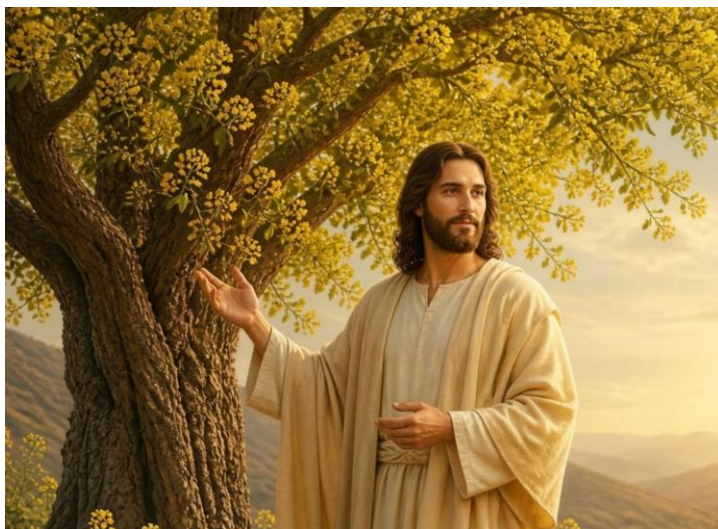




# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 19 July 2026



## Home in God

The Readings today remind us of the complexity of the world in which we live and our relationships. Our hearts can be fragile and weak. We are easily tempted to follow whims and impulses which are not good for us. They can lead to greed, pride, and the loss of sensitivity and empathy for others.

As followers of Jesus, we need the help of the Holy Spirit to keep us on the narrow path of love. The Holy Spirit will show us the direction in which our hearts are moving and where we are being tempted. Likewise, the Holy Spirit can keep us safe like the birds of the air that find shelter in the mustard tree and find their home in God.

*Sunday Living Word* Majellan Family Media

## Growing in Faith

When I was a child, I remember seeing a tree in our garden being slowly overtaken by a parasitic plant. The plant looked beautiful and luscious, almost like a tree itself, but over time it started to choke the tree. Removing it was a big operation. In our Gospel today, Jesus uses similar imagery to reflect on the situation of the world and the reality of living a life of faith. Darnel and wheat look very similar until the ear appears. While the servants in the reading are ready to remove the darnel, the owner is wary they may pull out the wheat as well, and so instructs them to let them grow together. Our life is full of wheat and weeds - beautiful acts and experiences of faith and love, and challenging, painful experiences of resentment, violence and hurt. The challenge is accepting that the two will exist together, while we hold on to our life of faith, trusting in the nearness of God and his Spirit. What are the wheat and weeds in my life? Which do I allow to grow?

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## Discernment & Patience

The sower has sown good seed in his field for a healthy wheat harvest, but there are also weeds growing in the same patch. It resembles wheat but it is not. Like the disciples, instinctively, one would like to pull out the weeds growing with the wheat, but to do that would also risk damaging the wheat. Both need to co-exist for a while before the weeds can be pulled out.

In our life we may encounter situations or people that we consider necessary to 'pull out.' How often do we want to get rid of what we consider the 'weeds' in our life: a person who disagrees with our way of thinking or the colleague at work who challenges us? How impatient are we even with ourselves to get rid of our failings? Nevertheless, Jesus wants us to understand that we need to learn to coexist with the 'weeds'. There will be a right time to separate the wheat from the weeds. How do I co-exist with what is unpleasant, disagreeable and in conflict with my personality? Am I patient in discerning the time I need to co-exist with these situations and people? How discerning am I to know when to separate from them?.

*God's Word Sr Maria Pineda vdmf*

## The Destination

The good that exists in the world is overshadowed by human sinfulness and wickedness. Many a time, we think: why doesn't God destroy all that do evil in the world? One who destroys what he has created is an abominable being. The Creator, rather, loves the imperfections of his creation together with their good deeds. It would be too hasty for God to destroy what he does not like. He would be a God who does not allow his children to grow and learn to be better.

