



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C Cycle 1 | 28 September 2025



## A Compassionate Heart

One of the most celebrated film actors of our time is Keanu Reeves, best known for his role in the science-fiction movie *The Matrix*. It earned him so much money that he could live on it, he said, “for the next few centuries”. He is also quoted as saying, “Money is the last thing I think about.” That appears to be true. When one of the film crew got into financial difficulties, Reeves gave him twenty thousand dollars to clear his debts.

Reeves did much more than that. Feeling uneasy about his disproportionate share of box office earnings, he renegotiated his contractual right to a percentage of the sequel’s profits. He was not pressing for more money, but for less, so that the visual effects team could receive a bigger share of the budget. After all, it was the creative work of stuntmen, make-up artists, costumiers, model-makers and computer specialists that had made the film such a success.

Keanu Reeves, a wealthy man with a compassionate heart and a sense of justice, is the very opposite of the kind of person we come across in today’s Gospel. Jesus tells a parable about a rich man who consistently ignores someone in desperate need. Jesus was trying to shock religious leaders out of their complacency. The rich of his day, who felt assured of a place in heaven, would need to think again!

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## Sense of Obligation

Many well-off people assumed that health and wealth were a sign of God's favour. It relieved them of any sense of obligation to help others. Jesus shattered their illusion, demonstrating how very dear to God's heart were the poor and suffering. That was good news for many, but it came with an insistence that they extend the same generosity of spirit towards others.

Living out the Christian message by loving other people as God loves us can be difficult. Nowhere was more challenging than the multi-faith city to which Paul's letter was addressed. Ephesus was home to the pagan cult of Artemis and to devotees of many other Greek and Egyptian deities, too, not to mention a sizeable Jewish population. From this combustible mix of faith and superstition emerged a fledgling community of Christian believers.

Timothy was their leader, but he was young and not convinced that he had what it takes to uphold Gospel truths in a hybrid culture. Paul's letter encourages him to keep fighting "the good fight of the faith". It was not the sort of fighting the feisty Ephesians were used to, for Paul was advising Timothy to be gentle and loving; not to assert himself, but to be himself; that is, a good person of unwavering personal integrity. Persuade people of the truth, Paul was saying, by practising what you preach. Win people to Jesus by being like Jesus.

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## The Jubilee of Catechists

This weekend the Church celebrates the Jubilee of Catechists, a part of the Holy Jubilee 2025. Catechists play an important role within the life of the Church, but its one that can sometimes be hidden away. Through the work of The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Broken Bay, Catechists are sent into public schools to provide Special Religious Education to young people. Catechists undertake a vital evangelising role, educating children and young people and forming them in the Catholic faith. For more and more people within our public school system have not heard of Jesus Christ or the Gospel, and so Catechists can often represent their first encounter with the Good News.

The Jubilee also celebrates those who run Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) within their parishes, helping to introduce adults to the life of the Church and the fullness of the Christian faith. For many Saints, being a Catechist has been an important part of their life and their sanctification. Saint Carlo Acutis, who was canonised earlier this month, served his parish as a Catechist, helping to teach people about the faith. Blessed Peter To Rot, who will be canonised in October, was also a Catechist in his village and helped to lead his parish during World War II when the Catholic missionaries were imprisoned by Imperial Japanese forces.

If you haven't considered being a Catechist, now may be the time to start thinking about it. Maybe you feel called to help bring adult converts into the Church? To learn more about our RCIA Programme see the parish website: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/the-entrance/becoming-catholic-rcia](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/the-entrance/becoming-catholic-rcia) Maybe you feel called to introduce the Gospel and Jesus Christ to children who have never heard of the Good News before? If so, please contact Leanne in the parish office on 4332 2216, who will be happy to speak to you about it.

**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

## Congratulations to our Baptised Children!

Maggie Towle and Stevie Goodman were Baptised at the 5pm Vigil Mass last Saturday evening. It was a beautiful ceremony included in the Mass with family and parishioners happy witnesses of this joyous occasion.

Maggie and Stevie will now continue their faith journey with the current Sacramental Programme, being Confirmed in November and preparing for Reconciliation and First Eucharist early in 2026.

Congratulations to you both!



## Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary

All are invited to join us for a Rosary Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary, our parish Patron. It will begin nine days preceding the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, from this Monday 29 September, concluding on the day of the Feast, Tuesday 7 October. We will gather in the Memorial Garden at the foot of the statue of Our Lady at 4:30pm each afternoon.



## Seaside Youth Group

Come along for games, fun and pizza with Seaside Youth Group. We get together on the second Saturday of each month – 11 October after the 5pm Mass - until 8pm. 12 to 17 years are all invited – bring a friend! Meet in the Upper Room (upstairs off the Church carpark). Contact us for more info: [theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au) or 4332 2216.



## Franciscan Food Drive

Keep the food coming! We have had a great response to the Food Drive and intend to keep it going permanently. 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 are collecting donations of non-perishable items from parishioners and making 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.

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**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:** Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. 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

### Welcome!

This weekend we have the Reception of the Saggus family whose children are being Baptised this Sunday.

### 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, St Francis of Assisi 4 October.

### Anointing of the Sick

First Friday 3 October Anointing will be held during the 11:45am Mass.

### First Friday Cuppa

Please join us after the Anointing Mass for a lovely cuppa and a chat in the parish centre. Bring a plate to share.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday 4 October Adoration will be held following 9am Mass, for one hour, concluding with Benediction.

### Parish Morning Tea for 100th Anniversary of the First Church

Our parish morning tea will be held on Sunday 19 October to celebrate 100 Years since the first Church was built here on this site. Hosted by the Simply the Best Family Group we invite all to come along after 9:30am Mass to the Parish Centre for this special celebration of our Church's history.

### Save the Date "Night of Light" 31 October

This All Saints (All Hallows) Eve our young people and families are invited to celebrate a special Night of Light on Friday 31 October at 6pm. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

### 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.

### St Peter To Rot Celebration at Holy Spirit Church Kincumber

All are warmly invited to celebrate the canonisation of St Peter To Rot and the blessing of his relic at Holy Spirit Church Kincumber on Sunday 26 October with Mass at 11am. Light refreshments will follow. Enquiries 4369 1211.

## Keep Us in Your Prayers

**Recently Deceased:** Beverley Burke, John Galloway, Colleen O'Toole, Elaine Scrivener.

**Anniversaries:** Charles Magri, Bill Mahony.

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

**Sick:** Julie Fletcher, 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.



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**Sacred  
Gifts**

### Welcome!

We are open 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.

**Enquiries: 4332 2216**