



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross | Year C Cycle 1 | 14 September 2025



Divine Love

In dialogue with Nicodemus, the Logos personally delineates the nature of his mission: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

In his passion to set right a disjointed universe, God broke open his own heart in love. The Father sent not simply a representative, spokesman, or plenipotentiary, but his own Son into the dysfunction of the world so that he might gather that world into the bliss of the divine life. God's centre - the love between the Father and the Son - is now offered as our centre; God's heart breaks open so as to include even the worst and most hopeless among us. In so many spiritual traditions, the emphasis is placed on the human quest for God, but this is reversed in Christianity. Christians do not believe that God is dumbly "out there," like a mountain waiting to be climbed by various religious searchers. On the contrary, God, like the hound of heaven in Francis Thompson's poem, comes relentlessly searching after us.

Because of this questing and self-emptying divine love, we become friends of God, sharers in the communion of the Trinity.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

Focus on the Cross

Today's Feast celebrates the central action of our salvation by focusing on the cross on which Jesus died. A cross is a cruel means of torture; it is the last thing you would think to call 'holy'. However, Christians learned to do this as we discovered what Jesus' cross achieved for us.

Jesus, having accepted death on a cross, was raised on high by God. This raising is the resurrection and return of Jesus to his Father. It restores everything in the world to right balance with God.

God's Word Sr Michele Connolly RSJ

PARISH PRIEST & DEAN OF THE CENTRAL COAST: Fr Brian Moloney

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Fr Rosan Mathew

DEACON: Rev Paul Simmons

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Leanne McGill

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9.30-5.00pm

Address: PO Box 189 THE ENTRANCE 2261

Email: info@ourladyoftherosary.org.au

Web: www.ourladyoftherosary.org.au

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Colleen Smith

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE MANAGER: Karen Green

Telephone: 4332 2216

239-243 The Entrance Rd THE ENTRANCE 2261

Facebook: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish The Entrance



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

The Veneration of the Cross

Early in the fourth century, St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy place of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite which tradition held was built over the Saviour's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher over the tomb. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate had ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people passed through one by one; all of them bowed down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they moved on."

The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

365 Days with the Lord Fr Jesus Malit SSS

Our Lady of Sorrows

Some years ago, I received a set of prayer beads which looked like a rosary. When I started to pray, I realised that there are seven sets of seven beads which left me confused about how to use them. Little did I know that I had been given the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows.

This prayer has now become close to my heart. Based on the Scriptures, the mysteries of this chaplet recall the Sorrows the Virgin Mother of God endured in love during the life, suffering and death of her son, Jesus. Meditating on these sorrows has helped me on many occasions when I was experiencing life's tribulations. The scene from the Gospel, on the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, 15 September, describes the ultimate moment of the sorrow of Mary - the death of her Son on the cross. Let us thank Jesus for giving us a Mother who feels our hurts and sorrows and is there for us when we need her the most.

God's Word Sr Grace Roclawska CSFN

The Seven Sorrows

September is dedicated to our Sorrowful Mother and her seven sorrows. The Seven Sorrows are:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon, 2. The Flight to Egypt, 3. The Losing of the Child Jesus in the Temple, 4. Meeting Jesus on the Way to Calvary, 5. The Crucifixion, 6. The Taking Down from the Cross, 7. The Burial of Jesus. Please find pamphlets on the information tables detailing the sorrows and the graces attached to this devotion.

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

Family Mass with Presentation of Confirmation Candidates

We joyfully welcome all our families this weekend, especially the children preparing for their Confirmation. This weekend, they will be presented to our parish community and share their prayer cards, inviting your prayers as they embark on this important journey toward their Confirmation on Thursday, November 13.

Marriage Week 14-20 September

Thursday 11 September is 'R U OK Day' which is a great 'wake up call' across Australia to engage with neighbours and others in meaningful conversations that will encourage and support those that are struggling with varying pressures on their lives. For us who are disciples of Jesus this should be a daily activity as it shows love for our neighbour as Jesus said "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35 NKJV)

Following on from this great initiative we need to make connections and engage in those meaningful conversations with those who are married, recently divorced, single parents and others to see that they are OK, to encourage them and support where there is a need. There are many occasions where there is just the need to sit down in a public area and have a coffee with them and just listen. Now is a great time to start the connections to gain momentum through Marriage Week and beyond.

Creating Healthy Marriages

A marriage cannot function properly without trust. A husband and wife must operate like two wings on the same bird; if they don't work together in full partnership the marriage will rarely get off the ground and stay in flight. But trust will make that possible. Secrecy erects invisible barriers and limits the growth in a marriage.

The real act of marriage takes place in your heart, not in the church, synagogue, garden or other venue. It's a choice you make on your wedding day, and over and over each day and that choice is reflected in the way you treat your spouse with whom you have a life covenant.

www.marriageaustralia.org

Opening of Our Lady of the Rosary School Building

You're invited to the opening and blessing of Our Lady of the Rosary's new learning facility! This momentous occasion will take place Thursday 25th September at 11am. Join us as we celebrate this exciting new chapter in our educational journey. Guests are asked to be seated by 10.45am in the school hall. RSVP's are ESSENTIAL and parking will be in the surrounding streets.



<https://forms.office.com/r/tdsrWFsKvz>

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross **Num 21:4-9 | Phil 2:6-11 | Jn 3:13-17**

Entrance Antiphon: We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Responsorial Psalm: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Please Note

Welcome!

This weekend we have the Reception of the Pulo Family whose child is soon to be Baptised.

Parish Office Closed Wednesday 17 September

This is a Diocesan Parish Personnel Day and office staff will be attending.

Feast Days this Week

Our Lady of Sorrows 15 September, Sts Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian 16 September, Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions 20 September.

Bishop's Pastoral Letter

On this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Bishop Anthony has written a Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist available on the Church tables. Please take, read, share and reflect.

Nursing Home Communion Service

A Communion Service for residents will be held at Nareen Gardens Bateau Bay Tuesday at 10:30am.

Parish Morning Tea

The Ambrosian Family Group is hosting our Morning Tea this Sunday 14 September in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. All are most welcome!

Men's Social Group

The Men's Social Group and friends will meet this Wednesday 17 September at 12 noon at Diggers Club, The Entrance. All welcome! Enquiries to Lui 4388 9510.

Safeguarding Sunday 14 September

Today the Catholic Church in Australia reaffirms its mission to foster safe and welcoming environments for children and adults at risk. It is a time to renew our commitment to safeguarding, to stand in solidarity with those harmed by abuse, and to pray for healing and reconciliation. Let us continue to build communities where every child, young person, adult at risk is safe and supported.

Help Needed

Anyone with a ute and a bit of muscle power to transfer a donated table tennis table from Tumby to Lakesea Apartments, please contact Colleen Smith in the parish office or Paul Kirkham.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Beverley Burke, Colleen O'Toole, Elaine Scrivener, Stephanie Sheehan, Charlie Grima, Joe Zammit, Linda Duggan, Fr Kerry Bayada, Marie Rohan, Joan Chadwick, Maureen Boys.

Anniversaries: Mark & Mervyn O'Sullivan, David Kelly, Jean O'Neill, Charles Magri, Dorothy Manning, Bob Woodlands.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, John Bowditch and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Malic

Sick: John Cox, 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: Archer & Finley Butterfield, Oscar & Harvey Lendich, Rowan Shippam.



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