



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 2 August 2026



Nourished

We come to the Eucharist for nourishment, and this Liturgy invites us to be nourished in ways that seem too good to be true! At no cost, as God's beloved children, we are brought into an everlasting covenant. We do not earn or pay for any of this. And to top it all, nothing can come between us and God's personal love for us. So, there is really nothing to fear, though it is natural to experience some fear on occasions.

In the Gospel, Jesus takes pity on the crowd, even though he has come to this place for some quiet to mourn the death of his cousin. He offers us an example by blessing and sharing the limited food they have, and every person has plenty to eat. Simply by coming into his presence today, we are nourished by his welcoming acceptance and hospitality. We become one with one another and with him. Our souls come alive.

God's Word Sr Flora Ricupero PBVM

Farewell Seminarian Tâm Nguyen

Our Diocesan Administrator wrote to me this week informing me that our Seminarian Tâm will be moving in mid-August to Joseph House Willoughby to continue his journey to the Seminary. This is so that he can avail himself of special English language lessons offered in Sydney.

We have all enjoyed his cheery presence with us at OLR during his 4 month stay. The time with us has been great for his initial exposure to our culture and to parish life and I am sure that he will visit us in the future. Please keep him in your prayers. He will be sorely missed from our faith community.

We will farewell Tâm at our next Parish Morning Tea on Sunday 9 August in the Parish Centre, following the 9:30am Mass. All are invited and are welcome to bring a plate to share. Please also sign the farewell cards on the Church tables.

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Generosity

In today's Gospel we are struck, first of all, by Jesus' patience and compassion. Pope Francis said: "In facing the crowd who follows him and - so to speak - 'won't leave him alone,' Jesus does not react with irritation; he does not say: 'These people are bothering me.' No. He reacts with a feeling of compassion, because he knows they are not seeking him out of curiosity but out of need. But attention: compassion - which Jesus feels - is not simply feeling pity; it's more! It means to suffer with, in other words to empathise with the suffering of another, to the point of taking it upon oneself. Jesus is like this: he suffers together with us, he suffers for us."

The Gospel tells us that, "taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke it and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds". These words foreshadow those of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper: "When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to them" (*Lk 24:30*). Thus the abundant multiplication of the loaves and fishes by our Lord to feed the multitude prefigures "the superabundance of this unique bread of his Eucharist," as the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches. (*No 1335*)

The generosity with which Jesus offers himself to us as nourishment in the Sacred Host shows us how great is his Love for us. "To correspond to such great love, we must give ourselves completely, in body and in soul. We hear God, we talk to him, we see him, we taste him. And when words are not enough, we sing, urging our tongue - *Pange, lingua!* - to proclaim to all mankind the greatness of the Lord." (*Saint Josemaria, Christ is Passing By*)

<https://opusdei.org/en-au/gospel/commentary-on-the-gospel-the-loaves-and-the-fish/>

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for August

For evangelisation in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Annual CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal

The Appeal will be held across our parishes on 8/9 August, providing us with a valuable opportunity to respond together to the needs of those in our community who experience homelessness and housing insecurity. Homelessness is often hidden from view. It affects not only those sleeping rough, but also families living in insecure accommodation, older people facing housing stress, women and children escaping violence, young people with nowhere safe to call home, and many others whose struggles remain unseen. Beyond the absence of shelter, homelessness is frequently accompanied by isolation, fear, uncertainty and the gradual loss of hope. Through CatholicCare Broken Bay, our Diocese seeks to accompany those who find themselves in these circumstances with dignity, compassion and practical support. Envelopes will be available on the pews with advice on how to donate or use the QR code.



