



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 5 July 2026



His Home in Us

This Sunday's readings are full of joy. Just look at the first two lines of the First Reading from Zechariah. They say 'Rejoice heart and soul', and 'Shout with gladness'. And what is the reason for this joy? God has come in kindness and compassion, as the Responsorial Psalm says. And not only that, but as St Paul writes, God's Spirit has made his home in us. These are certainly things to be joyful about. The yoke of Jesus is light, but sometimes may bring us challenges and burdens. Yet we can always trust in Jesus' promise that in him we will find rest for our souls and joy for our hearts. What are the challenges I face in living out my faith? Do I trust in Jesus' closeness and his desire to carry them with me?

God's Word Sr Sophia Boffa csfn

Carried by the Spirit

Jesus blesses the Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because he reveals his Gospel to those who are disarmed, to those who endlessly trust and trust, and to those empty-handed who are ready to welcome a gift. The words 'little children' are figuratively used and, more than standing for children, the last, or the poor, they stand for those who recognise that they need Jesus; those who experience the frailty of the flesh and place everything in his hands. The little ones of Jesus are those who have the courage to remove any forms of anchors in their lives and to let themselves be carried by the breath of the Spirit. The little ones are those who accept Jesus' invitation: "Come to Me!" They are those who have discovered that only he can fill us with fullness of life, despite disappointments, failed efforts and falls. Let us ask for the grace to be a little one in front of Jesus.

God's Word Fr Simon Thomas SJ

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The Inner Life of God

In the final lines of this chapter of Matthew, we are being invited into profound mysteries. Jesus addresses his Father and thereby reveals his own deepest identity within the Holy Trinity. He says, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants."

It is important we keep in mind that this is not simply a good and holy man addressing God, but rather the very Son of God addressing his Father. We are being given a share in the inner life of God, the conversation between the first two Trinitarian persons.

And what are the "things" (*tauta* in Greek) that have been concealed from the wise and revealed to the infants? Nothing other than the mystery of Jesus' relationship to his Father, the love that exists between Father and Son, the inner life of God. From the beginning, this is what God wanted to give us.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Catholic communities across Australia are invited to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – a sacred moment to give thanks for the enduring faith, culture and spiritual wisdom of our First Nations sisters and brothers.

Across this land the Church is enriched by the cultures and voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Their spirituality, connection to Country and deep sense of community continue to shape and strengthen the life of the Church in Australia.

As St Pope John Paul II reminded us, the Church is enriched by the many cultures it embraces. This is not something we simply acknowledge – it is something we are called to live.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for July

This month the prayer intention of Pope Leo is for respect for human life: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

Identify Your Faith in Census

Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, with faith leaders across Australia - including Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu and Buddhist communities - launched a multi-faith campaign encouraging Australians to accurately identify their religious affiliation in the 11 August Census. The campaign urges people to proudly state their faith to help shape public policy and government funding.

The initiative encourages people whose lives have been shaped by faith, spirituality or religious tradition in a way meaningful to them to reflect that identity when answering the Census religion question on 11 August. It also aims to raise awareness of the importance of Census data in shaping public policy, government funding and the delivery of community services, including education, healthcare, aged care and settlement support for all Australians. The powerful demonstration of shared purpose was coordinated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney and launched at St Mary's Cathedral on 18 June. "The Census helps tell the story of who we are as a nation; religion remains an important part of the Australian story," Archbishop Fisher said at the launch.

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

Expressions of Interest are now being accepted for the Sacrament of Confirmation for children in Year 3 and above. This Sacrament is an initiation rite in the Catholic Church that completes the process begun in Baptism and strengthens the recipient with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This programme is designed to prepare your child for this significant Sacrament.

With Archbishop Anthony Randazzo taking up his new role in Rome, the Sacrament of Confirmation will now be celebrated in our parish in September, with Fr Brian Moloney officiating. As a result, all previously announced dates have been adjusted.

The final Information and Enrolment session will be held in the parish hall after the school holidays on Friday 24 July at 9:30am.

