



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C Cycle 1

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## Revolutionary

Jesus asks that we care about our neighbours with the same intensity that we care about ourselves. We are to love as he loved us, and even an enemy is redefined as a neighbour. This love is more than simply smiling at strangers and trying to develop positive attitudes towards people we don't particularly like. The command to love our neighbour is placed immediately after the command to love God, and it demands a serious effort to elevate the neighbour's need to the same level as our own. Moreover, we are called not just to serve those who serve us, or return favours because we have received them; we are called to love beyond the usual expectations of making special efforts only for family and friends.

Active involvement with people who are downtrodden and oppressed is a key feature of loving outreach in God's kingdom. It might mean taking initiatives to reach out to vulnerable and destitute people in our community who can never repay our favours. It might mean taking up campaigns for justice and peace that try to tackle the causes of suffering at home and overseas. Working to highlight root causes of violence and war where whole groups of people are demonised as "enemies" will almost certainly draw criticism, since this goes against the prevailing culture, but it is what God expects of us. Today Jesus is teaching us that it is possible to go beyond the boundaries human society has constructed and to do things in a different and revolutionary way.

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## Both Sides of the Fence

*Apeirogon* is the title of a novel published in 2020 by the Irish writer Colum McCann. It's inspired by the real-life friendship between two fathers from peoples historically bitterly divided: Rami Elhanan, an Israeli, and Bassam Aramin, a Palestinian.

They are united in grief by the loss of their young daughters: thirteen-year-old Smadar, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber; and ten-year-old Abir, shot by a member of the Israeli army. Both bereaved fathers become members of the Parents Circle, a joint Israeli-Palestinian group of families who have lost children or close family members during the ongoing conflict.

Rami and Bassam commit to spending their lives sharing their stories and working for reconciliation and a just and peaceful resolution to the conflict. "This became their jobs: to tell the story of what had happened to their girls."

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## Thinking About Becoming a Catholic?

Are you or some one you know interested in becoming Catholic?

**For children** aged 9 years and older, we will be offering the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) program starting in the first week of the third term. This program is specially designed for children who have not been baptised or who were baptised in a different faith. It will be held on Wednesdays 23 & 30 July, 6, 13 & 20 August from 4pm-5pm. It's important that all five sessions are attended to ensure a meaningful experience.

**For adults** we will also be hosting an Information Evening for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program on Thursday 24 July, from 6pm-7pm. Dates and times for the actual sessions will be decided after we speak to those interested in attending the program.

Both programs will be held in the Parish Centre at 239 The Entrance Road, The Entrance. For more information contact the parish office on 4332 2216 or [colleen.smith@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:colleen.smith@bbcatholic.org.au)

## Ministry Refresher Training

**Acolytes / Senior Servers** and those interested in becoming Servers at Mass are asked to attend a Refresher Training afternoon with Fr Rosan and Dcn Paul on Saturday 30 August from 3:30pm-5pm.

This formation includes understanding the meaning behind the Eucharist, the significance of the liturgical calendar, and the role of the Church in the world. Throughout this development, you will develop a deeper appreciation of your faith.

**Readers** who are rostered for the Masses are asked to attend a Refresher Training morning with Fr Rosan and Dcn Paul on Saturday 13 September after 9am Mass.

These early date claimers are to ensure all will have ample time to arrange diaries and be available to attend. This training is necessary for continued placement on the Ministry roster. It will be of benefit to all no matter what level of experience. We appreciate all your work and wish to realise a standard of service and proclamation that will enhance every Mass.

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

**Rosary:** Monday-Thursday 8:35am | Friday 11:20am | Saturday 9:30am

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



# A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

## Congratulations to Our Latest First Eucharist Children!

Three more children have now received their First Eucharist, two at the Vigil Mass and one at the Maronite Mass. Comment from one parent to Colleen: 'Thank you so much for all you have done for us, [our child] was truly blessed to have received guidance and support from the Parish and particularly yourself in the preparation session. The evening went very smoothly, he was able to receive our Lord for the first time in front of the congregation, the certificate and gift were also received, thank you for that. We are thankful that [our child] was able to do this during the Maronite Mass, everyone there was grateful for it. We also served in the Mass that evening as we felt it was fitting for him to help assist in communion afterwards.'

Blessings to these and all our children!



## Interparish Sports Day

So blessed to spend the first weekend of the school holidays playing sport with our newly formed The Entrance Seaside Youth Group and other parish youth groups from Catholic Diocese Broken Bay. Big thanks to Hornsby Cathedral Parish for having us for the Third Annual Interparish Sports Day! And a big congrats to Manly Freshwater Parish and Our Lady Of Dolours Parish Chatswood for winning for the first time. We look forward to coming back next year!



**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**      **Deut 30:10-14 | Col 1:15-20 | Lk 10:25-37**

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. 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

### Sea Sunday

This Sunday we pray for all who work at sea, often encountering very unfavourable conditions.

### Welcome

This weekend we welcome the Christodoulou Family for the Reception of their children for Baptism.

### Feast Days this Week

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

### Nursing Home Mass & Anointing

Mass and Anointing will be celebrated at Nareen Gardens on Tuesday at 10:30am.

### Parish Morning Tea

The Simply the Best Family Group will be hosting our Parish Morning Tea this Sunday 13 July after the 9:30am Mass, in the Parish Centre. All welcome!

### New Seniors Craft, Games or Chat Morning

Come along for a relaxing, fun time and make new friends! Carers are welcome. Enjoy a cuppa and biscuit, chat, craft, or game activity. Tuesday 15 July in the Reynolds Room from 10am to 12:30pm.

### Men's Social Group

The Men's Group has expanded to include wives and friends! Come along Wednesday 16 July 12 noon to Diggers Club The Entrance for lunch and get-together. Enquiries Lui 4388 9510.

### Safeguarding Training: For Those Involved in Ministries with Children & Vulnerable Individuals

On Tuesday 22 July the Diocesan Safeguarding team will conduct a Safeguarding training session for parishioners who serve in ministries related to children, the elderly and other vulnerable individuals. This training is designed for those who are unable to complete the mandatory online training programme provided by the diocese or who prefer in-person training. The session will be held in the parish centre from 10am-2pm, and lunch and refreshments will be provided. Registration is essential to ensure adequate resources for participants. For more info call Leanne on 4332 2216.

## Keep Us in Your Prayers

**Recently Deceased:** Fr David Catteral, Mark Borg, John Boland, Fr Peter Thompson, Eddy Bidese, Carolynne Vanderpoel, Nicola Iacovazzi, Michael Thomas, Margaret Kelly.

**Funeral:** The funeral for John Boland was held during the week. Please pray for John and his family.

**Anniversaries:** Peter Lerotic, Raymond Baker, June Maher, David Drinan, Kevin Hughes Snr, Carlos & Virginia Bilaw.

**Remembrances:** Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Nicola Iacovazzi and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Sick:** Allan & Janine Harpley, Chris Benotic, Rosanna Natali, Denis Flood, Ian Reece, Lisa Rudd, Dino Gava, Kitty Dowse, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, John McClement, Anne Knoke, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Beau Carey, Callisto Kersh, Kenzley Bogers.



## 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.

**Enquiries: 4332 2216**