



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Cycle 1 20 July 2025



One Necessary Thing

This story of the conflict between Martha and Mary has often been interpreted as an account of the play between the active and the contemplative life, Jesus signaling his preference for the latter over the former. But I don't think that reading gets to the whole heart of it. It is rather a narrative concerning the spiritual problem of the one and the many.

Martha complains that her sister is not helping her with the numerous and time-consuming tasks of hospitality. Martha's problem is not that she is busy or that she is engaging in the "active" life; her problem is that she is uncentered. Her mind, quite obviously, is divided, drifting from this concern to that, from one anxiety to another; there are many things that preoccupy her.

What Mary has chosen is not so much the contemplative life, but the focused life. She is anchored, rooted in the *unum necessarium* (one necessary thing). The implication seems to be that, were Mary to help with the many household tasks, she would not be "worried and distracted" by them, since she could relate them to the center, and that, were Martha to sit at the feet of Jesus, she would still squirm with impatience, since her spirit is divided.

As is so often the case in the spiritual life, the issue is not what they're doing, but how they're doing it. Indeed, the surest sign that something is off in Martha's soul is that she even tells God what to do!

There is a cacophony of voices calling out to you; there are a thousand influences pulling you this way and that. What's the one necessary thing? It is to listen to the voice of Jesus as he tells you of his love and as he tells you who you are.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

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Safeguarding Training

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 are available for all participants. For more information please contact Leanne in the parish office on 4332 2216.

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

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.

The role of the Acolytes / Senior Servers in a liturgical celebration is indispensable, and so their service as ministers of the altar is invaluable help to the Deacon or the Priest.

Faith formation becomes an integral component of an Acolyte / Senior Server as they become proficient in assimilating liturgical practices and gaining insights into the significance of ritual and symbols used in worship.

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

Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

The Sacrament of Confirmation ceremony for our parish will be held at 6pm on Thursday 13 November 2025. This important event marks a milestone in your child's faith journey and their commitment to the Church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is available to children in Year 3 and above who have been baptised Catholic. If you would like your child to receive this Sacrament, we invite you to complete the Expressions of Interest form using the QR code provided or the following address: <https://forms.office.com/r/DD2iGRDTHQ>. While this form does not officially enrol your child, it is an important part of our enrolment process and will help us plan for the allocation of resources for the programme. To finalise your child's enrolment in the Confirmation programme, you are required to attend one of the following Information and Enrolment sessions:

Tuesday 5 August at 7pm or **Thursday 7 August at 5:30pm** or **Monday 11 August at 9:30am**.

All sessions are held in the parish centre. (Children are not required to attend.) These sessions will provide an overview of the Confirmation process, including preparation details and responsibilities of the sponsor. You will also collect the workbook for your child at this time. Enrolment fee of \$30 to cover costs is to be paid at these sessions. If your child was not baptised at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance, you will need to provide a copy of their baptism certificate. For more information about our Sacraments and Sacramental Programme, visit our parish website www.ourladyoftherosary.org.au. Confirmation information flyers are also available at the church entrances or can be downloaded from our website. We look forward to partnering with you on this journey of faith. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Expression of Interest for the
Sacrament of Confirmation 2025



Ignite Youth Gathering

Another exciting and inspiring Youth Event was held last weekend. Participants experienced uplifting and great faith building community with fellow youth of Broken Bay.



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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: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. 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

Congratulations on First Eucharist

This weekend we congratulate Oscar Appleby on receiving his First Holy Eucharist. Bless you Oscar!

Feast Days this Week

St Mary Magdalene 22 July, St James Apostle 25 July, Sts Joachim & Anne 26 July.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated at Bupa Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10am.

Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group

Please join in prayer with others around the world for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Tuesdays after 9am Mass in the Church. Enquiries: 0438 320 927.

Praisefest Youth Event

All youth are invited to a Praise and Worship event of great music, inspiring talks from guest speakers and the Sacraments at Our Lady of Dolours Parish 94 Archer Street Chatswood on Friday 1 August at 6pm. Register via the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1389980>



Pilgrimage of Hope in October

Join Fr Hien Vu on a Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope to Rome and Assisi 1 -10 October. Limited places are still available for this once in a lifetime diocesan journey of faith. See the QR code on the right or view the video link available on our parish website at www.ourladyoftherosary.org.au



Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre

Australia's first religious sisters have been of service to the community for over 185 years. The Heritage Centre brings alive their heritage and history. It is open free of charge and welcomes individuals or groups, with guided or self-guided tours. Mass in the chapel is by arrangement. Open Tuesday to Thursday 10am-3pm or by appointment at 1 Rockwall Crescent Potts Point. E: heritagecentre@rscoffice.com P: 02 9138 0835.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Tonci Kalebic, Ronald Mackson, Perpetua Zamora, Pacita Dolina, Mark Borg, Fr David Catteral, John Boland, Fr Peter Thompson.

Anniversaries: John Dwyer, John Donohue, Raymond Baker, Bernard Malone, Bartolo Lucchese.

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

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

Welcome Newly Baptised: Gwen Smith, Harper Selby, Kailia Phelan, Charlie & Chloe Christodoulou.



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