



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Cycle 1

10 September 2023



## Listen to His Voice

**T**oday's Responsorial Psalm is a hymn of praise introducing the people to God's presence. It served to remind the Jewish people as they came into the temple that they were entering a sacred place. When we gather for liturgy we too come into the presence of God in a special way. As Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. "Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them."

Our awareness of God's presence fills us with a sense of humble awe prompting us to bow before him. We are also filled with joy and sing God's praises. Such songs and gestures have meaning only if we have a genuine desire to listen to his voice. If we come to the liturgy with hardened hearts, our songs and gestures are mere hypocritical show.

In the liturgy God speaks to us in many ways - in the Scripture readings, the prayers, the silences, the hymns, the ministers and the worshipping community, even in the baby crying a few pews away. 'Lord, what are you saying to me in this disturbance?' we might pray.

God speaks to us in other ways as well - in the brother or sister who courageously calls us back to him; in the prophets who stand sentry for our society and point out where we are going wrong, often at great personal cost; in the members of our community who seek to reconcile differences.

O that today we will listen to His voice.

*God's Word* Fr Dominic Vellaiparambil SSP

## Safeguarding Sunday

**T**his weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)

  
**Feast Days  
This Week:**  
**St John  
Chrysostom**  
13 September  
**The Exaltation of  
the Holy Cross**  
14 September  
**Our Lady of  
Sorrows**  
15 September  
**Sts Cornelius  
& Cyprian**  
16 September

  
**Spiritual  
Renewal**

### Clergy Retreat

Fr Leonse, Fr Joshi and Tân Nguyen will be attending the Clergy Retreat next week. We thank Fr Hill for supplying in their absence.



### Secular

### Franciscan Mass

Come to a special Franciscan Mass on Thursday 14 September at 12 noon, followed by a light luncheon in the Parish Centre.  
Enq: Gerard  
0439 519 018.



### Low Gluten Hosts

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

## Our Brothers Keeper

**A**fter humanity's first murder, when God asked Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" Cain replied, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" Thereafter, centuries after centuries, no one seems to care about one's brother or sister to the point that thousands die every year in war and violence and we do very little about it. Who truly cares for the other?

As human beings and more so as Christians we are all responsible for the corporal life and soul of our brothers and sisters. We are exhorted to work hard for justice, unity and peace, and harmony among peoples and nations. The Gospel of today tells us that we are not merely called to give good example but sometimes we are also appointed as judges of our brethren as well. But we should do this with prudence and diligence after seeking good advice from the elders and the learned, and finally having recourse to the Church. Jesus recommends his followers to go to the Church because she possesses real authority and power to bind and to loose anything.

The passage also speaks to us about the immense and limitless fruits which come from unity shared among Jesus' disciples. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst." The combined effort in the story is to bring reconciliation as a believing and united community

*God's Word* Fr Toms Mangam

## A Sign of One's Love

**E**vangelist Matthew, in his Gospel, pays special attention to the organisation and to the governance of the Church. The organisation of the Church includes a pastoral guideline to settle the issues that would emerge in the Christian communities.

One of the guidelines is fraternal correction and the way it should be done. Fraternal correction, first of all, presupposes knowledge - knowledge to identify the errors and to indicate the right path. Hence, it is necessary to make sure that the correction given is true, and not merely expressions of one's prejudices. Fraternal correction, secondly, should be a sign of one's love for others and not an occasion to accuse them and to assert one's authority over them; it is a delicate moment and never an occasion to show oneself as important, intelligent, and others as ignorant, inferior and incompetent. Thirdly, fraternal correction should be carried out considering human dignity, human frailty and the right to privacy. Therefore, it is necessary to respect the age, experience and good reputation of others. In fraternal correction, it is also important to keep in mind what we communicate and how we communicate.

*God's Word* Fr Devasia Joseph SSP

## Marriage Material?

**A**lthough a bright and able man, my husband is almost completely helpless when faced with even the simplest domestic chore. One day, in exasperation, I pointed out to him that our friend, Bea, had taught her husband, Frank, to cook, sew and do laundry, and that if anything ever happened to Bea, Frank would be able to care for himself. Then I asked, 'What would YOU do if anything happened to me?' After considering that possibility for a moment, my husband said, 'I'd move in with Frank.'

*Chicken Soup for the Romantic Soul* LaVonne Kincaid

## Marriage Week 10-15 September

**B**e cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let your joy overflow! And let gentleness be seen in every relationship, for our Lord is ever near (*Philippians 4:4-5*). We are commanded to find joy in the Lord through every season of life. We need to take our eye off what is happening in the world around us and need to cultivate gratitude and take part in joy-filled worship and relationships. Celebration is a part of our life.

## KidsClub

**Y**ou're Invited! Come along for games, craft, activities, snacks and to learn about our faith! Saturday 16 September 3-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. Kidsclub is a parish social group for children aged 5-12 (and their siblings) who want to make new friends, have fun, and learn more about Jesus, and its free! Parents are welcome to stay or you can drop off and pick up (Parents must stay for preschoolers). We encourage all to join us at 5pm Mass after KidsClub. For info call 4332 2216. No RSVP required.

## The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

**T**he Blessed Virgin Mary grants seven graces to the souls who honour her daily by saying seven Hail Mary's and meditating on her tears and sorrows. The devotion was passed on by St. Bridget.

The Seven Sorrows are: 1. The prophecy of Simeon. 2. The flight into Egypt. 3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. 4. Meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary. 5. The Crucifixion. 6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross. 7. The burial of Jesus.

The Seven Graces are: 1. Peace in the family. 2. Enlightenment into the divine mysteries. 3. Mary's consolation in pains and accompaniment in work. 4. Fulfillment of all wishes (within God's will & soul's health). 5. Defence in spiritual battles and protection at every instant of life. 6. Visible help at the moment of death, you will see the face of your Mother. 7. Those who propagate this devotion will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and Jesus and Mary will be their eternal consolation and joy. (*Brochures on tables.*)

## The Voice Dialogue Continues

**J**oin us for the second 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 12 September in the Parish Centre. - Margaret Hagan

## Please Note

### "Wonder" Ignite Conference Volunteers Needed

Ignite Youth Conference 2023 (28 September to 1 October) in the Waitara Cathedral Precinct, is fast approaching! Have you considered volunteering to make this the best conference ever? Opportunities exist in either a part-time or full-time capacity. Contact Angela Harris (Volunteer Co-Ordinator) if you have any questions or go to <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>



### No Bible Reflection

Tân will be away at the Clergy Retreat next Wednesday. Bible Reflection will resume on 20 September.



### Welcome

to the Sharpe and Cameron Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.



### Presentation of Confirmation Candidates

This weekend our Confirmation Candidates will be presented to the parish. Please take a prayer card to pray for a candidate.

### Parish Morning Tea



The Ambrosian Family Group is hosting our Morning Tea this Sunday 10 September in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. All Welcome!

# THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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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

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**Ezekial 33:7-9**

**Romans 13:8-10**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Audrey Gumbleton, Noel Maclean, Michelle Azzi, Trevor James.

**Anniversaries:** Charles Magri, Emmanuel O'Sullivan, Claude Coleman, Bob Woodlands.

**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, John Giutronich, Petar Lerotic, Philip Callus, Charlie Attard, Stella Dominguez and all the Holy Souls.

**Families:** Clarke.

**Sick:** Lyall Dunn, 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, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will, and all with serious illness.

**Confirmation Candidates:** Please pray for the children and their families who are preparing for Confirmation.

## Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

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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

**4332 2216**