, Maria Sabolievski, Elizabeth McGregor.

**Funerals:** The funeral of Nicholas Agius will be held on Tuesday at 10:30am, the funeral of Leo O'Meara on Thursday at 10:30am, John Berthold on Thursday at 1:30pm and Lyle Dunn on Friday at 10am. Please pray for Nicholas, Leo, John, Lyle and their families.

**Anniversaries:** Susan Simmons, John Dwyer, Bernard Bowers, Bill Mahony, Raymond Baker, June Maher, Kevin Hughes Snr, Maria Bruni.

**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, Luca, Anto, Jozo & Marko Kozul, Paul Fowler (birthday), Jozo, Ivanka & Suzana Ivusa and all the Holy Souls.

**Sick:** Scott Studdon, Keith Snell, Angela & Paul Fowler, Jean Jackson, Fr Harry Kennedy, Michael & Julie Trussell, Lynette Falken, Steve Bond, Fr Bob Brogan, Walter Knoke, Anne Knoke, Pat McCudden, Linda Read, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Morgan Orr.

**Special Intentions:** Thanksgiving for prayers answered.



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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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