



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle 11 | 20 September 2026



Congratulations Confirmation Children

Last Thursday evening the Sacrament of Confirmation was conferred on our children by Fr Brian. It was a beautiful evening with the children being very reverent. 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, counsel, fortitude, piety, knowledge, fear of the Lord, 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.

No Bounds

God's love for us knows no bounds and doesn't conform to our conventional notions of justice. It is freely given to all in equal measure: those who have been Christians all their lives and those who come late to the party; those who worship every Sunday and those who never darken the door of a church; those who shout 'Lord, Lord!' and those who don't. God has a generous love beyond all our understanding, beyond all our human notions of fairness and 'what is right'. Jesus is telling his followers that this unlimited love keeps on giving: there is no end to it. It cannot be earned by hard work and is freely given to all.

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St Joseph's Appeal for Retired Priests Thank You

We are deeply grateful for your generous support of last week's St Joseph's Appeal. For those who have not yet had the opportunity to contribute – it's not too late and it takes just a few minutes. Simply scan the QR code on the envelope or fill out the details and place it in the collections next week. A reminder that all donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your generosity towards our retired priests.

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Fussing About Rewards

A landowner goes out to hire workers for his field, hiring some the first thing in the morning and then others at different times during the day. Then he pays each the same wage. Why should those who have worked only an hour be paid the same as those who have slaved in the hot sun all day? Is the landowner really being unfair? Perhaps he saw something the first workers didn't see. Perhaps he saw, in his compassion, that their day spent waiting for work, in order to feed their families, was a terrible one, marked by anxiety and a sense of failure. Or perhaps he knew they were poorer, more desperate, or less gifted. Maybe he knew they needed a bit more encouragement.

Here's a second perspective on this mysterious story. We sinners are very susceptible to a reward-centered understanding of our relationship to God. Tit for tat; I do this, then you better do that. But this is very juvenile. We've been invited to work in the vineyard of the Lord. That is the greatest privilege imaginable, to participate in the Lord's work of saving the world. Why are we fussing about rewards? And how liberating this is! I don't have to spend my life fussing and spying and worrying and comparing.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

Blessings

The landowner asks the question: 'Do you begrudge my generosity?' In the original Greek, this is literally, 'Is your eye evil because I am good?'

We too can have this 'evil eye': perhaps by being envious of our neighbour's blessings or good fortune, or by feeling cheated because life appears to have treated others better than us. Surely we deserve better treatment? However, the moment we start counting our merit we lose sight of the fact that the vineyard itself is a gift. Just being invited by Christ to work for the kingdom is the primary reward, the 'pearl of great value'. We work in the vineyard not to get a wage or 'brownie points' in heaven, but because we love the landowner.

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Fr Brian Sabbatical Leave

Fr Brian will be leaving the parish this Sunday 20 September, after the 8.00am Mass, to undertake some Sabbatical Leave. He will be doing a course run by the Redemptorist Priests in Perth Scotland. He will return to the parish on the 2 December. During his absence Fr Rosan will be leading the parish, working alongside our Deacons, our Pastoral Associate Colleen Smith and our Admin Staff, with some limited assistance from one of the priests from Wyong for some Masses.

Rosary Novena 1-9 October

A Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary will be held on the nine days from 1-9 October at 4:30pm in the afternoons, with the reciting of the rosary. Our Lady of the Rosary is the Patron Saint of our Parish and the Feast day is celebrated on 7 October. The whole month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Please join us in the Church each of these afternoons to pray for the intentions of the Blessed Mother and her protection of the Church. See prayer pamphlets on the information tables.

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

Faith in Action – Reader/Lector & Refresher Training

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



Marriage National Survey

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.

Seaside Youth Group New Dates

Seaside Youth celebrated a beautiful Mass last Saturday with guests from Gosford Youth Choir leading the singing and our own youth reading the Scriptures and serving at the Mass. We have new dates for the rest of the year. We will meet again on Saturdays 24 October, 14 and 28 November and 12 December (for our Christmas Party). Our youth group is made by youth, for youth, making a space for young people to connect with friends and faith. We welcome youth in school years 6-12 and meet after the 5pm Mass from 5:45-7:45pm in the Upper Room. New youth always welcome – you can bring a friend!

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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Is 55:6-9 | Ph 1:20-24, 27 | Matt 20:1-16

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



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Please Note

Welcome!

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

Feast Days this Week

St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 21 September – Mass will be celebrated instead of the usual Communion Service. St Padre Pio 23 September.

Office & Church Closed

The following are the dates and times that both the parish office and the Church will be closed while staff are on leave:

Friday 25 September closed from 1:30pm

Wednesday 30 September closed all day except for Mass as usual at 9am

Friday 2 October closed from 1:30pm

Monday 5 October (Public Holiday) closed all day except for the Communion Service as usual at 9am.

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.

The Cathedral Precinct Charity Classic – Teeing Off for the Future – Friday 16 October

Join us for a great day of golf and giving! Get your team together and join us for The Cathedral Precinct Charity Classic at Newgreens Chatswood Golf Club. Enjoy 12 holes of golf followed by a delicious BBQ lunch, while helping support the Cathedral Precinct Project and its vision for a lasting place of faith, community and service for future generations. Whether you're a regular golfer or simply looking for a fun day out, we would love you to join us. There will also be great prizes, silent auction and special guest appearance! \$130 per golfer, including golf and BBQ lunch \$70 BBQ lunch only. Book at: <https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/cathedralprecinct-charity-teeing-off-for-the-future-1630804>

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Fr Harry Kennedy, Leopold Mendiola, Felix Galler, Ramon Eamiguel, Sharon Kearney, Benito Franckin, Nizzer Dionisio.

Anniversaries: Ann & Jean O'Neill, Frank O'Sullivan, Dorothy Manning.

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 Ward, Charles Magri, Nick, Violet & George Shaw, Patricia O'Hara (birthday), and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sick: Toni Murnane, Tully Jones, Linda Read, Glenn Bartholomew, Kate Allison, John Cox, Michael & Julie Trussell, Linda Ho, Angela & Tony Fowler, 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: Sophia Jones, Milla Tanner.

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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.