



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C Cycle 1

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Peace for Our World

If we look deeply into today's Gospel, the focus seems to be on peace as a key to healing, and our acceptance of peace as a way of knowing the nearness of the kingdom of God. In fact, to get his message across, Luke asserts twice that the kingdom of God is very near to you! Paul reiterates the same theme to the Galatians. In your being healed, you will become altogether a new creation - peace and mercy to all!

This peace though is a peace that does not ignore the marks of Jesus' crucifixion. It is a peace that embraces the cross, that does not shy away from those times in our lives when our commitment to following the rule of love is put to the test. It is then that we will know the grace of this peace. God's love will not be withheld, says the psalmist.

The prophet Isaiah too portrays this so beautifully in the images of peace flowing like a river, and the suckling infant consoled at the mother's breast. So, might we be comforted this week in the lap of our God, carried by peace, nourished by peace, becoming peace for our world.

God's Word Michelle Vass

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Trappings of Life

In a famous story Groucho Marx, the comedian, against his better judgement, was persuaded to join an elite social club. He came to regret it and wrote resigning his membership, "I don't want to belong to any club that would have me as a member".

Most people like to feel that they are special in some way, and it's the custom in advertising, whatever the organisation or product, to persuade people that they are somehow part of the chosen few, the elite, who alone will get access to what they are paying for. Things are "handpicked", "exclusive products", "for members only". It's part of human nature to like feeling that we are in a superior category to others, but there is no room for such thinking in the Kingdom of God.

It's dangerous when we apply such thoughts of privilege and possession to God. We frequently see Jesus opposing this way of thinking among his disciples, when they want to be the first, the greatest, the elite in his kingdom. He persists in reminding them that the kingdom belongs to the little ones: the poor, the outcast, to those who, for whatever reason, are on the peripheries. He welcomes children, women, tax collectors and even soldiers of the Roman oppressor. We can understand where the disciples are coming from in their longing to be among God's favourites: for so many years of oppression the people of Israel had clung to their identity as God's chosen people. It was their greatest hope, but also the source of their greatest illusion. God's thoughts are not our thoughts and God's criteria for greatness are not the same as those of this world, based on military power or wealth or social status. Religious history is sadly full of examples of people legitimising their oppression of others by claiming God's approval.

Jesus sends his disciples out to proclaim the kingdom without any of the trappings of power or wealth or privilege. He tries to convince them to rely on God alone and to trust in God's power, shining through their human weakness, but they take a lot of persuading.

Jesus sends his disciples out not as conquerors but as messengers of peace who bring reassurance and announce that God's reign is being fulfilled on earth. All today's readings bear the same message. It is God's grace, at work in us, not our own power or superiority, that will bring about the fulfilment of the kingdom. If we are to boast or take pride in being Christian, it is boasting in the power of Christ over sin and death. Being forgiven sinners is the root of any claim to greatness.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

Rejoicing

It may seem rather strange to us that Jesus should send these co-workers ahead of him with so little sustenance for their labours. But Jesus was teaching them, and those who received them, a powerful lesson about God's kingdom. To live according to the kingdom of God means less of a concern for the material things of the world and a greater concern for living the essence of the Gospel. These seventy-two disciples were not abandoned to chance by Jesus. They were sent out on a survival mission, sent out relying on the Spirit of God. Even without the basic necessities for travelling, they put their trust in Jesus' word and came back not just having survived, but rejoicing.

The Living Word Redemptorist Publications

Masses: Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 8am & 9:30am | Reynolds Court 11am | Maronite Mass 5pm

Weekday Masses: Monday - Thursday 9am | Friday 11:45am | Saturday 9am

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

Cenacle Prayer Group: Wednesday 9:30am

Christian Meditation Group: Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room



A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

This Sunday is a time to recognise and give thanks for the enduring faith, culture, and contributions of First Nations Peoples in our Church and nation. Our Catholic Church is a tapestry woven from many cultures. From the enduring wisdom of the world's oldest continuing cultures - the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples - to those who have journeyed from distant lands, we are one Body in Christ. In our diversity, we discover richness. In our unity, we find strength. And in every heart, we see the Spirit of God at work. First Nation Catholics are the youngest and fastest growing demographic in the Australian Catholic Church.

