



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C Cycle 1 | 17 August 2025



## The Sacred Fire

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!" What is that fire? His forerunner, John, gave us a clue: "I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16).

Jesus came in order to torch the world with the heat and light of the divine Spirit, which is none other than the love shared by the Father and the Son, the very inner life of God. Jesus is a prophet because he teaches; he is a king because he leads and shepherds; but he is a priest because he is the spreader of the sacred fire.

*The Word on Fire Bible* Bishop Robert Barron

## Following His Way

Jesus' words here must have shaken his followers out of any complacency they had left. And for us, they can perform the same service. It is all too easy to think that we have been Baptised; we've been raised as Catholics; we go to Mass; we are doing our bit as Christians. But Baptism is not simply a joyful occasion, celebrated on our behalf by our parents and Godparents when we were babies, or the reason for a party if we are Baptised when we are older. It marks the moment when we enter into following Christ – and his Baptism led to the completion of his ministry – to his resurrection, but via the cross. The Christian vocation is one of service and sacrifice, however joyful it is, because of the graces given to us through Baptism and following Jesus' way.

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## Not to Lose Sight

Just as the accounts of Jesus' ministry are dotted with references to peace, they also make it clear that his values are not the values of the world. This is not someone talking about having a quiet life when he refers to peace but something very different – a peace that the world cannot give. A peace that comes from fulfilling God's mission. Yet he understands the courage that fulfilling this mission will require, constantly reassuring his disciples not to be afraid, not to let their hearts be troubled. Instead, we need to keep our eyes on Jesus, as the reading from the Hebrews tells us, to not lose sight of him as we keep going on the race we have started: in other words, our own discipleship.

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## Youth Pilgrimage in the Year of Hope 2025

Lachlan Smith, one of our Seaside Youth Leaders, set off on a 4 week pilgrimage on 26 July, tracing the footsteps of several saints and preparing to walk through the Holy Doors of St Peter's Basilica. This extraordinary entrance opens only during Jubilee years, which occur every 25 years, and this year marks the Jubilee of Hope.

Upon arriving in Rome, Lachlan coincided his visit with the Jubilee of Youth week. He attended the opening Youth Mass in St Peter's Square. He shared in the powerful experience of walking and sleeping out with over 1 million young pilgrims from around the globe for the closing Mass at Tor Vergata and met up with young pilgrims from Parramatta Diocese. Remarkably, Lachlan had the opportunity to see Pope Leo XIV up close on two separate occasions.

Following his time in Rome, Lachlan travelled to Lourdes, where he took part in the candlelight procession through the Sanctuary grounds, including the Grotto area, recognised as the site where the Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Bernadette Soubirous. He described this experience as one of the highlights of his pilgrimage thus far.

Following Lourdes, Lachlan travelled to Paris, visiting the Basilica of Sainte-Thérèse of Lisieux, a Catholic church and minor basilica dedicated to Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. He embraced the beauty of multiple landmarks, including the restored Notre Dame Cathedral, a symbol of resilience after the fire in April 2019.

His pilgrimage continues as he heads to Poland to follow in the footsteps of Pope John Paul II, visiting significant sites, including Krakow, where many of his relics are found.

Lachlan is scheduled to return to Sydney on 22 August and will return to Rome to attend the canonisation of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati on 7 September.

We look forward to hearing about Lachlan's experiences upon his return and ask everyone to keep Lachlan and all the youth of the world in their prayers.



**Lachlan Smith, The Entrance Parish**  
At St Peter's Basilica, Rome for Jubilee of Youth

**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 | **Cenacle Prayer Group:** Wednesday 9:30am  
**Rosary:** Monday-Thursday 8:35am | Friday 11:20am | Saturday 9:30am  
**Christian Meditation Group:** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room



# A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

## Fr Brian Celebrates 42 Years a Priest

On 24 August Fr Brian will celebrate his 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. We thank and pray for Fr Brian and hope for many more years of his wonderful service to God and our parish.



## Ordination to the Diaconate

Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be celebrating the Ordination to the Diaconate of Tân Nguyen, Huy Tran and Shayne D'Cunha on Friday 12 September at 7pm at Waitara Cathedral. We pray for them all, especially Tân who spent a year with us. Expressions of interest are being taken for those who would like to attend and will need transport on the night. Please let us know at the parish office 4332 2216.



