



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Cycle 1

20 August 2023



## Do Not be Discouraged

Imagine what a heavy burden the Canaanite woman was carrying. What great battles she must have waged against discouragement. Day after day, she saw her child "tormented by a demon." Perhaps this had gone on for years, tempting her to despair. After all, she had no means to drive out demons. Where, then, did she find the inner strength to get up each day and continue the battle for the sake of her daughter? She had faith! How God gave her this gift, we do not know, but we do know that, when Jesus withdrew to the Canaanite region of Tyre and Sidon, she came to Him and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." She did not call Jesus "Sir," she called Him "Lord." She believed he is the Son of David, God's own Son, the Master and Lord of all.

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## Congratulations Fr Brian!

This Saturday evening we celebrate Fr Brian's 40<sup>th</sup> Year of Priesthood. All are invited to the Thanksgiving Mass and Supper. Fr Brian will celebrate the 5pm Vigil Mass with his fellow Priests concelebrating, and this will be followed by a Supper in the parish centre.

It will be a great time to show him our appreciation for his many years of dedicated service in our diocese, and latterly in our parish.

We thank Fr Brian for the ways in which our he has touched our lives and led us closer to God. For his words of wisdom, his compassion, his loving guidance, and sense of humour. We are grateful for the countless prayers he has offered, the sacraments he has administered, and the love he has shown to each one of us.

For those who wish to give Fr Brian a gift, envelopes are available on the Church tables and may be placed in the collection boxes.

Fr Brian is on Long Service Leave from 20 August and returns 2 November. Fr Leonse is Administrator while he is away.





**Feast Days  
This Week:**

**St Pius X**  
21 August

**The Queenship  
of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary**  
22 August

**St Bartholomew  
Apostle**  
24 August



**Welcome**  
to the Treweeke  
Family for the  
Reception of their  
children for the  
Sacrament of  
Baptism.



**Low Gluten  
Hosts**

Please see one of  
the Priests before  
Mass if you are  
a coeliac.



**This Week's  
Winners!**

1st Prize - 50  
2nd Prize - 54  
Congratulations!

## Do Not be Discouraged (*continued*)

Even though she had never met him, she must have heard people speak of Jesus: how he cleansed a leper, healed the servant of a Roman centurion and a woman who had suffered 12 years from a hemorrhage, and that he had cast out demons from two Gadarenes. If he freed Gadarenes from demons, Jesus would certainly help her child. So, even without meeting him, this Canaanite woman believed he could and indeed would expel the demon from her dear child. And here he was in her home town.

When this woman called out to him, however, "Jesus did not say a word in answer to her." But she was not dismayed. Even though she had never seen Jesus, she had not given up when he seemed not to answer. She was neither discouraged when Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." She kept her eyes fixed on Jesus.

Then Jesus tested her faith even further: "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Since neither this woman nor her daughter belonged to the house of Israel, these words of Jesus were not exactly music to her ears. Nonetheless, she did not give up. On the contrary, it moved her to a deeper level of faith. She now engaged in one of the most profound expressions of faith, adoration! "...the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, 'Lord, help me'." As the Canaanite mother persevered in asking help for her daughter, her faith became stronger. She became like the Magi, also not of the Tribe of Israel, who traveled thousands of miles for one purpose only: to kneel and adore, to pay homage to Jesus, the Lord and King.

But then, Jesus put her faith to the most difficult test of all; he said, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." How did she continue to believe? It could be, as some have contended, that the look on Jesus' face and the tone of his voice spoke of love and not rejection. It is helpful to know that there are two words in Greek for dogs: kunaria and kyon. He did not use "kyon," which means wild dogs who threaten people's lives, but instead "kunaria," which refers to dogs that are pets. This woman knew that many Jews regularly referred to Canaanites as "kyons," i.e. as "vicious Gentile dogs." But instead, Jesus took this commonly used Jewish insult and transformed it by his love. So, without hesitation, the woman, using the word "kunaria," said: "Please, Lord, for even the [little] dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their master." She was happy to think of herself and daughter as members of his household, as his favorite pets. Notice, then, how at once Jesus granted her prayer, saying: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

You and I can learn a great deal from the Canaanite woman's faith. She inspires us to persevere, even when it seems God is not listening, even when others tell us to give up hope, even when God says things we don't understand. Prayer is not magic. We don't control God. He is the Lord; we are the little ones of his household. Recall that, at the Last Supper, Jesus called the Apostles, "Children." When we pray, we do not change God's mind. Rather, we ask him to change our hearts. We open our souls to the Lord; we put childlike trust in him. The Canaanite woman teaches us all to pray constantly and not lose heart; and she reminds us that children have a right to expect their parents to pray for them. May all of our beautiful churches, and every home of every parish, truly be "a house of prayer" where faith in the Lord is fully alive.

