



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 27 September 2026



Keeping Up Appearances

A father asks his son for help and is refused. Later, the situation changes, and he does what his father wants. The second son initially agrees to work in the vineyard and then doesn't go. One works, and the other does nothing. Both might have good reasons for refusing or agreeing to work: Jesus is merely telling a story and highlighting events that his listeners could all recognise. Can't we all think of similar occasions in our own home? Haven't we all found excuses to avoid jobs we really don't want to do – even if we know they will only take a couple of minutes?

Jesus knows his audience. Some individuals want to look good, perhaps gaining status in their local community, but do nothing to help the people around them. Then there are others, perhaps known to live less than ideal lives, who have hearts of gold and who aren't bothered about keeping up appearances: if their help is needed, they are there.

This parable is not about agricultural labour or family dynamics. It is about the difference between appearance and reality, between words and deeds, between outward religiosity and inward conversion. Jesus is speaking directly to the chief priests and elders – those who looked the part, spoke the part, and held the authority of religious leadership. Yet he tells them that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of them. Why? Because those who seemed furthest from holiness were the ones who responded to God's call with repentance and a change of life.

The first son represents those who may say 'no' with their lips or their lifestyle. But something happens: their heart softens and they turn back. Their 'no' becomes a 'yes' lived out in action. They are not perfect, but they are honest. They allow God to change them. The second son represents those who say all the right things, know how to appear obedient, respectable and devout. But their 'yes' is only a skin-deep performance that doesn't touch their heart or change their life. Their relationship with God remains only lip service.

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Changes

The Readings today speak about conscious change. Is it possible for a person to consciously change their life, consciously change their habits and way of living? The unchanging conviction of the Bible is 'yes', conscious change is possible.

Today's Gospel offers us an interesting example of conscious and unconscious change. One son said 'yes' to his father but did not do what his father asked. I suspect that what happened here was unconscious change. He said he would go to the vineyard, and he probably intended to, but he just didn't get around to it. The other son, said 'no' but then he consciously thought about it, and changed his decision and went.

What massive changes the tax collectors and prostitutes must have made in their lives to follow Jesus. For many reasons, including financial, this could not have been easy, nothing short of a radical change in their way of life. But they did it. They made the change.

When we talk about conscious change, the supreme example is Jesus Christ, as St Paul notes in today's Second Reading: 'his state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross; but God raised him on high.'

In our efforts to change we can take great heart from the Eucharist. In this act of worship remarkable changes happen. Not only are the bread and wine changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, but by our participation in the Eucharist we too are changed - together we become more fully the Body of Christ in our world.

God's Word Fr Michael Goonan SSP

The Chosen Season 6 Episode 1 – See it First!

Join us for a special early access event granted to parishes to watch Episode 1 of the new season of The Chosen. Even if you haven't seen the previous 5 seasons you will soon catch up with the characters on screen. We see fear and confusion reign as the disciples struggle to make sense of Jesus' arrest and Judas' betrayal. While they fight to stay together, Nicodemus stands alone against the High Priest in a heated showdown that throws the council into disorder.

The following 3 screenings are on offer (free):

Session 1 Friday 16 October after 11:45am Mass. Light lunch provided.

Session 2 Friday 16 October 6pm. Popcorn and drinks provided.

Session 3 Tuesday 20 October 10am. Popcorn and drinks provided.

Register for catering via the QR code or <https://www.trybooking.com/DQFJU>



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 Memorial Garden each of these afternoons to pray for the intentions of the Blessed Mother and her protection of the Church. (See pamphlets on the 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

25th Anniversary of Holy Spirit Chapel

On Wednesday 16 September residents, dignitaries and parishioners gathered for a Mass celebrated by Fr Brian Moloney and Fr Jack Robson at Holy Spirit Chapel Reynolds Court Bateau Bay.

This Mass marked the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Chapel by Bishop David Walker in 2001. The retirement complex is named after Fr Reg Reynolds who was Parish Priest at The Entrance Parish from 1953 until 1979 and who was responsible, working with a committee, in the first stage of the building of this retirement complex at Bateau Bay. Next year will mark 50 years since Reynold Court was first established.

Speeches followed Mass and then those gathered enjoyed a rich selection of cakes and snacks for Morning tea. Fr Brian spoke in gratitude for all those that had the wisdom and foresight in establishing Reynolds Court and all those that had been involved in the building of the Holy Spirit Chapel.

Mass is celebrated in the Chapel each Sunday at 11.00am and each Wednesday at 10.00am. The Anglican community also have a service once every two months in the Chapel.



Seaside Youth Group New Dates

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!

Annual Public Square Rosary

Join us in this nation-wide crusade on Saturday 10 October at 4pm at the Bayview Avenue fountain (next to the old Commonwealth Bank site). Praying the rosary in an outdoor space serves as a public declaration of faith, bringing prayer out of the church walls and into the community. Note that we finish well in time for the 5pm Vigil Mass. Enquiries to the parish office on 4332 2216.

Crossroads Conversations at First Friday Cuppa

Crossroads Companions will once again be attending the First Friday Cuppa in the parish centre after the Anointing Mass next Friday 2 October. The Companions group from CatholicCare are available for meaningful conversations around life, death and everything in between. Whether you would like to join the conversation, or simply listen, you are welcome! Space will also be provided for deeper, more personal and private conversations separately if required. It is catered to individual needs and is free.

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Ez 18:25-28 | Ph 2:1-11 | Matt 21:28-32

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



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Please Note

Migrant & Refugee Sunday

This year we especially recognise the plight of children and young people, expressed in the words of Pope Leo: 'sadly, migrant children are more easily ignored, because they lack adults capable of protecting and supporting them.' Our responsibility in our community and in general, is to go out of our way to be attentive to this often invisible and voiceless dimension of Migrants and Refugees.

Feast Days this Week

Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels, 29 September; St Jerome 30 September; St Therese of the Child Jesus 1 October; The Holy Guardian Angels 2 October.

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the month Anointing will be celebrated at the 11:45am Mass next Friday 2 October.

First Friday Cuppa

Come along to the parish centre after the Anointing Mass for a lovely cuppa and a chat. Bring a plate to share! All welcome!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday of the month Adoration will be held on Saturday 3 October following 9am Mass for one hour, concluding with Benediction.

Mary's Meals Book Stall

Thank you to those who bought books and made donations at our book stall: \$336 was raised for the Mary's Meals charity! Thank you to Ricki McCarthy and friends for arranging the stall.

Office & Church Closed

The parish office and the Church will be closed as follows while staff are on leave :

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.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Nadia Hagberg, Fr Harry Kennedy, Leopold Mendiola, Felix Galler, Ramon Eamiguel.

Funeral: The funeral of Nadia Hagberg will be held on Thursday at 10:30am. Please pray for Nadia and her family.

Anniversaries: Thomas & Elizabeth Kirkham.

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, Dorothy Manning, Charles Magri 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.

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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.