



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 13 September 2026



How Often Must I Forgive?

When we say the Lord's Prayer, do we really think about the words 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us'? Often, we speak the words thoughtlessly, heedless of their true meaning. Truly, we must ask forgiveness for our own failings, but in return must forgive the failings of others, whatever they may be.

Pope Leo says the answer is love. In his Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, he says, 'Christian love breaks down every barrier, brings close those who were distant... and reconciles enemies. Love is, above all, a way of looking at life and a way of living it'.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

Congratulations & Blessings!

This Thursday evening the Sacrament of Confirmation was conferred on our children by Fr Brian. The children and their families are to be congratulated on the completion of their preparations for this great Sacrament. Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Christian's relationship with God is made stronger. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are strengthened: wisdom, understanding, courage, right judgment, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe, helping us to know God's will and helping us to do his will. In this way the Christian is equipped to become a better witness to Christ in the world.

We wish the children every blessing. (Photos next week.)

St Joseph's Appeal for Retired Priests

This weekend, we have the opportunity to support the priests who have given their lives in service to us, through the sacraments, through their pastoral care, and through their shepherding of our communities. Our parish is pleased to support the St Joseph's Appeal. There are many appeals throughout the year, but this one is the only one dedicated to our retired priests, who have served us for so long, and now need our help. Please take an envelope and either scan the QR code or fill out the details and place it in the collections. Let us keep our retired priests in our prayers as we show our gratitude to them.

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Beyond Measure

This Sunday's readings focus on divine forgiveness which flows from the merciful heart of God. Matthew describes the experience of receiving and giving mercy in the parable of the unforgiving debtor. We hear that the one who has been released from a huge insurmountable debt through the mercy of the one he is indebted to, cannot repeat such graciousness to another who owes him such a small amount. On first reading, this event may seem incomprehensible to us. We may have a sense that if we were released from such a huge debt and offered a second chance at a less burdensome life we would, in gratitude, do likewise to others. However, the fact is that even though we experience being loved and forgiven beyond measure we can still engage in petty, small and unforgiving behaviour towards others. The writer of the Book of Sirach urges us always to forgive our neighbour and any hurt done to us. Then when we pray our sins will be forgiven. Paul reminds us of our human interconnectedness and that in everything we do we have an effect on the other.

God's Word Sr Patty Andrew OSU

Marriage Week & National Survey

The theme of Marriage Week this year is "Honouring Marriage". Giving honour to marriage will require the utmost in Christian conviction and sensitivity. What can you do for your marriage? Witness to the depth of God's love for you by keeping your marriage happy and strong. Remain faithful - in body and in mind. Pray for your spouse. Teach children how to honour marriage. Encourage the marriages that are around you to stay strong as well.

Marriage, one of the most basic and universal of all human institutions, brings emotional, physical, economic and family benefits to individuals and society as a whole.

Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are asked to contribute their valuable insights to a professional survey into the experience of early married life. The survey is being funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link at <https://thepmrc.org/survey>. The information gathered will inform pastoral responses and the development of resources for this vital stage of married life.

Faith in Action – Reader/Lector

Have you ever felt called to share the Word of God? If so, you might like to join our dedicated Readers to proclaim the Scriptures during weekend Masses. No prior experience is necessary as training is provided! Step forward and share your voice with our faith community. If you are interested please fill out a 'Faith in Action' brochure form on the Church tables.

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. 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 on 4332 2216.



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

NSW Rally for Life

Every year in New South Wales, thousands of unborn babies lose their lives to abortion - right through all 40 weeks of pregnancy. In 2024 alone, 17,740 babies lost their lives to abortion just in our state. This is not a distant issue. It is happening here. And it is happening now. NSW law allows abortion through all 40 weeks of pregnancy. We cannot stay silent. This is our last chance to come together and demand change before the next NSW State Election in March 2027. This is our opportunity to send a clear message to every NSW MP: the public is watching, we will not accept abortion up to birth, and we expect our elected representatives to act. This rally is our moment to be seen and to be heard. To stand for the unborn children who have no voice and to demand better from our state. Numbers matter. Your presence matters. Come and stand with us. Be there. Tuesday 15 September 6:00pm-7:00pm outside NSW Parliament House 6 Macquarie Street Sydney.

