



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Cycle 1

30 July 2023



Captivated

Jesus often spoke in parables. In today's Gospel reading Jesus shares with us a parable about a person who finds a treasure buried in a field. Upon realising the great worth of the treasure he sells all to buy the field. This is what happens to us when we discover the treasure of the kingdom of God. Pope Francis says, 'Those who find it have no doubts, they sense that this is what they have been seeking and waiting for; and this is what fulfils their most authentic aspirations.' When we have this personal and loving encounter with the person of Jesus, we are so captivated and attracted by Jesus that we are willing to sell everything, to safeguard our relationship with him. Today in our prayer we are invited to seek Jesus wholeheartedly. He is the treasure we are seeking but sometimes our search for Jesus can be clouded by events in our own life - worries, insecurities and hardships. We need to ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of finding Jesus so that we too may experience our 'most authentic aspirations' being fulfilled.

God's Word Maria Pineda (vdmf)

Celebrations for Fr Brian's 40th Anniversary of Ordination

All 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 include quiche, pinwheels, puffs, spring rolls, arancini balls, meatballs, spinach triangles, chicken wings, savoury muffins, potato rostitis, 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 are available on the Church tables and may be placed in the collection boxes.





Feast Days This Week:

**St Ignatius of
Loyola** 31 July

**St Alphonsus
Ligouri** 1 August

St Peter Faber
2 August

St Dominic
3 August

**St John Mary
Vianney** 4 August



Welcome
to the Owens
Family
for the Reception
of their child
for the Sacrament
of Baptism.



Low Gluten Hosts

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



Quote for the Week

The task ahead
of us is never
as great as the
Power behind us.

Share Your Catholic Faith

Are you wanting to share and develop your Catholic faith? Over the past few months, we have had several enquiries from people wishing to explore the Catholic faith with the intention of becoming a Catholic Christian. Due to these enquiries, we would like to introduce the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program as part of our parish ministries that we offer.

What's it all about? Developing a relationship takes time. Through the RCIA process people are invited to enter into a journey of faith in Jesus Christ, a journey of discovery as they practice living life as a Catholic Christian. The journey of becoming a Catholic Christian is one made in the company of the whole parish community along with other enquirers, catechists and sponsors.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process that is located in the heart of the parish community. The parish community is where everyone learns how:

- To pray and worship
- To listen to God's Word in the Scriptures
- To build and take part in community life
- To go out in service of others.

Thus, every member of the parish is 'part of the overall RCIA team', apprenticing, mentoring, guiding and giving example and witness to those who seek to live the Catholic Christian way of life in relationship with Jesus. Everyone in the parish has qualities, gifts and skills which they bring to the life and growth of the community and are thus of service to those seeking initiation.

We are seeking expressions of interest from parishioners to be part of the RCIA team in the following areas:

Prayer Partners: To pray for all those participating in RCIA program and give their ongoing encouragement to them.

Hospitality: Have a welcoming and inclusive attitude, enjoy being with, introducing and socialising with people. Responsible for simple suppers, etc for gatherings.

Catechists: Are to be actively living out their faith and one who has an understanding of adult learning. Be able to support the faith development of the enquirers, lessons should be appropriate, taught with sensitivity for the level of understanding and follow the provided curriculum.

Sponsors: Are active participants in the mission and sacraments of the Church and be prepared to befriend and support a catechumen or candidate to accompany them on their faith journey.

If you would like to know more about these positions, please contact the parish office on 4332 2216 or speak to Fr Brian or Colleen Smith.



Clergy Appointments OLR Parish

I have been granted Long Service Leave starting from Sunday 20 August and I will return to the parish on Thursday 2 November. Bishop Anthony has appointed Fr Leonse Kurian to be Parish Administrator during my absence. Bishop Anthony asked if one of us could help in Wilcannia Forbes diocese for a short placement as they are not able to get a priest supply. Fr Leonse will be going to Deniliquin parish (800km away) after Mass this Sunday and will return on Saturday 19 August. Bishop Anthony has also appointed Fr Joshi Nadupurra as Assistant Priest here in our parish starting Tuesday 1 August. Fr Joshi is a member of the Sons of Immaculate Conception Order who staff Toukley Parish and like Fr Leonse hails from Kerala. Please make him welcome as he joins our parish. Fr Joshi will be the second priest while I am away and then when I return Fr Leonse will be leaving us later in November and Fr Joshi will remain as the Assistant Priest.

Yours in Christ, Fr Brian Moloney

Confirmation Programme

The new programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin this week, starting with the Information and Enrolment evening on Tuesday 1 August at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Children in Year 3 and above who are Baptised Catholic are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact the parish office if you would like further information.

The Voice Dialogue

Confused? Join a Dialogue about "The Voice" Referendum. Let's take the heat out of the discussion. Why should Christians take this seriously? Whose idea is it? What does it actually say? How will it work? What does the Church say? Come 9:30-11:30am Tuesday 29 August and 12 September in the Parish Centre. - Margaret Hagan

KidsClub

You're invited to KidsClub! This month we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us next 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.

Please Note

Annual Seminarian Benefit Dinner

Calling all Broken Bay faithful! Come join us for an amazing evening of delicious food, friendly company and musical performances put on by our very own seminarians. Most importantly, support our diocese's commitment to inspiring vocations! Saturday 2 September 6:30pm after the 5pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish Harrington Hall, 94 Archer Street Chatswood. Tickets \$60pp at trybooking.com/cjoux or 9410 9000.



Welcome Fr Joshi!

Fr Joshi Nadupurra joins us as Assistant Priest from Tuesday.



Anointing of the Sick

will be celebrated Friday 4 August during 11:45am Mass for those over 65 or with serious or long-term illness.



Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on each first Saturday (5 August) following 9am Mass, for one hour, closing with Benediction.



This Week's Winners!

1st Prize - 40
2nd Prize - 33
Congratulations!

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

A beacon of Faith, Hope and Love

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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

17th Sunday

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

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.

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

Recently Deceased: Morna Faehrmann, (Mother of Peter), Raymond Baker, Kerry Pintado, Fr Alfred Vella (Malta), Rita Matthews (Mother of Liz Drover), Angelo Savino, Noel Day, Simon Butcher, Fr Noel Molloy, Fr Carl Ashton, Michael Vella.

Anniversaries: Kathy Lowe-Scafidi, Annie Ryan, Patrick O'Neill.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, John Giutronich, Petar Lerotic, David Drinan, Joan Burgess, John Donohue, Charlie Attard, Tim Parsons, Lindsay & Daphne Curtis and all the Holy Souls.

Families: Clarke, Curtis & Parsons.

Sick: Dallas McDonald, Susan Simmons, June Molloy, John Cox, Mal Garrington, Paul Smith, Collette O'Grady, Oskar Alessandro, Trish Knoke, Emma Horton, Marc Sabat, Patrick Cologon, Linda Read, Rita Meilak, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will, and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Ella Browne, Eva Santhou.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Gift Centre

New stock coming in all the time - come and see! 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. For any enquiries call

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