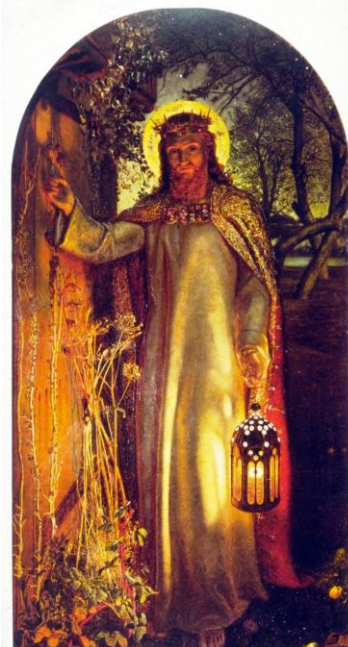




Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Cycle 1 27 July 2025



Open the Door

Holman Hunt's famous painting, "The Light of the World", is rich in symbolism. It shows Christ wearing a crown of thorns and a jeweled cloak and holding a lantern, standing outside the door of our house, symbolising his invitation to humanity's hearts and minds, knocking patiently. Whoever is on the inside must open the door. The door, overgrown with weeds and lacking a handle, represents the human soul closed to spiritual enlightenment which has never been opened before. The search is over when we open that door from the inside and realise that God has been there all the time, waiting for us. The one who searches will always find.

Jesus tells us today that if we knock "the door will be opened to you". But what is it that is preventing us from following Christ more faithfully and pushing that door wide open? Are we afraid that he will make demands on us that we cannot go along with? Changes to our life that will be disruptive and lead to unhappiness, perhaps? Do we think that we are not worthy of God's friendship because of things we have done in the past? Are we stuck in a cosy routine, a way of thinking and living that we are afraid to challenge or disturb? Do we want to keep God at a distance, keeping things as they are – God is something for an hour on Sunday perhaps but no more? Have we had negative experiences of church that have disillusioned us? Has past sadness, disappointment or tragedy left us feeling hostile towards God? If you are asking these questions, then you have already chosen the right path. Our life is a pilgrimage, a journey where we search for meaning, ask questions, seek something better and strive to be our best.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

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CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal

CatholicCare is the social care agency of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Broken Bay. They deliver a wide range of services to improve individual, family and community well-being. This Appeal aims to raise funds for various programmes that assist people experiencing homelessness or housing instability, including a women's refuge, transitional housing, and support for young parents. CatholicCare also provides practical, emotional, and financial support to help individuals and families maintain their tenancies. Donations can be made through envelopes available at Masses on the weekend of 9/10 August or online at <https://catholiccaredbb.org.au/donate/>

First Holy Eucharist

Congratulations to Oscar for receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 19 July!

Oscar was the final child among 89 who prepared for and received this important Sacrament through this year's Sacramental Programme. Let us keep Oscar and the other 88 children in our prayers as they embark on their faith journey after celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation.



Seaside Youth Group

Come along for games, fun and pizza with Seaside Youth Group. We get together on the 2nd Saturday of the month – this month 9 August – after the 5pm Mass until 8pm. 12 to 17 years are all invited – bring a friend! Meet in the Upper Room (off the church car park). Contact us at the parish office during business hours on 4332 2216 or email theentranceparish@bbccatholic.org.au

Ministry Refresher Training Date Claimers

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.

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



Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrim Passport

Congratulations to the Tobin Family on being the first in our parish to complete the pilgrimage to all four Shrines during this year's Jubilee of Hope! Their dedication will be recognised by the Diocese of Broken Bay, and they will receive an official Jubilee Local Pilgrim of Hope Certificate. This, along with their stamped Passport, will serve as a cherished memento of their journey in this Holy Year.

Pilgrimage is one of the most profound aspects of a Jubilee Year in the Catholic tradition. The Shrines of Hope within our Diocese include our Cathedral Parish at Waitara, St Patrick's at East Gosford (for families), Our Lady of Dolours at Chatswood (for young people), and Mary Immaculate at Manly (for Priests & Vocations). To learn more about the Jubilee Year and the 'Pilgrims of Hope,' visit the dedicated Diocesan website <https://www.bbjubilee.com.au/>



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Gn 18:20-32 | Col 2:12-14 | Lk 11:1-13**

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, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

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



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Please Note

Welcome!

This weekend we have the Reception of the Borgman, Cogan and Vella Families whose children will be Baptised in the near future.

Feast Days this Week

Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus 29 July, St Ignatius of Loyola 31 July, St Alphonsu Liguori 1 August, St Peter Faber 2 August.

First Friday Anointing Mass

Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Friday 1 August at the 11:45am Mass.

First Friday Cuppa

A Cuppa for all parishioners and visitors in the Parish Centre after the Anointing Mass on Friday 1 August. Bring a plate to share.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held on the first Saturday of the month, 2 August, after 9am Mass, for one hour.

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.

Seminarians Benefit Gala Dinner

Answering the Call - a Celebration of Faith and Hope. Friday 22 August 7pm-11.30pm at The Epping Club, 45-47 Rawson Street Epping. Cost: \$120 per person or \$1,000 for table of 10 includes dinner & beverages. There will be an auction, prizes and music! Bookings: see the QR code or www.trybooking.com/DDOPW

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 or view the video link available on our parish website at www.ourladyoftherosary.org.au



Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: David Falzon, Matthew Spackman, Tony Connolly, Don Richards, Tonci Kalebic, Ronald Mackson, Perpetua Zamora, Pacita Dolina, Mark Borg, Fr David Catteral.

Funeral: A Prayer Service will be held for David Falzon on Saturday 2 August at 11am. Please pray for David and his family.

Anniversaries: David Drinan, Frank Ragonesi, Delma Clarke, Kathy Lowe-Scafidi.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Nicola Iacovazzi, John Donohue, Bernard Malone, Bartolo Lucchese and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sick: Peter McCarten, Margaret Killian, Belinda Katalinic, 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.



Our Lady of the Rosary Sacred Gifts

God's Word 2026 Orders Taken Now

If you would like to order *God's Word 2026* please let us know now! We are 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