



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Cycle 1

13 August 2023



Courage!

Peter steps out of his boat into the troubled waters of life. Feeling the sudden force of the wind, he is afraid, experienced fisherman though he is. We can identify with Peter as we recall times of discouragement, disappointment, or frustration, when we knew the need to move forward and yet were hopelessly stuck. In the first reading, Elijah is overcome with fear and goes into hiding. He hears the voice of God telling him to go to Mt Horeb. There he will meet God. On the mountain he finds that God is not in the earthquake, or the fire, or the storm, but in a gentle breeze. When a breeze arrives, he covers his face for he knows God is present! Peter, in the storm's violence, hears Jesus' gentle reproach about his doubt and lack of faith. This same gentleness is in God's word that echoes in our hearts in difficult moments. Instead of listening to our panic, our fear and our doubts, let us tune in to the gentle, personal, encouraging word that God is speaking in our hearts: 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid!'

God's Word Sr Flora Ricupero pbvm

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 Maximilian
Kolbe**
14 August

**The Assumption
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of
Obligation)**
15 August



**Mass Times for
the Feast of the
Assumption**

9am Mass Church
10am Mass with
OLR School
6pm Mass Church



**Low Gluten
Hosts**

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



**This Week's
Winners!**

1st Prize - 23
2nd Prize - 83
Congratulations!

Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day)

The Assumption of Mary is a reaffirmation of all that is good, gracious and hopeful. As Pius XII put it, Mary, "resplendent in glory in body and soul, reigns in heaven with her Son". Her presence in heaven, body and soul, is a great sign of God's goodness overcoming death and destruction.

All the great events of our redemption point to one important fact. When God saves us, God saves everything that makes us human. Our soul, our body, our emotions, our intelligence, are all redeemed and destined for eternal life with God and each other. It is precisely by becoming incarnate that Jesus begins his saving work in his mother's womb. It is by really dying on the cross that he defeats death. It is by really rising, body and soul from the tomb, that he prepares the way for our own resurrection.

Mary's Assumption into heaven is the pledge and image of what our own resurrection will be, the perfect reintegration of our body and soul, which were dissolved at our death. Mary's intercession for us before God helps along the way of salvation.

The Resurrection of Jesus, and Mary's Assumption, show to us God's great love and goodness, and fills us with joy and gladness.

The Living Word Majellan Media

That Sinking Feeling

How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do his will?

God commands Elijah in today's First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet him.

In each case, the Lord makes himself present amid frightening tumult - heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes.

Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke (see Deuteronomy 4:10-15; Exodus 19:17-19). God told Moses no one could see his face and live, and he sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as he shelters Elijah in a cave (see Exodus 33:18-23).

The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today's Gospel is a revelation of Jesus' divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea (see Job 9:8) and rules the raging waters (see Psalm 89:9-10). And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks - "It is I" - are those God used to identify himself to Moses (see Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 43:10).

Even Peter is too overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst.

Yet, we should know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that his salvation is near to those who hope in him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today's Epistle, that we are heirs to the promises made to his children, Israel.

We must trust that he whispers to us in the trials of our lives - that he who has called us to walk along the way of his steps - saves us whenever we begin to sink.

stpaulcenter.com Scott Hahn

National Vocations Awareness Sunday

This Sunday, at the closing of Vocations Awareness Week, we especially encourage and appreciate our Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians.

A Catholic Priest is a man who has been called by God to live in *persona Christi* – in the person of Christ. In simple terms, when a man is ordained a priest, he receives a permanent mark on his soul – similar to the mark we all receive at baptism – that changes him forever and makes it possible for him to perform actions that otherwise only Jesus could perform. A priest's primary purpose is to offer the Sacrifice of the Mass, to proclaim God's Word and to feed his people with the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. Only a validly ordained priest can give this great gift to the people of the world.

vocations.catholic.org.au

A big thank you to Fr Brian, Fr Leonse, Fr Joshi, Deacon Paul and Tân Nguyen, who all minister to us in this parish. Blessings to you all!

National 'Make-a-Will' Month

August is National 'Make-a-Will' Month, which serves as an annual reminder to think about your estate plans and the legacy you can leave with the gifts God has given you. As you consider your plans, we would be most grateful if you would think about making provision in your will, trust, or estate plan for our parish.

Whenever the future of the Catholic Church is discussed, the outlook seems decidedly bleak based on media reports, surveys, and even our own experience of family members and friends leaving the faith. But it doesn't have to be this way. Through the transformational generosity of a legacy gift, you will help us to continue building up the Kingdom of God for decades to come.

If you do not yet have a will, Geoff O'Reilly of Nash, Allen, Williams and Wotton, has offered to provide a free will to those bequeathing \$10,000 or more to our parish. Thank you for your consideration!

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

Please Note

Areté Missionary Leadership Course 2024 – Applications Now Open
Applications for the Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program are now open for 2024. The Foundations program equips people with the knowledge, skills, and values to become effective missionaries and leaders in their parishes and communities. Subsidies are available from Evangelisation Broken Bay. Please contact Pina Bernard to discuss on 0432 682 239 or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au or Visit www.aretecentre.org to download a free prospectus. Places are strictly limited, so please enquire early.



Long Service Leave

Fr Brian is on Long Service Leave from 20 August and returns 2 November.

Fr Leonse is Administrator while he is away.



Congratulations Paul & Mary Curmi

on the occasion of your **60th Wedding Anniversary** 18 August 2023!



Welcome

to the Andrews, Brennan and Smith Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parish Morning Tea



The Pelican Blue Family Group is hosting our Morning Tea this Sunday 13 August in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. All Welcome!

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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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

19th Sunday

Kings 19:9, 11-13

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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

Recently Deceased: Frances Taylor, Luke McCarthy, Fr Laurie Beath (PP Cowra), Morna Faehrmann, Raymond Baker, Kerry Pintado, Fr Alfred Vella.

Anniversaries: Monica Brandie (1st), Barbara Stevens, Patricia Costello.

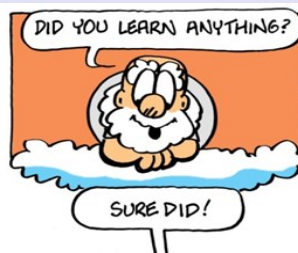
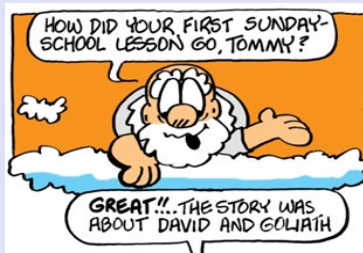
Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, John Giutronich, Petar Lerotic, David Drinan, Charlie Attard, Simon Butcher, Margaret Senogles and all the Holy Souls.

Families: Clarke, Curtis, Parsons, Moore & Langley.

Sick: Anne O'Rourke, Dallas McDonald, Susan Simmons, June Molloy, 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: Nate Cummings, Zali Owens, Daisy Nixon.

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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