



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 26 July 2026



Thank You to Grandparents & the Elderly!

This Gospel fits so well with today, the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. Many older people have already learned the lesson of what is truly important, often the hard way. Life has a way of teaching it. Illness, loss, or simply the passing of time, strip life back to its essentials. And when that happens, people discover what they really value.

Talk to grandparents and they'll tell you: it's not the house, or the car, or the bank balance. It's the people. It's the family. It's the faith that carried them when things were tough. That's the hidden treasure Jesus is talking about. It's not flashy. It's often quiet. But it's real. Grandparents are great carriers of that wisdom. They've seen enough of life to know that chasing after everything leaves you with very little in the end. Many of them pass on the faith not by lectures but by example: the Rosary said quietly, the Mass never missed if it can be helped, the nightly prayer for children and grandchildren. They may not call it theology, but it's deep Gospel wisdom.

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A Treasure Hunt

When I was a little girl, my sister and I would go 'treasure hunting' in the space under our house, with our 'treasures' being oddly shaped or multicoloured rocks. We would look a long time for the rocks, and be overjoyed when we found even one. Jesus uses the image of treasure to describe the reality of God's kingdom. A treasure isn't something we can earn, it's something we need to go out and search for, perhaps even for a long time. And look at how the two characters in the Gospel respond when they find their treasure: they sell all their possessions just to have that one treasure they have found. Jesus uses this parable to remind us that God is the greatest treasure of our lives, and perhaps also that we are God's own treasure; that, like the landowner and the merchant, God will do anything to have us near him and belonging to him.

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His Treasure & Pearl

Today's Gospel shows the sacrifices we will make when we love a thing or a person. In our association with people, when we care about someone, we will do anything to enter into relationship with them. We will forgive that person generously even when the other does not deserve it, but we do it because we do not want to lose the person. He/she becomes our treasure, and everything else takes a back seat.

For God, we are his precious treasure. He always forgives us, he sends us continuous help to draw us closer to him, and tries in every way to make us feel loved. We are too precious to be lost. When we feel worthless and that our life is useless, we must always remember that God loved us to death. Let's thank the Lord for making us his treasure and pearl.

God's Word Fr Simon Thomas SJ

House on Fire

If your house was on fire and you had only a minute or two to get out, what would you bring with you? Of course, you'd take the people – family, children, grandchildren, anyone who needs help getting out of danger, family pets. They're all far more important than possessions, or even photos and other things of sentimental value. They're more precious than money, jewellery, passports, documents... all those can be replaced. It's when we're faced with life-and-death situations that what's truly important becomes very clear and we hopefully have our priorities right.

In today's Gospel Jesus is calling his disciples to get their priorities in order. When the kingdom of God really becomes our way of life, it changes how we see everything else. We stop clinging so tightly to things that, in the end, don't last.

Sadly, for some people, the good news of Jesus Christ is heard in a superficial way, not as something that is life-changing. This was true in Jesus' time, too, which is why Jesus often spoke about how we can become side-tracked by the pursuit of things that do not last. He says, 'Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth... for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

(Matthew 6:19-21)

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The Point of Parables

The disciples have asked Jesus why he speaks to the crowds in parables. Jesus is explaining the kingdom of God in these provocative and puzzling stories and images that seem to be his preferred way of preaching. And he replies to his disciples, "The reason I speak to them in parables is that seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand." In other words, he tells parables because the crowds refuse to believe in him and what he has to say.

Many parables are strange and initially off-putting and puzzling. Of course, that is the point of parables: to bother us, throw us off base, confuse us a bit. How characteristic this was of Jesus' preaching! He rarely lays things out in doctrinal form: he prefers to tell these puzzling, funny stories. Why? Because in many cases stories reveal truth that arguments can't quite capture.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

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

Annual CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal

The Appeal will be held across our parishes on 8/9 August, providing us with a valuable opportunity to respond together to the needs of those in our community who experience homelessness and housing insecurity. Homelessness is often hidden from view. It affects not only those sleeping rough, but also families living in insecure accommodation, older people facing housing stress, women and children escaping violence, young people with nowhere safe to call home, and many others whose struggles remain unseen. Beyond the absence of shelter, homelessness is frequently accompanied by isolation, fear, uncertainty and the gradual loss of hope. Through CatholicCare Broken Bay, our Diocese seeks to accompany those who find themselves in these circumstances with dignity, compassion and practical support. Envelopes will be available on the pews with advice on how to donate or use the QR code.



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.

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.

Visitation Ministry Group

The parish is looking to establish a Visitation Ministry Group to visit mainly Nursing Homes. We have five Nursing Homes in our parish that the Priests and Deacon visit each month, celebrating Mass for the residents. They are Reynolds Court, Nareen Gardens and Bupa at Bateau Bay, and Opal and Killarney Court at Killarney Vale. The residents would really appreciate a visit at other times of the month. If you are interested please contact the parish office on 4332 2216 for more information.

Martha & Mary: A Ministry of Welcome & Hospitality

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



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Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love your commands.

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: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.



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Please Note

Welcome

At Mass this weekend we welcome the Ojerio Family for the Reception of their child for Baptism in the near future.

Feast Days this Week

Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus 29 July, St Ignatius of Loyola 31 July, St Alphonsus Liguori 1 August.

Nursing Home Mass

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will be held on Saturday 1 August (first Saturday of the month) following the 9am Mass, for one hour, concluding with Benediction.

Thank You from the Holy Land

The Franciscans of the Holy Land would like to thank parishioners for the kind and generous donation of \$1,494.35 from the Good Friday collection.

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



The Catholic Weekly

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

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Tereza Muscat, Mariacic Zarko, Petronila Flores, Catherine Fabillar, Irene Williams, Shirley Kettle, Lyle Dunn, Grace Winkler, John Berthold, Valda Doyle, Nicholas Agius, Noah Martin.

Anniversaries: Kathy Lowe-Scafidi.

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, David Drinan, Bernard Bowers, Bill Mahony, Leo Lowe, Emmanuel & Nora O'Sullivan and all the Holy Souls.

Sick: Caroline Dadd, Michael Fenton, Sharron Moyce, Michael & Julie Trussell, Linda Ho, Glenn Bartholomew, Scott Studdon, Keith Snell, Angela & Paul Fowler, Jean Jackson, Fr Harry Kennedy, Lynette Falken, 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.

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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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