The logic of God seems to be:

"I do not take away the evil from you, but I am next to you; I give you the strength to overcome the evil, so that you come out stronger." Jesus is like the yeast that allows one to grow together with one's strengths and weaknesses. He helps the person by accompanying him/her to pass through obstacles so as to become free by reaching the desired destination: relationship with God.

*The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron*

## Seaside Youth Group

Seaside Youth Group is a youth group made by youth for youth! A space for young people to connect with friends and faith. We welcome youth in school years 5-12. Our next date is Saturday 8 August after the 5pm Vigil Mass until 8pm, in the Upper Room. Newcomers always welcome – bring a friend! Any questions to 4332 2216.

## Kids Club

Kids Club is a parish social group for 5-12 year olds who want to have fun, make new friends and learn more about Jesus! Games, craft, activities and snacks are provided. Parents of under 5 year olds must stay – all parents are welcome to stay. The next date is Saturday 8 August from 3pm-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. All are welcome to join us afterwards for the 5pm Vigil Mass. Enquiries: 4332 2216.

**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. Confirmation will be conferred in our parish in September, by Fr Brian Moloney. For further details and to enrol your child, attend the **Information and Enrolment session in the parish hall on Friday 24 July at 9:30am.**



## 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.

## Two RCIA Testimonies

I started my RCIA journey after attending church with my wife Catherine since 1998. I was encouraged to explore my faith, leading me to the RCIA course, where I discovered the depth of my beliefs. The supportive, diverse group of participants made a lasting impact. Since becoming Catholic, I've formed friendships and continue to grow in my faith. I highly recommend the RCIA journey, it's truly transformative! – Steve

Since completing the RCIA program, my kids have also now made their Communion, which has been such a special milestone for our family. One of the biggest changes has been that they're always asking to come to church now, which has been really wonderful to see. Looking back on RCIA, I'm so grateful for the experience. It gave me a much deeper understanding of the Catholic faith and the start of a long awaited personal journey for myself. Everyone was so welcoming and supportive, and I'd happily encourage anyone who is considering joining the program to take that step. – Alison

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 | Romans 8:26-27 | Matthew 13:24-43

**Entrance Antiphon:** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, you are good and forgiving.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.



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## Please Note

### Feast Days this Week

St Mary Magdalene 22 July; St James, Apostle, 25 July.

### Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Nareen Gardens Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10:30am.

### '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)



### Franciscan Food Drive

The Secular Franciscans of our parish are collecting donations of non-perishable items for distribution to the needy via the Benevolent Society Hub at The Entrance Community Centre. Donations such as tinned foods, long-life milk, tea, coffee, shampoo etc may be left in the baskets at the Church doors. Thank you for your support!

### Free Wills Seminar & Morning Tea

To be held at Terrigal Parish Hall on 11 August 10:30am-12:30pm, offering the Central Coast community practical guidance on wills, Power of Attorney, and Enduring Guardianship. Attendees may also be eligible for a complimentary will. Enquiries to 4367 4610 or register by 7 August via the QR code or [www.trybooking.com/DNNXF](http://www.trybooking.com/DNNXF)



### The Catholic Weekly

On sale on the Church tables. \$2 to the poor boxes please.

## Keep Us in Your Prayers

**Recently Deceased:** Irene Williams, Shirley Kettle, Lyle Dunn, Grace Winkler, John Berthold, Valda Doyle, Nicholas Agius, Leo O'Meara, Noah Martin, Elvira Azuero.

**Funerals:** The funerals of Irene Williams and Grace Winkler will be held during the week. Please pray for them and their families.

**Anniversaries:** Bernard Bowers, Bill Mahony, Frank & Josephine Ragonesi, David Drinan, Bernard Malone, Bartolo Lucchese, John Donohue, John Dwyer.

**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, June Maher, Cooper Freeman and all the Holy Souls.

**Sick:** Glenn Bartholomew, 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:** Vada Sewell, Edward Dykeman.

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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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