



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Cycle 1

16 July 2023



Congratulations to our Final First Communicants!

Our final three First Communicants presented beautifully at the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday night. It was a very special occasion for them, their families and the parish to share. We wish you all God's blessings and hope to see you soon.

The Soil of our Hearts

As the parable depicts, the sower is important, and so is the seed, but the soil is much more important. God is the sower: he initiates everything but does not shoulder all responsibility, for he shares it with human beings. The seed is the word of salvation that must be preached in all forms, in all seasons. The soil represents the degree of receptivity of the human heart. Good or bad, righteous or wicked, the soil shows its character by the fruit that it bears (or the lack of it). Like a Palestinian farmer, Jesus entrusts the seed of his word to the soil of our hearts. It is up to us to reciprocate that divine trust with a bountiful yield.

God's Word Fr George C Mathew

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Thanks

The Annual Vinnies Winter Appeal was held last weekend. Thank you to all who donated! If you missed the Appeal there is still an opportunity to donate through envelopes placed in the collection boxes in the Church, by phoning 131812, or online at vinnies.org.au

The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the many good works of the Society. Winter is the hardest time of year for all those who are struggling to keep warm and to put food on the table. Your generosity is essential to the continuing help and support offered by St Vinnies volunteers to those most in need.



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**Feast Days
This Week:**
**St Mary
Magdalene**
22 July



Men's Group

Join us for lunch
and a yarn.
Wednesday 19
July 12 noon at
Diggers @ The
Entrance Club.
We look forward
to seeing you
there. Enq: Lui
4388 9510.



Classes for Seniors

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



Quote for the Week

We don't change
the message,
the message
changes us.

Flowering Hearts

Christ invites us in today's Gospel reading to consider two things: God's word given to us, and the state of our hearts and lives to receive this word. Jesus presents these various states as different kinds of 'ground' for the sowing of God's word. Jesus communicates through the 'Parable of the Sower' that we have different capacities to listen, understand and follow God's word. God's word is intended to be 'fruit' and give life. The First Reading from Isaiah assures us that God's word is purposeful and will always flower in someone's heart. In our prayer time today, we are invited consider what kind of ground our hearts and lives are for receiving his word. How does God's word flower in my heart? How do I produce the fruits of joy, peace and charity my life? Jesus emphasises to his closest disciples in today's Gospel how blessed are those that hear or see what they have seen and heard. Let us remember we are the blessed. Let us take stock of how we receive the blessing of God's word today!

God's Word Maria Pineda vdmf

Reaping Results

About 8.2 billion pieces of junk mail are sent each year in Australia; advertising flyers, begging letters, and special offers. Up to half of all emails sent worldwide are said to be "spam" - the electronic equivalent of junk post. On top of that, most of us receive unwanted telephone sales calls, and advertising text messages sent randomly to mobile phones. Direct marketing, as it is known, targets large numbers of people in the expectation of getting a sufficient number to respond to make a profit. Typically, managers expect half of one per cent of recipients, one in 200, to respond.

In the parable of the sower, Jesus envisaged a much higher response, but the method employed is similar. He uses a common sight in Galilee to make his point. Farmers sowed seed in a field by hand, throwing it out of a bag as they walked up and down. Then they drove their animals over the soil to tread the seed in. Known as "broadcasting", the method was not nearly so precise as a mechanical seed drill would be today. Rather like junk mail, the seed was thrown everywhere in the knowledge that some - hopefully most - would take root. Inevitably, though, some of it was wasted or lost.

Jesus explains that the four kinds of soil represent people who hear God's message to them and respond in different ways. Some reject it out of hand. Some show initial interest which then either fades when it proves more demanding than they had expected, or gets pushed out of their minds by everyday pressures and busyness. But some embrace it, come to faith, and produce a life fruitful in service and witness. In the real-life experience of the farmer, this would be a large proportion of the seed - not merely a quarter of it as the four different responses might seem to imply.

