



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C Cycle 1 | 31 August 2025



Stop Playing the Game

Jesus has been invited to the home of a prominent person, a "leader of the Pharisees," and he notices how people jockey carefully for position, status, and prominence. They're likely thinking, who will notice me? Whom can I impress? Jesus puts his finger on the most desperate scenario for an egotist. He tells them a parable about a man trying as hard as he can to be noticed. But he gets noticed for all the wrong reasons! His egotistic games backfire dreadfully, as everyone sees him reduced to embarrassment.

So what's the solution? Stop playing the game. Take the lowest place on purpose. Opt out. Invite people to a party who have no capacity whatsoever to invite you in return: "Invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

Not to be Noticed

There's a big difference between people who think they are important and those who really are important. Real heroes and heroines don't boast, and when asked to speak about their remarkable achievements are surprised and say something like, "I was only doing my job. Anybody else would have done the same."

During the pandemic lockdown, people shopped for neighbours, offered friendship to those who were lonely and helped people whom Covid forced into self-isolation. Staff isolated themselves with the vulnerable residents of the care homes where they worked. Volunteers supplied food for busy hospital staff who couldn't relax in hospital canteens. We can all think of fantastic examples of amazing people, who do what they do, not to be noticed.

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Noses Out of Joint

Seating arrangements at a table are notoriously difficult when planning weddings or special occasions of any kind. Noses must not be put out of joint, nor must warring parties be placed too close to one another. Jesus uses the etiquette of table arrangements to teach about the nature of the Kingdom of God. He turns the spotlight on those religious leaders who are preoccupied with their own self-importance and who are trying to catch him out. Jesus has observed how they pick the best seats for themselves and this indicates their interior priorities: to be seen, to be honoured, to be important. This is not the priority of the Kingdom of God.

Access to the feast in the Kingdom is gifted by God. Simply to be at this feast is honour enough. It is for God alone to make any further distinction between those who attend. Indeed, God declares that it is "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" that are the objects of his honour - those who know they are lowly, those who know they need saving, those who know they need God. These are the ones whom God calls higher. Those whom the world ignores and rejects, God favours and dignifies.

In our own lives we can often fall into the trap: giving honour to what the world honours rather than honouring what God honours. We have an opportunity really to think about how we set our priorities, and readjust them, so that we can better follow Christ. Let us ask ourselves some hard questions. Are we really aware of our need for God? Do we feel we are in need of saving or that we are basically OK and able to manage quite happily on our own? Who do I pay attention to in my daily life: those who are important and can "do something for me" or those who are powerless and require my help?

Here at this Eucharist we gather around the Lord's table. Each of us has our role to play in building the Kingdom of God. Here there is no place of honour except for the Lord Jesus who is our host and who nourishes us. Here we all stand and all of us are people in need of mercy and forgiveness, love and joy. We enter into communion with the Lord, not as a reward for good behaviour, but in order to be transformed and become more like Jesus Christ. He invites all to share in the fullness of God's love. It is in his power that we will confidently be able to invite others to join in building his Kingdom.

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Social Justice Sunday Statement

The 2025–2026 ACBC Social Justice Statement, *Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving People Living in Homelessness and Mental Ill-Health*, which was launched on 13 August, addresses the growing crisis of homelessness in Australia, with 273,600 people assisted by homelessness services in 2022–23, one-third of whom had a mental health issue. The statement highlights that rates of homelessness among those with mental ill-health have risen every year since 2011, driven largely by housing shortages and family and domestic violence. Many agencies are struggling to meet demand, leaving some families with young children and unaccompanied young people without emergency accommodation, while service gaps leave many with undiagnosed mental health conditions without support. The statement calls on us to follow Jesus' example by offering compassion, friendship, and hope, recognising that secure housing is essential for physical and mental well-being and that everyone is created in the image of God.

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

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

Ordinations 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. Names are being taken for those who wish to go on the parish bus. There are 4 vacancies remaining. Please let us know at the parish office 4332 2216.



Seaside Youth Group

The Seaside Youth Group invites YOU to join us on Saturday 13 September after the 5pm Vigil Mass, until 8pm, in the Upper Room. All students in Years 5 to 12 welcome – and you can bring a friend along! The evening includes games, talks and pizza! Come along and be part of something meaningful. For any enquiries email theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au or call 4332 2216.



Family Mass

Come together as a family in faith! We invite you to join us for our next Family Mass on Saturday 13 September at 5pm, especially families of students in Year 1 and Year 3. Then join us following the Mass for a light supper in the Parish Centre. Feel free to bring a plate to share. For catering purposes please RSVP by 11 September. We hope to see you there! For any enquiries email theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au or call 4332 2216.



Franciscan Food Drive

The Secular Franciscan Fraternity is becoming involved in helping local marginalised members of the community. Parishioners and Franciscans, Anna Sirolli, Lui Bruni and Jarmila Cadra will collect donations of non-perishable items from parishioners and make them available for local distribution to the needy via the Benevolent Society Hub at The Entrance Community Centre. The Centre provides food relief four days a week, seeing an average of 120 people per week. The following items can be left in the baskets at the doors of the Church: tinned soups, tinned baked beans and spaghetti, long-life milk, juice poppers, noodles and noodle cups, tea and coffee, shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Thank you for your support.

Ministry Refresher Training

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 and Rosary.

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Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.



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Please Note

Feast Days this Week

St Gregory the Great, Pope, 3 September.

Thank You Fr Hill

A big thank you to Fr Hill who supplied for us during the week when our Clergy were away at a Retreat.

1st Friday Anointing of the Sick

Join us for the Anointing Mass this Friday 5 September at 11:45am.

1st Friday Cuppa

All are invited to an afternoon cuppa in the Parish Centre after the Anointing Mass on Friday. Bring a plate to share.

1st Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will be held next Saturday 6 September for one hour following 9am Mass.

Nursing Home Communion Service

A Communion Service will be held at Killarney Court Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11am.

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.

Christian Meditation Group

Join us in the Benedictine style of meditation. Fridays 10:30-11:30am in the Reynolds Room.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Join the Broken Bay pilgrimage to Melbourne from 29 November to 3 December. Cost is \$1645pp including airfares, accommodation, transfers, t-shirt, Festival entry, breakfasts and 1 dinner. There is a limited opportunity for a \$500 subsidy. Scan the QR code to register.



Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Fr Kerry Bayada, Marie Rohan, Joan Chadwick, Maureen Boys, Charlie Grima, Joe Zammitt, Pam Wilton, Patricia Lane, John Bowditch, Amy Macasieb.

Anniversaries: Terence O'Sullivan, Michael Hart, Sidney Jayesuria.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Nicola Iacovazzi, Duke Leonidas (birthday), Frano Stitic and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families:

Sick: Abigail Holt, Linda Read, Pat McCudden, Sharon McDonald, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Janine Harpley, Rosanna Natali, Kitty Dowse, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, Anne Knoke, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Florence Taylor, Airlie Cowan and Beau Conroy.



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