



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Cycle 1

23 July 2023



## The Harvest

**T**he Reading from Wisdom speaks of God's leniency, though he has all the power. He gives sinners time for repentance because though he is just, he is also merciful. Through this patience God teaches humans how they must behave towards their fellow humans. The virtuous must be understanding towards others and slow to condemn.

Thus we are called through the readings to recognise that it is not for us to judge others. Our task is to think and judge for ourselves how we should live our own lives. By weighing what we see, feel, and discern, in the context of the community, we are given the chance to choose whether we will let grow in us what is good or what is evil. We are called to be wheat as far as possible. We need to spend our time trying to be wheat in the world rather than pull up weeds. At the harvest, that is what will matter most.

*God's Word* Fr Errol Fernandes SJ

## Celebrations for Fr Brian's 40th Anniversary of Ordination

**A**ll are invited to the 40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination Thanksgiving Mass and Supper for Fr Brian on Saturday 19 August. He will celebrate the 5pm Vigil Mass and this will be followed by a Supper in the parish centre. It will be a great time to show him our appreciation of his many years of dedicated service in our diocese, and latterly in our parish.

We ask parishioners to bring a plate of hot/cold finger food to share at the Supper. As we expect many to bring pies/sausage rolls, we ask that you try to bring something a little different. Some suggestions could be quiche, pinwheels, puffs, spring rolls, arancini balls, meatballs, spinach triangles, chicken wings, savoury muffins, potato rostis, zucchini slice, fritters, prawn toast, pastries etc. These can be left in the parish centre prior to the 5pm Mass for keeping warm in the pie ovens.

Also for those who wish to give Fr Brian a gift, envelopes will be available on the Church tables.



**Feast Days  
This Week:**

**St James  
Apostle**  
25 July

**Sts Joachim  
& Anne**  
26 July

**Sts Martha, Mary  
& Lazarus**  
29 July



**Classes for  
Seniors**

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



**Low Gluten  
Hosts**

Please see one of  
the Priests before  
Mass if you are  
a coeliac.



**Quote  
for the Week**

1 Cross+  
3 Nails =  
4 Given

## Hasty Judgement

The desert Fathers (and Mothers) were a group of hermits and monks who, after Christianity became established in the third century, decided between God and the devil alone. They lived austere lives but gained a reputation for wisdom and holiness. Stories grew up about their sayings and deeds, which inspired people in their Christian lives.

Macarius was such a desert Father. He had a reputation for holiness, but a story tells that one day a woman in a nearby village accused him of making her pregnant. Macarius remained silent and did not answer the accusation, while the villagers came with great zeal to punish and abuse him for what they saw as his hypocrisy. But it happened that the woman had a very difficult delivery and was not able to give birth until she admitted that she had accused Macarius falsely. The villagers then all searched for Macarius so that they could ask his forgiveness for their hasty judgement. But he had fled, not wanting the praises of the world.

Sometimes it is better to wait before acting too zealously. This is what Jesus is talking about today. He, too, faced a good deal of criticism because he mixed with the wrong sort of people, the tax collectors and the prostitutes. The Pharisees were constantly asking him why he did not observe the law and get rid of those people who were not pure. But he did not change his behaviour, for he knew some of these sinners would eventually change and repent. After all, he was a doctor seeking out those who were sick.

In today's Gospel he gives them an answer in the parable of the weeds. A man had sown good seeds, but then his servants told him that weeds had appeared. His servants are ready to spring into action and pull out and destroy the weeds. But the farmer is more prudent. He knows that if you start pulling up the weeds you may also destroy the wheat. He advises patience. Wait until harvest time and divide them into separate bundles.

Later in this passage Jesus gives an explanation of the parable. He explains each point: the Son of Man is the sower of the good seed, the field is the world and the weeds are the subjects of the evil one. At the end of the world the final harvest comes and the angels will separate out the agents of the devil, who will face the final judgement. Here the emphasis is not so much on the delay but the certainty that there will be final punishment, which will bring justice.