This parable illustrates how God's kingdom and the Church will grow. Jesus' disciples were to expect that some people would reject their message and others would disappoint them after appearing to believe. However, there would always be some who would persevere. Their response - the "fruit" they bear - would be variable. Not everyone would be like the apostles, dropping everything and becoming pioneer evangelists, but each Christian's service and witness would be used by God to reap "results".

The Living Word Majellan Media

Farewell WYD Pilgrims!

This week we farewell our WYD23 Pilgrims who will depart firstly for Italy and then onto Lisbon Portugal. The 21 day trip of our 167 diocesan pilgrims and leaders, includes our Seminarian, Tân Nguyen; Lachlan Smith; Teaghan Bateman; St Peter's Principal, Tim Hildebrandt; Michael Tobin, Coordinator of Youth Ministries at St Peter's; and Nicole Ryder, OLR School Counsellor. The group will join over 313,000 young people from around the world. We wish them all the blessings of this wonderful once-in-a-lifetime spiritual experience.

Message to Young People

The goal and target of our life is he, the Christ, who awaits us - each one singly and all together - to lead us across the boundaries of time to the eternal embrace of the God who loves us.

World Youth Day 1996 Pope John Paul II

WONDER Ignite Conference 23

Along with World Youth Day the "Wonder" Ignite Conference will be a highlight this year. Hosted by our Broken Bay Diocese, Ignite is a dynamic event for students, young adults and their families, with wonderful opportunities for faith formation in a creative and fun environment, while encountering the living Christ. Experience vibrant speakers, music, dance, workshops, worship and the Sacraments. Four days 28 September to 1 October at the Cathedral Precinct Waitara. Go to igniteconference.com.au

Please Note

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening

This year's event is on the topic of domestic violence, 'Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse.' Wednesday 26 July 6pm at the Catholic Institute of Sydney Strathfield. Presenters include Commander Sharon Marshall from NSW Police. Entry free includes dinner. Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2wwy3ajm> Enq: pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au or 0432 682 238.

Central Coast Chaplaincy

You are invited to an Information Morning Tea to explore new volunteering opportunities in Spiritual Care within the Central Coast Local Health District. Tuesday 1 August at 10 am at Gosford Hospital Chapel, Level 4. RSVP to Eleanor Castle 0414 193 979 or Peter Wakeley 0418 445 289

Grief Seminar

Learn practical tools and strategies to support children in developing the emotional literacy skills necessary to understand and manage their big emotions. 16 August 5pm Hillside Chapel 57 Palmdale Road Palmdale. RSVP 4324 1533.

Engaged Encounter

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life, and a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. Choose any of the coming Weekends: 5-6 August, 11-12 November, 24-25 February. For further information go to: www.engagedencounter.org.au



Bible Reflection Group

will be on break after this week. We will resume Wednesday 16 August.



Secular Franciscans

We meet on the third Sunday of the month (16 July) at 10:30am in the Reynolds Room. All welcome! Enquiries: 0439 519 018.



This Week's Winners!

1st Prize - 92
2nd Prize - 3
Congratulations!

The Catholic Weekly

The Catholic Weekly

Now on sale on the Church tables. \$2 to the poor box please.

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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 Prayer Group Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

15th Sunday

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.

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

Recently Deceased: Fr Noel Molloy, Fr Carl Ashton (South Mt Druitt Parish), Michael Vella, Petar Lerotić, Margaret Foley, Agnes Burke, Colleen Shaw, James Grima.

Funerals: The funeral of Fr Noel will be held on 20 July 10:30am at St Patrick's Church East Gosford.

Anniversaries: June Maher, Felice Fedele, John Dwyer, Bernard Malone, Bartolo Lucchese.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, John Giutronich, Betty O'Neill, Alice Farrell, Keith Fealy, Phyllis Malone, Ted Lintott and all the Holy Souls.

Sick: Rita Matthews (Liz Drover's Mum), Susan Simmons, John Cox, Mal Garrington, Paul Smith, Collette O'Grady, June Molloy, Oskar Alessandro, Trish Knoke, Emma Horton, Morna Faehrmann, Marc Sabat, Patrick Cologon, Linda Read, Rita Meilak, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will, and all with serious illness.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Gift Centre

New stock in - Come and see! 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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