



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 16 August 2026



God is For Everyone

The three Readings today highlight that God's love is for everyone. The foreigner in Israel, the pagans mentioned in Paul's letter to the Romans, and the Canaanite woman in the Gospel were all seen as outsiders by the Jewish people. Yet, the Readings stress that all are accepted by God if we choose to follow God's law, repent and turn to receive God's love. As I reflect on today's Readings, do I need to widen my acceptance to include those who are seen as outsiders today? As I listen to the readings and reflect on God's love for everyone, how can I strive to accept everyone as Jesus did?

God's Word Sr Frances Hayes PVB

Even the Dogs Eat the Crumbs

A key spiritual principle is that grace is a sheer gift. And when you cling to a gift, hoarding it for yourself, you undermine its nature as a gift. The whole point of receiving the divine life is to give it away in turn. If you hoard it and make it your private prerogative, you undermine it; it turns to ashes. But when you give it away, it is renewed within you.

We see this dynamic in the controversial and puzzling story of Jesus' conversation with the Canaanite woman. The foreign woman comes to Jesus seeking a favour, but he protests that he has been sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. He seems to be operating out of an exclusivist understanding of Israel's privileges. When she presses the matter, the Lord comes back harshly enough: "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." At which point, the petitioner utters one of the great comebacks recorded in the Bible: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Delighted not only by her cleverness and pluck but by the depth of her faith, Jesus says, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Yes, the table of grace was set for the children of Israel, but the food from that table was not meant for Israelites alone, but for all those who would come to that table, by hook or by crook. Israel was chosen, yes - but for the sake of the world.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

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Seminarian Tâm's Farewell

Tâm would like to thank all for the good wishes and hospitality shown to him on the weekend and throughout his time with us. We will miss you Tâm!



Congratulations Ozzie & Jenny!

All blessings to Ozzie and Jenny Balacco on being Sacramentally Married on Tuesday at 9am Mass after 45 years of being civilly married.



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



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Annual CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal Thanks

Thank you for your support of those in our community who experience homelessness and housing insecurity. Your generosity in responding to the needs of our most vulnerable will no doubt make a real impact.

For any further donations please use the QR code or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/individual-and-family-supports/housing-homelessness/



Ministry Volunteers Refresher Training Programme

All Volunteers and those interested in becoming Readers or Servers at Mass are asked to attend Refresher Training with Fr Rosan on Friday 23 October from 5:30-7pm. The role of Server in a Liturgical celebration is invaluable to the Deacon or Priest. Formation for this role includes understanding the meaning behind the Eucharist, the significance of the Liturgical calendar, and the role of the Church in the world. The role of Readers is likewise essential to our celebrations and this training will benefit all no matter what level of experience. We wish to realise a standard of service and proclamation that will enhance every Mass. This early date claimer ensures ample time to arrange calendars and be available to attend. We thank you for your continued contributions to our parish ministry. For any enquiries please call the office on 4332 2216.



Faith in Action – Music Ministry

You don't have to sing like Pavarotti (or Fr Brian) to participate in the choir, but if you enjoy using your God-given gift to praise him through song, we encourage you to explore joining the choir. New choir members and musicians are always welcome to help cover the weekend Masses. If this sounds like something you'd like to be involved in, please complete one of the 'Faith in Action' forms available at the church entrances or reach out to the parish office in person or at 4332 2216.



Martha & Mary: A Ministry of Welcome & Hospitality

Presented by Kelly Paget, this Formation Day is grounded in the Gospel witness of Martha and Mary and our calling to be a people of welcome. Saturday 22 August 9:30am–3pm at the Ambrose Centre behind our Church. Free event includes lunch and morning tea. Register via the QR code or enquiries to mission@bbcatholic.org.au



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Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.



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Please Note

Congratulations Fr Brian!

Fr Brian will celebrate 43 Years of Priesthood next Thursday 20 August. Blessings to you Fr Brian!

Feast Days this Week

St Bernard 20 August, St Pius X - Pope 21 August, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 22 August.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Nareen Gardens on Tuesday at 10:30am.

Men's Social Group

The Men's Group will meet next Wednesday 19 August at 12noon at Diggers Club Long Jetty. Join us for lunch and a good chat. All welcome! Enquiries to Lui 4388 9510.

Bishop David Walker's 30th Episcopal Anniversary

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop David at Our Lady of Dolours Chatwood on Thursday 3 September at 7pm. Refreshments to follow. All welcome!

Ethical Dimensions of AI in Practice

A *Magnifica Humanitas* formation session exploring a range of considerations on both the supply chain side and the consumer side of AI. Factors considered include the impact to human flourishing and interaction, welfare of young people and work, ecological and economic impacts. Thursday 27 August 6pm in the Ambrose Centre. Register via the QR code on posters or enquiries to:

mission@bbcatholic.org.au

Seasons for Growth Seminar: Understanding Change, Loss and Grief Seminar

This free seminar is designed for individuals and groups seeking to deepen their understanding of the experiences of change, loss and grief, while exploring the ways we can compassionately support ourselves and others through times of transition and sorrow. Saturday 12 September 10am in the Ambrose Centre (behind Church). Registration: mission@bbcatholic.org.au

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Leslie Wallace, Mario Cosenza, Fr Eugene Stockton, Floremil Palines, Bernard Moffat, Pamela McDonald.

Funerals: The funeral of Leslie Wallace will be held on Wednesday 19 August at 12noon. Please pray for Leslie and his family.

Anniversaries: John Bowditch (1st), Monica Brandie.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Richard Falzon, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Giutronich, Mario Cauchi, Nona Redman, Fr Michael Kelly, Delma Clarke, Margaret and Leo Foley and all the Holy Souls.

Sick: John Cox, Caroline Dadd, Michael Fenton, Sharron Moyce, Michael & Julie Trussell, Linda Ho, Glenn Bartholomew, Scott Studdon, Keith Snell, Angela & Tony Fowler, Jean Jackson, Fr Harry Kennedy, Lynette Falken, 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: Noah Wallington, Arianne Ojerio.

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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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