



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 9 August 2026



What If?

The wind is howling, the rain is pouring, trees are bent over, umbrellas turned inside out. Thunder crashes and lightning cracks the sky. The noise and the power of the weather can be intense. Frightening. We can be left feeling small and powerless against all that is raging around us. It is a time to huddle up somewhere safe and warm, with a cup of tea and wait for it to be over.

The storm we face doesn't always have to be weather-related. Sometimes we can feel equally buffeted by the circumstances around us. The noise of the overwhelming demands on our time – work, family, friends, bills, the house – all needing something from us right now. Perhaps we have faced a run of difficult circumstances: illness, grief, financial difficulties, broken relationships. Either way the same response feels natural, to distract ourselves from reality or to find a safe place to weather the storm. Perhaps our ways of distracting ourselves aren't always wholesome. Perhaps we turn to alcohol, to food, to shopping or to scrolling endlessly on our phone to dull the fear and numb the pain. But what if we were to turn to God? God who is with us through all these storms – both real and metaphorical. When we are struggling to keep afloat we must reach out, like Peter, to Jesus, who will take us by the hand.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

Farewell Seminarian Tâm Nguyen

Our Diocesan Administrator wrote to me last 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 Parish Morning Tea this 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. – Fr Brian

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Hovering Over Troubled Waters

Water is, throughout the Scriptures, a symbol of danger and chaos. At the very beginning of time, when all was a formless waste, the Spirit of the Lord hovered over the surface of the waters. This signals God's lordship over all of the powers of darkness and disorder. In the Old Testament, the Israelites are escaping from Egypt, and they confront the waters of the Red Sea. Through the prayer of Moses, they are able to walk through the midst of the waves.

Now in the New Testament, this same symbolism can be found. In all four of the Gospels there is a story of Jesus mastering the waves. The boat, with Peter and the other disciples, is evocative of the Church, the followers of Jesus. It moves through the waters, as the Church will move through time. All types of storms - chaos, corruption, stupidity, danger, persecution - will inevitably arise. But Jesus comes walking on the sea. This is meant to affirm his divinity: just as the Spirit of God hovered over the waters at the beginning, so Jesus hovers over them now.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

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.

Census Matters

When completing the Census on Tuesday 11 August, answer the religion question honestly. You don't need to be in the pew every Sunday for faith to be part of who you are. It shapes our values, our families, our sense of meaning. This isn't about box-ticking. It's about Australia having an honest picture of itself, so the services that matter, such as schools, hospitals, aged care, chaplaincy, are built on the truth of who we are. Be proud to state your Religion. Be counted.

The Census helps us to tell the story of who we are as a nation, and religion remains an important part of the Australian story. Many people still feel connected to their faith, even if they practice it only occasionally. If the Churches and faiths are to provide all the services they do, their places of worship, the schools, the hospitals, the nursing homes, then we need to know where the people are and what they believe. It's about identity and values, and so the census is part of how we tell the story of Australia. We want people to be honest, and we think that some people are a bit diffident, a bit uncomfortable about naming their religion, but actually deep down, it's very important to them. So, authenticity is not the same as being 100% or completely consistent in your life. It's about getting to the heart, the core of what you believe and do. If religion has helped shape your life, your family, your culture, that is worth mentioning when you complete the census.

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

Annual CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal This Weekend

The Appeal is being held across our parishes this weekend, 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 are available on the pews with advice on how to donate or use the QR code.



Family Mass & Presentation of Confirmation Candidates

All families are warmly invited to attend our Family Mass next 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



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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1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 | Romans 9:1-5 | Matthew 14:22-33

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



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Please Note

Welcome!

This weekend we have the Reception of the Wallington Family whose child will be Baptised on Sunday.

Feast Days this Week

St Lawrence 10 August, St Clare 11 August, St Maximillian Kolbe 14 August,

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day

Saturday 15 August 9am Mass.

Nursing Home Mass

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

Central Coast Secular Franciscans

The next Franciscan Prayer Meeting is on Friday 14 August in the Reynolds Room. We have a bite to eat after the 11:45am Mass and then begin our meeting. All welcome – contact Sandra 0499 811 177.

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. Intended for adults who have been living with the impact of significant change, loss or grief for six months or longer. Saturday 12 September 10am in the Ambrose Centre (behind Church). Registration: mission@bbcatholic.org.au

The Catholic Weekly

On Sale on the Church tables. \$2 to the poor box please.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Fr Eugene Stockton (Lawson), Floremil Palines, Bernard Moffat, Pamela McDonald, Tereza Muscat, Mariacic Zarko, Petronila Flores, Catherine Fabillar.

Anniversaries: Barbara Stevens, Margaret Simmons, John McDermott.

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, Grace Winkler, Marleht Velasquez, Sidney Jayesuria (birthday), Robert Fowler, Valerie and Francis O'Sullivan and all the Holy Souls.

Sick: 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.

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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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