Thinking About Becoming a Catholic?

Are you or some one you know interested in becoming Catholic?

For children aged 9 years and older, we will be offering the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) program starting in the first week of the third term. This program is specially designed for children who have not been baptised or who were baptised in a different faith. It will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays 23 & 30 July, 6, 13 & 20 August from 4pm-5pm. It's important that all five sessions are attended to ensure a meaningful experience.

For adults we will also be hosting an Information Evening for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program on Thursday 24 July, from 6pm-7pm in the Parish Hall at 239 The Entrance Road, The Entrance. Dates and times for the actual sessions will be decided after we speak to those interested in attending the program.

For more information contact the parish office on 4332 2216 or colleen.smith@bbcatholic.org.au

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility.

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay has a zero tolerance for abuse and is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults. The role of Safeguarding in the Diocese seeks to ensure children, young people and vulnerable adults are provided with the fundamental right to be kept safe and respected. This commitment is held sacred in our Gospel, international and local laws and within our Church policy and practice.

Safeguarding refers to the actions that the Diocese takes to promote the safety, care and wellbeing of children and adults at risk through preventing and protecting them from abuse and responding appropriately if abuse and harm occur. Please go to our Diocesan website to view our Safeguarding policies and resources <https://www.dbbsafeguarding.com.au/>

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for July

For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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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 justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. 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

Congratulations on First Eucharist

We congratulate Audrey Andrews on receiving her First Eucharist this weekend. God bless you!

Welcome

We welcome the Bogers and Kersh Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism in the near future.

Feast Days this Week

St Benedict 11 July.

Nursing Home Communion Service

A Communion Service will be celebrated at Opal Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11am.

Weekday Mass Reynolds Court Chapel

Every Wednesday Mass is celebrated in the Reynolds Court Chapel at 10am. Everyone in the area is welcome to join the Reynolds Court residents at this Mass.

Parish Morning Tea

The Simply the Best Family Group will be hosting our Parish Morning Tea next Sunday 13 July after the 9:30am Mass, in the Parish Centre. All welcome!

New Seniors Craft, Games or Chat Morning

Come along for a relaxing, fun time and make new friends! Carers are welcome. While enjoying a cuppa and biscuit, just have a chat, do your craft, or bring your cards or favourite game. Share other ideas of activities. Every 3rd Tuesday of the month (15 July) in the Reynolds Room from 10am to 12:30pm.

Secular Franciscans

All are welcome to our monthly meeting 2nd Friday of the month (11 July) at 1pm in the Reynolds Room. Enquiries: Gerard 0439 519 018.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: John Boland, Fr Peter Thompson, Eddy Bidese, Carolynne Vanderpoel, Nicola Iacovazzi, Michael Thomas, Margaret Kelly.

Funeral: The funeral for John Boland will be held next Wednesday at 12 noon. Please pray for John and his family.

Anniversaries: Susan Simmons (1st), Norman Allen, Petar Lerotic, Therese & Paul Fogarty.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Margaret & Leo Foley, Frank & George Grech, Carolyn Finch, Narelle Adams, Joe Bond and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Grech, Zahra, Grima, Cassar, Sciberras, Camilleri, Falzon & Patterson.

Sick: Chris Benotic, Rosanna Natali, Denis Flood, Ian Reece, Lisa Rudd, Dino Gava, Kitty Dowse, Helen Freeman, Janine Harpley, Patrick Yeo, Loui Abraham, Stjepan Tuka, Pam Elliott, Pauline Fowler, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne Knoke, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will.



Our Lady of the Rosary Sacred Gifts

Welcome to OLR Sacred Gifts

OLR Sacred Gifts is 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.

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