

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Cycle 1 3 August 2025



### Take Stock

We have been reflecting on the many ways to follow Jesus, with love, mercy and kindness to all. At the end of the month, and indeed past the halfway mark of the year, we can look again at our life and take stock of the treasures we are storing up. Our purpose in life is not to hoard riches in a barn but to keep seeking heavenly, that is, Godly, riches in our heart. Paul's letter to the Colossians puts it clearly. Our life must be a true life in Christ. There is only Christ who is everything and in everything and our task must be to let him be revealed more and more in us each day. When there is greed of any kind in us, and it can slip in very easily, our focus becomes wholly caught up in ourself. That is why Jesus says to watch and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, because this is what takes us away from Jesus, our one true security. There is only one thing we need to fill our hearts with - Love. 'In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.'

God's Word Michelle Vass

## When We Fail

Social justice affirms that it is immoral to utilise one's riches for one's own sake. When we fail to share our riches with the less fortunate, what soon evolves is a society where goods and services are improperly distributed. Closing our hearts to others is plain selfishness; it expresses itself in covetousness. Since greediness separates us from our responsibility to others, we becomes less human, more barbaric and attuned to the laws of the jungle. Pride and arrogance are rooted in possessions and sadly, they can lead us to a miserable existence. Eventually, we become alienated from God and our neighbour.

God's Word Fr Anselm SSP

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# CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal

CatholicCare is the social care agency of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Broken Bay. They deliver a wide range of services to improve individual, family and community well-being. This Appeal aims to raise 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. Donations can be made through envelopes available at Masses next weekend 9/10 August or online at <a href="https://catholiccaredbb.org.au/donate/">https://catholiccaredbb.org.au/donate/</a>

## Seaside Youth Group

Come along for games, fun and pizza with Seaside Youth Group. We get together on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month – this month 9 August – after the 5pm Mass until 8pm. 12 to 17 years are all invited – bring a friend! Meet in the Upper Room (off the church car park). For any enquiries email theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au or contact us at the parish office during business hours on 4332 2216.

### KidsClub

All are invited to KidsClub on Saturday 16 August 3-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. KidsClub is a parish social group for children aged 5-12 years (and their siblings) who want to make new friends, have fun, and learn more about Jesus! Free entry games, craft and activities as well as snacks provided. Parents are welcome to stay or you can drop off and pick up (parents must stay for children under 5 years). Our group leaders have WWCC. We invite all to join us at 5pm Mass after KidsClub. Enquiries: 4332 2216.

# 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.

The role of the Acolytes / Senior Servers in a liturgical celebration is indispensable, and so their service as ministers of the altar is invaluable help to the Deacon or the Priest.

This formation includes understanding the meaning behind the Eucharist, the significance of the liturgical calendar, and the role of the Church in the world. Throughout this development, you will develop a deeper appreciation of your faith.

**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.

These early date claimers are to ensure all will have ample time to arrange diaries and be available to attend. This training is necessary for continued placement on the Ministry roster. It will be of benefit to all no matter what level of experience. We appreciate all your work and wish to realise a standard of service and proclamation that will enhance every Mass.

**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

## Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

The Sacrament of Confirmation ceremony for our parish will be held at 6pm on Thursday 13 November 2025. This important event marks a milestone in your child's faith journey and their commitment to the Church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is available to children in Year 3 and above who have been Baptised Catholic. If you would like your child to receive this Sacrament, we invite you to complete the Expressions of Interest form using the QR code provided or the following address:

https://forms.office.com/r/DD2iGRDTHQ. While this form does not officially enrol your child, it is an important part of our enrolment process and will help us plan for the allocation of resources for the programme. To finalise your child's enrolment in the Confirmation programme, you are required to attend one of the following Information and Enrolment sessions:

#### Tuesday 5 August at 7pm or Thursday 7 August at 5:30pm or Monday 11 August at 9:30am.

All sessions are held in the parish centre. (Children are not required to attend.) These sessions will provide an overview of the Confirmation process, including preparation details and responsibilities of the sponsor. You will also collect the workbook for your child at this time. Enrolment fee of \$30 to cover costs is to be paid at these sessions. If your child was not Baptised at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance, you will need to provide a copy of their baptism certificate. For more

information about our Sacraments and Sacramental Programme, visit our parish website <a href="www.ourladyoftherosary.org.au">www.ourladyoftherosary.org.au</a> Confirmation information flyers are also available at the church entrances or can be downloaded from our website. We look forward to partnering with you on this journey of faith. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office on 4332 2216.



## Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for August

#### For mutual coexistence:

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

### **Diocesan Events**

#### **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: \$120 per person or \$1,000 for table of 10 includes dinner & beverages. There will be an auction, prizes and music! Bookings: see the QR code or <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DDOPW">www.trybooking.com/DDOPW</a>

#### **Pilgrimage of Hope in October**

Join Fr Hien Vu on a Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope to Rome and Assisi 1 -10 October. Limited places are still available for this once in a lifetime journey of faith. See the QR code or view the video link at https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/the-entrance/parish-bulletins-events/parish-events



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 | Col 3:1-5, 9-11 | Lk 12:13-21

**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: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! 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

#### Welcome!

This weekend we have the Reception of the Healy, Moody and Parry Families whose children are soon being Baptised.

#### **Feast Days this Week**

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

#### **Nursing Home Mass**

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

#### **Parish Morning Tea**

The Pelican Blue Family Group will be hosting our Parish Morning Tea next Sunday 10 August after 9:30am Mass, in the Parish Centre. Come along for a nice hot cuppa and a chat!

#### **Central Coast Secular Franciscans**

Join us on Friday 8 August in the Reynolds Room at 1pm (after 11:45am Mass). Enquiries: Gerard 0439 519 018.

#### **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.

#### Santa Maria Festa

All are invited to join the Santa Maria Central Coast Association for this joyous occasion with Mass at 3pm followed by a procession around the Church at 4pm. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony. Traditional Maltese sweets and pastizzi will be on sale, followed by fireworks at 6pm. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Church, 91 Sparks Road Warnervale. For more details contact Charlie Scicluna 0404 194 020 or Glenn Dcruz 0413 291 129.

## Keep Us in Your Prayers

**Recently Deceased:** Marie Craig, Margaret Killain, Kath Chesterton, David Falzon, Matthew Spackman, Tony Connolly, Don Richards, Tonci Kalebic, Ronald Mackson, Perpetua Zamora, Pacita Dolina.

**Funerals:** The funeral of Marie Craig will be held here next Friday at 1:30pm. Please keep Marie and her family in your prayers.

Anniversaries: Patrick O'Neill, Richard Bell, John McDermott.

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

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

**Sick:** Peter McCarten, Belinda Katalinic, Pam Elliott, Janine Harpley, Chris Benotic, Rosanna Natali, Denis Flood, Ian Reece, Lisa Rudd, Dino Gava, Kitty Dowse, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, Anne Knoke, John McClement, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Ziggy Vella, Harper Coglan, Isla & Evie Borgman.



#### 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**