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

Family Mass & Presentation of Confirmation Candidates

All families are warmly invited to attend our Family Mass on Saturday 15 August (Feast of the Assumption) at 5pm. During the Mass our current Confirmation Candidates will be presented to the parish and parishioners will be asked to pray for them during their preparations. Refreshments will be available after Mass in the parish centre. Feel free to bring a plate to share. Please RSVP to the QR code or [Family Mass - Saturday 15 August 2026 5pm – Fill out form](#)



Kids Club

Kids Club is a parish social group for 5-12 year olds who want to have fun, make new friends and learn more about Jesus! Games, craft, activities and snacks are provided. Parents of under 5 year olds must stay – all parents are welcome to stay. The next date is Saturday 8 August from 3pm-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. All are welcome to join us afterwards for the 5pm Vigil Mass. Enquiries: 4332 2216.

Seaside Youth Group

Seaside Youth Group is a youth group made by youth for youth! A space for young people to connect with friends and faith. We welcome youth in school years 5-12. Our next date is Saturday 8 August after the 5pm Vigil Mass until 8pm, in the Upper Room. Newcomers always welcome – bring a friend! Any questions to 4332 2216.

Crossroads Conversations at First Friday Cuppa

This First Friday Cuppa, after the 11:45am Anointing Mass, we have some special guests attending from the Crossroads Companions group. This new initiative of CatholicCare would like to introduce parishioners to a service called Crossroads Conversations where they provide a gentle space for meaningful conversations around life, death and everything in between. Whether you would like to join the conversation, or simply listen, you are welcome! Space will also be provided for deeper, more personal and private conversations in separate areas if required. It is entirely catered to individual needs and is free.

Visitation Ministry Group

The parish is looking to establish a Visitation Ministry Group to visit mainly Nursing Homes. We have five Nursing Homes in our parish that the Priests and Deacon visit each month, celebrating Mass for the residents. They are Reynolds Court, Nareen Gardens and Bupa at Bateau Bay, and Opal and Killarney Court at Killarney Vale. The residents would really appreciate a visit at other times of the month. If you are interested please contact the parish office on 4332 2216 for more information.

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: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



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Please Note

Vocations Awareness Week

A time to pray for vocations in the Church, encouraging all to reflect on God's call in our lives and to support those discerning vocations to the priesthood, religious life, marriage or single life.

Feast Days this Week

St Dominic 3 August, St John Vianney 4 August, The Transfiguration 6 August, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 8 August.

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing will be held next Friday 7 August during the 11:45am Mass.

First Friday Cuppa

Join us in the parish centre after the Anointing Mass for a lovely hot cuppa, bikkies and a chat. All are welcome to bring a plate to share.

Nursing Home Mass

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

Parish Morning Tea

The Choir will be hosting our Morning Tea next Sunday 9 August in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. All are invited to come along and farewell Tām and enjoy a lovely cuppa and refreshments. Feel free to bring a plate to share.

Census Night 11 August – Remember to Nominate your Religion

We must all be aware of the importance of Census data in shaping public policy, government funding and community services, including education, healthcare, aged care and settlement support for all Australians. We are encouraged to answer the Census honestly with regards to faith. Faith shapes our values, our sense of meaning, family traditions and identity and ways we contribute to the community.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Bernard Moffat, Pamela McDonald, Tereza Muscat, Mariacic Zarko, Petronila Flores, Catherine Fabillar, Irene Williams, Shirley Kettle.

Funerals: The funeral of Bernard Moffat will be held on Tuesday at Kincumber. The funeral of Pamela McDonald will be held here on Friday at 1pm. Please pray for Bernard, Pamela and their families.

Anniversaries: Peter McCarten (1st), Patrick O'Neill, Anthony Ruhl, Irene Ruhl, Delma Clarke.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Richard Falzon, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Giutronich, Mario Cauchi, Nona Redman, Fr Michael Kelly, David Drinan, Lyle Dunn, Grace Winkler, Robert Anderson (birthday), Joe Bond, Frank & George Grech, Mary Gatt, Narelle Adams and all the Holy Souls.

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

Sick: Caroline Dadd, Michael Fenton, Sharron Moyce, Michael & Julie Trussell, Linda Ho, Glenn Bartholomew, Scott Studdon, Keith Snell, Angela & Paul 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: Ocea Santhou, Maverick & Heidi Westerdyk, Isabella Dos Santos.

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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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