



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C Cycle 1 | 21 September 2025



In Practice

In Dickens' novel 'A Christmas Carol', Ebenezer Scrooge learns to see the emptiness and heartlessness of a life centred on the desire for money. Scrooge is saved by seeing the results of his obsession with wealth. This insight unlocks his mind and heart and reveals an unrealised capacity for love and generosity within him. Most of us don't get a mirror held up to our lives in this way, and perhaps don't need it as starkly as Scrooge does, but it's rare for anyone to be satisfied that they have enough money. The need to be secure can blind us to the needs of others and to the Gospel imperative to do justice to those who are poor.

Jesus calls us blessed when we hunger and thirst for justice. Being hungry and thirsty isn't a comfortable feeling and standing up for justice will make demands on our lives. A faith that focuses on devotion but is indifferent to the needs of others is not an adequate response to God's call. Our faith will be known by its fruits. God calls us to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with him.

Today's parable is difficult to understand at first sight, but it makes a telling point. Virtue needs to be kept in practice as much as any skill we may have in life. A pianist can't learn to play a concerto without practising. We can't grow in faith, hope and love unless we practise them on a day-to-day basis. Small acts of kindness, justice and faith are not insignificant to God. The mystic Julian of Norwich tells us that God notices not only great deeds, but also those that are small and simple, because not even the least of our good deeds will be forgotten. Virtues, like vices, are cumulative. They gather a momentum of their own. So our little daily acts of goodness become embedded in us and develop into a habit of grace, just as negative habits can become an unconscious but deadly habit that prevents grace from flourishing in our lives.

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Love in Action

It can be hard to think of the needs of others before our own. We may be tempted to think that we will take care of others once we have secured our own wellbeing. But Jesus reminds us that our heart will be where our treasure is. If we treasure goodness and justice above our own security, we will find that God becomes our security and a rock on which we can build our lives in trust.

It's frequently noticed by fundraisers and those who work for charities that, proportionately, those who are poorer themselves tend to give more money to poor and disadvantaged people than do the wealthy. It is perhaps easier to see and act on the need for justice when we have been in need of justice ourselves. Acting for justice, whether by campaigning and raising awareness, by prayer or by direct involvement in caring for those in need, is the necessary fruit and proof of faith. A faith that is focused mainly on devotional practice with little or no focus on the poor and suffering Christ living among us risks becoming merely an abstraction and a dream that has little effect in reality. If we want to come close to Jesus, the nearest way is through our suffering sisters and brothers.

We may not feel that our contribution to the common good is going to make much difference but, however small, what we give day by day, whether in material terms or by way of our actions and attitude towards our neighbour, makes a difference to the kind of human being that we are. This is how we grow into being "Christ for others", especially for those whose only access to the Gospel is through us. Jesus calls us not only to hear the Gospel but to live it in the small actions and attitudes of our lives. This is the principal way in which we become evangelisers of those around us.

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Slaves of God or Money?

The Christian community must contribute to the welfare of the broader human society. We have a duty to pray for civil leaders and to act justly in our places of work. We must do what we can to ensure that the institutions of our society are devoted to the well-being of all citizens. If we ourselves are devoted to God and not to money, we will bring great riches to our society.

St Paul's Sunday Missal

12 Things to Remember

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| 1. The value of time; | 2. The success of perseverance; |
| 3. The pleasure of working; | 4. The dignity of simplicity; |
| 5. The worth of character; | 6. The power of kindness; |
| 7. The influence of example; | 8. The obligation of duty; |
| 9. The wisdom of economy; | 10. The virtue of patience; |
| 11. The improvement of talent; | 12. The joy of originality. |

Marshall Field

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

Franciscan Food Drive

The Secular Franciscan Fraternity is becoming involved in helping local marginalised members of the community. Parishioners and Franciscans, Anna Sirolli, Lui Bruni and Jarmila Cadra will collect donations of non-perishable items from parishioners and make them available for local distribution to the needy via the Benevolent Society Hub at The Entrance Community Centre. The Centre provides food relief four days a week, seeing an average of 120 people per week. The following items can be left in the baskets at the doors of the Church: tinned soups, tinned baked beans and spaghetti, long-life milk, juice poppers, noodles and noodle cups, tea and coffee, shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Thank you for your support.

Divine Retreat Centre

The Divine Retreat Centre offers a variety of programmes each month including One-Day Pilgrimages, Divine Mercy Fridays, One-Day and Weekend Retreats and Divine Youth Ministry. Held at various locations and the main Centre at 160 Hensons Road Somersby. For more information and bookings contact 4372 1598, drcsydney@gmail.com or go to www.divineretreatcentre.org

Supporting God's Work in My Parish

We thank you for your support of the Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeals and regular Giving, which can be made via the collection boxes at the doors, in person at the parish office, monthly on credit card, electronic funds transfer, or through direct debit arrangement. Electronically, there are several ways in which you can contribute but some incur higher fees than others. Transfer directly into our parish accounts incurs no fees and saves the parish. You may also like to consider a bequest to the parish in your will. Your generosity can have a huge impact on your parish's future.

- ☐ Credit Card
- ☐ Direct Debit
- ☐ Special Bequest

- ☐ EFT Electronic Funds Transfer
- Pastoral (1st Collection)
- Church (2nd Collection)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

This form may be handed in at the office or placed in the collection box and we will contact you to arrange payment.



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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: Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. 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 Kilmurray, Carraro and Cliff families whose children are soon to be Baptised.

Feast Days this Week

St Padre Pio 23 September, St Vincent de Paul 27 September.

Save the Date "Night of Light" 31 October

This All Saints (All Hallows) Eve our young people are invited to celebrate with us at 6pm. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

Nursing Home Communion Service

A Communion Service for residents will be held at Bupa Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10am.

Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group

Please join in prayer with others around the world for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Tuesdays after 9am Mass in the Church. Enquiries: 0438 320 927.

Parish Financial Report 2024/5

See church noticeboards for our Annual Report.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Join the Broken Bay pilgrimage to Melbourne 29 November to 3 December. \$1645pp includes airfares, accommodation, transfers, t-shirt, Festival entry, breakfasts and 1 dinner. Limited opportunity for subsidy. Scan the QR code to register.



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Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Beverley Burke, John Galloway, Colleen O'Toole, Elaine Scrivener, Stephanie Sheehan, Charlie Grima, Joe Zammitt, Linda Duggan.

Anniversaries: Ann O'Neill, Frank O'Sullivan, Charles Magri, Dorothy Manning, Mary Lettich, Laurie Bezzina.

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: Bezzina, Gingell, Taylor.

Sick: Lynette Falken, Walter Knoke, Carl Sanchez jnr, Teddy Williams, John Cox, Abigail Holt, Linda Read, Pat McCudden, 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: Sunny Pulo.



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