Chapel of the Holy Spirit 25th Anniversary

All parishioners are invited to the Commemoration celebrations at Reynolds Court Chapel of the Holy Spirit for its 25th Anniversary of opening on 16 September. Mass will be celebrated at 10am followed by Morning Tea. The Chapel is located at Reynolds Court Residential Aged Care and Retirement Village at 7 Bias Avenue Bateau Bay. (Regular Masses are held each Sunday at 11am and Wednesdays at 10am. All are welcome to attend.)

SeoulFest

Join us for SeoulFest - the official launch of our pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027! Celebrating the Feast of Saint Andrew Kim Taegŏn, Patron of World Youth Day, we're beginning the countdown to an unforgettable pilgrimage to Japan, Seoul and Incheon in 2027. Come and experience a taste of South Korea with Korean food, music, culture, games and activities, while meeting other young people, young adults and families from across the Diocese. Sunday 20 September 3:30pm – 5:30pm The Light of Christ Centre, 29 Yardley Avenue, Waitara. Enquiries: mission@bbcatholic.org.au



WYD27 Expressions of Interest

World Youth Day has become the largest gathering of Catholic Youth in the world. The 41st World Youth Day will be held in Seoul, South Korea. Young people aged 15 years to young adults aged up to 35 are invited to join Catholic Youth from Broken Bay to step into an experience of faith, hope and connection like no other!



Caritas Australia Nepal Flood Emergency Appeal

Caritas Australia has launched an emergency appeal to support the communities devastated by catastrophic flash flooding in northern Nepal. Go to www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/nepal-floods/

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Ecc 27: 30-28:7 | Rom 14:7-9 | Matt 18:21-35

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



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Please Note

Welcome!

This weekend we have the Reception of the Haddad, Jones, Gilliver and Ray Families whose children are soon to be Baptised.

Feast Days this Week

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14 September, Our Lady of Sorrows 15 September, Sts Cornelius and Cyprian 16 September.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be held for residents of Nareen Gardens Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10:30am.

Men's Social Group

The Men's Group is getting together for lunch and a yarn on Wednesday 16 September at 12noon at Diggers Club at Long Jetty. Enquiries to Lui 4388 9510.

Parish Morning Tea

The Hospitality Team (Group 4) is hosting our Morning Tea this Sunday in the Parish Centre after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome!

Office & Church Closures

Next Friday 18 September the parish office and Church will be closed early at 1:30pm. The following Friday 25 September they will close early again and on Wednesday 30 September they will not open at all. There will be future early closures on Fridays which we will endeavour to give notice ahead of time. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Franciscan Food Drive

The Franciscans wish to thank parishioners for their generous and ongoing support. Your non-perishable food donations are making a significant difference to struggling members of our local community. Our Franciscan member Lui takes the items to the Benevolent Society Hub at 15 Battley Avenue The Entrance for distribution. Keep up the good work! Enquiries to Sandra: 0499 811 177.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Ramon Eamiguel, Sharon Kearney, Benito Franckin, Nizzer Dionisio, Dea Dox, Luka Skellin, Marie Whitby.

Anniversaries: Lucy Gabin (1st), Mark & Mervyn O'Sullivan, David Kelly, Charles Magri, Claude Coleman, Bob Woodlands.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Richard Falzon, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Giutronich, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Nona Redman, Fr Michael Kelly, John Dwyer (birthday), Dorothy Manning (birthday) and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sick: Tully Jones (22 Yrs), Linda Read, Glenn Bartholomew, Fr Bill Stevens (surgery), Kate Allison, Steve Kay, John Cox, Michael & Julie Trussell, Linda Ho, Angela & Tony Fowler, Fr Harry Kennedy, Lynette Falken, Fr Bob Brogan, Walter Knoke, Anne Knoke, Pat McCudden, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Archer & Piper Beadman.

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God's Word 2027

Orders for *God's Word 2027* are now being taken. Please inform Leanne or Gift Centre volunteers if you would like one. The Gift Centre opens 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.