*dphx.org* Bishop Thomas J Olmsted

## Catholic Care Homelessness Fundraiser

There is no place like home – but for many people having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness.

Thank you to our Parishes for helping us fundraise for CatholicCare’s homelessness services. A donation drive will take place next weekend 26/27 August. Thank you in advance for supporting this important Diocesan initiative. Envelopes will be available in the Church.

## The Voice Dialogue

Confused? Join a Dialogue about “The Voice” Referendum. Let’s take the heat out of the discussion. Why should Christians take this seriously? Whose idea is it? What does it actually say? How will it work? What does the Church say? Come 9:30am–11:30am Tuesday 29 August or 12 September in the Parish Centre. - Margaret Hagan

## Doll Painting for OLR School

Would you like to meet people and have a cuppa and a chat? Well, you can do this and help Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School at the same time. The school needs help with painting some wooden peg dolls for the Religious Education curriculum for Kindergarten and Year 1. You DO NOT need to have any artistic skills as instructions and paint, brushes etc will all be provided. Just bring yourself (and a friend - many hands make light work) to the Parish Centre on Friday Mornings 8 and 15 September 9:30–11:30am. For more information contact Colleen in the parish office.

## Fear-Less Positive Parenting Program

For parents or grandparent caregivers of children aged 6-12 years, who have moderate to high levels of anxiety that negatively impacts on everyday functioning. Learn new cognitive behavioural strategies for anxiety management. Monday 11 September 9:45am-2:15pm in the Parish Centre. Presented by Central Coast Family Support Services. Bookings are essential: 4340 1585 or ccfs@ccfs.com.au

## National ‘Make-a-Will’ Month

August is National ‘Make-a-Will’ Month, which serves as an annual reminder to think about your estate plans and the legacy you can leave with the gifts God has given you. As you consider your plans, we would be most grateful if you would think about making provision in your will, trust, or estate plan for our parish.

Whenever the future of the Catholic Church is discussed, the outlook seems decidedly bleak based on media reports, surveys, and even our own experience of family members and friends leaving the faith. But it doesn’t have to be this way. Through the transformational generosity of a legacy gift, you will help us to continue building up the Kingdom of God for decades to come. If you do not yet have a will, Geoff O’Reilly of Nash, Allen, Williams and Wotton, has offered to provide a free will to those bequeathing \$10,000 or more to our parish. Thank you for your consideration!



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Diocese of Broken Bay  
**COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER**



### Bible Reflection Group is Back!

Deepen your knowledge of the Word, with our Seminarian Tân. Wednesdays 9:30am Reynolds Room.



### Doll Painting

Join us for Morning Tea, chat and peg doll painting!



### Secular Franciscans

We meet on the third Sunday of the month (20 August) at 10:30am in the Reynolds Room. All welcome! Enquiries: 0439 519 018.

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## Mass & Devotions

**Sunday Masses** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)  
**Weekday Masses** Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am  
**Reconciliations** Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm  
**Liturgy of the Hours** Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am  
**Cenacle Prayer Group** Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

## 20th Sunday

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn you 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:** O God, let all the nations praise you!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

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

## Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

**Recently Deceased:** Anthony Ruhl, Terrence Howard, Joseph Farrugia, Malcolm Garrington, Frances Taylor, Luke McCarthy, Fr Laurie Beath (PP Cowra).

**Funerals:** The funeral of Terrence Howard was held on Friday. The funeral of Anthony Ruhl will be held on Wednesday 23 August at 1:30pm. The funeral of Joseph Farrugia will be held on Thursday 24 August at 11am. Please pray for them.

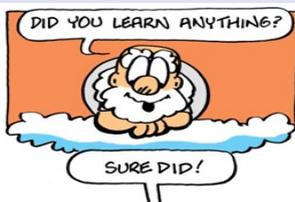
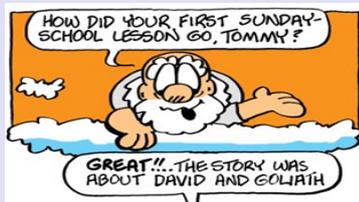
**Anniversaries:** Michael Hart, Bernadette O'Neill, Michael Fletcher.

**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, John Giutronich, Petar Lerotic, David Drinan, Charlie Attard, Margaret Senogles, Monica Brandie, Patricia Costello and all the Holy Souls.

**Families:** Clarke.

**Sick:** Georgette Bruni, Anne O'Rourke, Dallas McDonald, Susan Simmons, June Molloy, Paul Smith, Collette O'Grady, Oskar Alessandro, Trish Knoke, Emma Horton, Marc Sabat, Patrick Cologon, Linda Read, Rita Meilak, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will, and all with serious illness.

## Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT CENTRE

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## Gift Centre

New stock coming in all the time - come and see! We are open before and after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and before and after the 9:30am Sunday Mass in the Church foyer. EFTPOS is available. For any enquiries call

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