## Homelessness Appeal Thanks

CatholicCare wishes to thank you all for contributing to the improvement of individual, family and community well-being. This Appeal raises funds for various programmes that assist people experiencing homelessness or housing instability, including a women's refuge, transitional housing, and support for young parents. CatholicCare also provides practical, emotional, and financial support to help individuals and families maintain their tenancies. Any further donations can be made online at <https://catholiccaredbb.org.au/donate/>

## Ministry Refresher Training Date Claimers

**Acolytes / Senior Servers** and those interested in becoming Servers at Mass are asked to attend a Refresher Training afternoon with Fr Rosan and Dcn Paul on Saturday 30 August from 3:30pm-5pm.

**Readers** who are rostered for the Masses are asked to attend a Refresher Training morning with Fr Rosan and Dcn Paul on Saturday 13 September after 9am Mass.

## Explanation of the Ambrose Centre Logo

A legend about St Ambrose as an infant recounts that a swarm of bees settled on his face while he lay in his cradle, leaving behind a drop of honey. His father is said to have considered this a sign of his future eloquence and honeyed tongue. Bees and beehives often appear in the saint's symbology and he is the Patron of beekeepers. Hence in this logo the honeycomb is symbolised with the Cross highlighted inside its pattern.



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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:** Lord, come to my aid!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

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



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## Please Note

### Welcome!

This weekend we have the Reception of the Taylor Family whose child is soon to be Baptised.

### Feast Days this Week

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

### Nursing Home Mass

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

### Men's Social Group

The Men's Social Group will meet next Wednesday 20 August 12 noon at Diggers Club The Entrance. All welcome! Enquiries Lui 4388 9510.

### Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group

Please join in prayer with others around the world for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Tuesdays after 9am Mass in the Church. Enquiries: 0438 320 927.

### Divine Retreat Centre

The Divine Retreat Centre offers a variety of programmes each month including One-Day Pilgrimages, Divine Mercy Fridays and Retreats. Held at various locations and the main Centre at 160 Hensons Road Somersby. For more information and bookings contact 4372 1598, [drcsydney@gmail.com](mailto:drcsydney@gmail.com) or go to [www.divineretreatcentre.org](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org)

### Seminarians Benefit Gala Dinner

Answering the Call - a Celebration of Faith and Hope. Friday 22 August 7pm-11.30pm The Epping Club, 45-47 Rawson Street Epping. Cost: \$120pp or \$1,000 for table of 10 includes dinner & beverages. Bookings: QR code or [www.trybooking.com/DDOPW](http://www.trybooking.com/DDOPW)



### Festival of Our Lady's Assumption

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish Warnervale with Central Coast Santa Maria Committee will celebrate the Festival of the Mary's Assumption into Heaven this Sunday 17 August. Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony at 3pm, followed by procession and Benediction. Entertainment by Tuggerah Lakes Show Band and fireworks at 6pm. Maltese food on sale. All are invited.

## Keep Us in Your Prayers

**Recently Deceased:** John Bowditch, Amy Macasieb, Bishop Peter Elliott, Peter McCarten, Fr Chris Riley, Lachlan Christie, Beryl Owens, Pam Wilton, Domonic Bujea, Hilda Moffitt, Marie Craig.

**Funerals:** The funeral of John Bowditch will be announced when we have a date.

**Anniversaries:** Charles Zammit, Monica Brandie.

**Remembrances:** Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Nicola Iacovazzi, Irene & Anthony Ruhl, Phyllis Malone, Bartolo Lucchese, Sidney Jayesuria (birthday), Helen Freeman, Barry Milwain, Mollie & Bob Amor, Marie O'Brien and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Sick:** Patricia Bubb, Michael Fenton, Linda Read, Pat McCudden, Sharon McDonald, Rod Slater, Belinda Katalinic, Pam Elliott, Janine Harpley, Rosanna Natali, Lisa Rudd, Kitty Dowse, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, Anne Knoke, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.



## Our Lady of the Rosary Sacred Gifts

### God's Word 2026 Orders Taken Now

If you would like to order *God's Word 2026* please let us know now! We are 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.

**Enquiries: 4332 2216**