For further details and to enrol your child, please join this last Information and Enrolment session. Note that children's attendance is not necessary for the session.



Our Final First Eucharist Children

We congratulate two more children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist last weekend. These are the final First Communicants for this year. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers. We wish them blessings, and may their hearts be filled with the light of faith.



Becoming Catholic – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you, or someone you know, considering the journey to become Catholic? Join us on Thursday 23 July from 6:00 to 7:00pm for an informative and welcoming presentation. This session will cover the basics of the Catholic faith, the steps involved in the initiation process, and the significance of becoming part of our community. It will be a relaxed setting where you can feel comfortable asking any questions you have. We look forward to sharing this important journey with you.

Visit our website for more information or contact the parish office to speak to a member of our Pastoral Team. Phone: 4332 2216 or Email: theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Baptised Catholic – Yet to Complete the Sacraments

When you were growing up, things may have been difficult, and some parents may not have had the chance to guide their children through the complete sacramental journey. Many adults today find themselves uncertain about whether they have received all of their Sacraments. If you're feeling unsure, a good first step is to reach out to the parish where you were baptised. You can request a copy of your Baptism Certificate and inquire if they have records of any other sacraments you may have received. If you were Confirmed, this information should be included in your Baptism records.

If you discover that you haven't completed your Sacraments and wish to do so, please know that we are here to help you. We encourage you to contact the parish, and we will gladly guide you through the process. You can call us at 4332 2216 or email us at theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au. Remember, it's never too late to continue your journey of faith.

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Zech 9:9-10 | Rom 8:9, 11-13 | Mt 11:25-30

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your Praise, O God, like your name reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving grace.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

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: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.



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Please Note

Welcome

We welcome the Santhou and Dykeman Families for the Reception of their children who will be Baptised in the near future.

Fr David Ranson Diocesan Administrator

Fr David Ranson has been elected Diocesan Administrator until such time as a new Bishop is appointed. He has written a letter to parishioners which is on the information tables.

Feast Days this Week

St Benedict 11 July.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Killarney Court Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11 am.

Parish Morning Tea

The Hospitality Team (Group 2) will be hosting our Morning Tea next Sunday 12 July in the parish centre after 9:30am Mass. Come along and enjoy a hot cuppa and a bikkie! Feel free to bring a plate to share.

Secular Franciscan Meeting

Anyone interested in finding out about the Franciscan charism is warmly invited to join our next small group Prayer meeting from 1pm-2:30pm on Friday 10 July in the Reynolds Room. Enq: 0499 811 177.

The Hangout – Helping Others Win

All are invited to the Memorial Park here at The Entrance for a Day for the Community, with live Christian music, food trucks, free giveaways, entertainment and rides. Saturday 11 July 12-4pm.

St Andrew's Presbyterian Women's Association The Entrance Invitation

You are invited to join us to celebrate Christmas in July and Mission Morning Wednesday 22 July. Service 10:30am followed by a light lunch. RSVP by 20 July to Fran Beek 0401 302 517.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Leo O'Meara, Elvira Azuero, Mark Bugden, Maria Sabolievski, Elizabeth McGregor, Fr Brian Egan, Ruthie Buenaventura, Edgardo Estacio, Carl Sanchez Jnr, Peter Robinson.

Funerals: The funeral of Leo O'Meara will be held on Thursday 16 July at 10:30am. Please pray for Leo and his family.

Anniversaries: Susan Simmons, Norman Allen, Bernard Bowers, Kevin Hughes Snr, Connie Taylor, Bill Mahony, Annie Ryan.

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, Peter Starr, Harry McCarthy, Petar Lerotic, Joe Bond, John & Ella Tyrrell, Frank & George Grech, Mary Gatt, Narelle Adams and all the Holy Souls.

Families: Grech, Falzon, Zahra, Grima, Camilleri.

Sick: Keith Snell, Angela & Paul Fowler, Jean Jackson, Fr Harry Kennedy, Michael & Julie Trussell, Lynette Falken, Steve Bond, 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.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Miles Martin, Vincent & John Spano, Mac Voisey.

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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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