Jesus makes it clear that the world is not an innocent place. There will be always be evil at work in it and that will frustrate the growth of the kingdom. Christians should be scandalised but not surprised that sin can exist in the Church. Sometimes immediate action needs to be taken to root out a poisonous cancer; there is no room for compromising with scandal.

But there are other occasions when God's forbearance must be recognised and we are called to imitate it. Sometimes it may be wiser to wait and not judge too quickly. There are zealous people in every community who want to act now and root out what they see as sinners or their influence. But, as Jesus shows we may do more harm than good by rushing in with our hasty judgements. Better to wait, allowing for change and repentance. This is not a false tolerance of sin, but rather a situation which needs patience. Jesus teaches us to have a deep faith that God is in control, and that God can bring good out of the most unpromising situations. In the end there will be a judgement and God will bring about justice.

*Sunday Living Word* Majellan Media

## World Day of Grandparents & the Elderly

The presence of Grandparents and the elderly in families and communities is a precious one, for it reminds us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving its roots. From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. - Pope Francis

## Thank You All Givers!

As most of our givers no longer receive tax deductions or receipts at this time of year, we would like to make a special thank you to all who donate, whether to Collection 1 for the support of the Clergy Fund, or to Collection 2 for the upkeep of our own Church, your donations are vital. Many parishioners donate via credit card or online too and we acknowledge your generous donations. Those who give to the Pastoral Works Fund Appeals should have received your receipts by mail. Thank you All!

## Wish List Update

Following Fr Brian's appeal for help with some big Church projects, namely the Electronic Street Sign, the Church Sound System, and the Stained Glass Window repairs, we are pleased to report great progress in all areas. The new Church Sound System is a great improvement and, following some minor tweaks, is sounding clear and loud. The stained glass window repairs will soon be completed. The LED sign is awaiting DA approval and will then go ahead. These essential projects would not have been possible without the generosity, big and small, of you parishioners.

## KidsClub

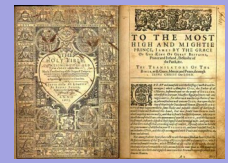
You're invited to KidsClub! This month we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us on Saturday 5 August 3-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. KidsClub is a Parish social group for children aged 5-12 who want to make new friends, have fun, and learn more about Jesus! Parents are welcome to stay or you can drop off and pick up (parents must stay for under 5 yrs). Free entry, games, craft, activities and snacks provided. Our group leaders have WWCC. We encourage all to join us at 5pm Mass after KidsClub. Phone 4332 2216 for enquiries. No RSVP required.

## WYD23 Farewell



Left:  
Lachlan Smith  
& Tân Nguyen.

Right:  
Kelly Paget &  
Lachlan Smith,  
with Pope  
Francis cutout.



**Bible Sunday**  
Celebrating the  
Word of God  
handed down to  
us. God speaking  
to us, the Truth  
that feeds our  
journey of faith.



**Welcome**  
to the Cummings,  
Deaves and  
Nixon Families  
for the Reception  
of their children  
for the Sacrament  
of Baptism.



**This Week's  
Winners!**  
1st Prize - 98  
2nd Prize - 12  
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

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Rita Matthews (Mother of Liz Drover), Angelo Savino, Noel Day, Simon Butcher, Fr Noel Molloy, Fr Carl Ashton, Michael Vella.

**Funerals:** The funeral of Angelo Savino was held during the week. Please pray for Angelo and his family.

**Anniversaries:** Joan Burgess (1st), David Drinan (1st), John Donohue.

**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, John Giutronich, June Maher, Alice Farrell, Bernard Malone, Phyllis Malone, Bartolo Lucchese, Petar Lerotic and all the Holy Souls.

**Families:** Clarke, Santarossa.

**Sick:** Susan Simmons, June Molloy, John Cox, Mal Garrington, Paul Smith, Collette O'Grady, 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

It's Bible Sunday - come and see our range of Bibles! 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.

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