

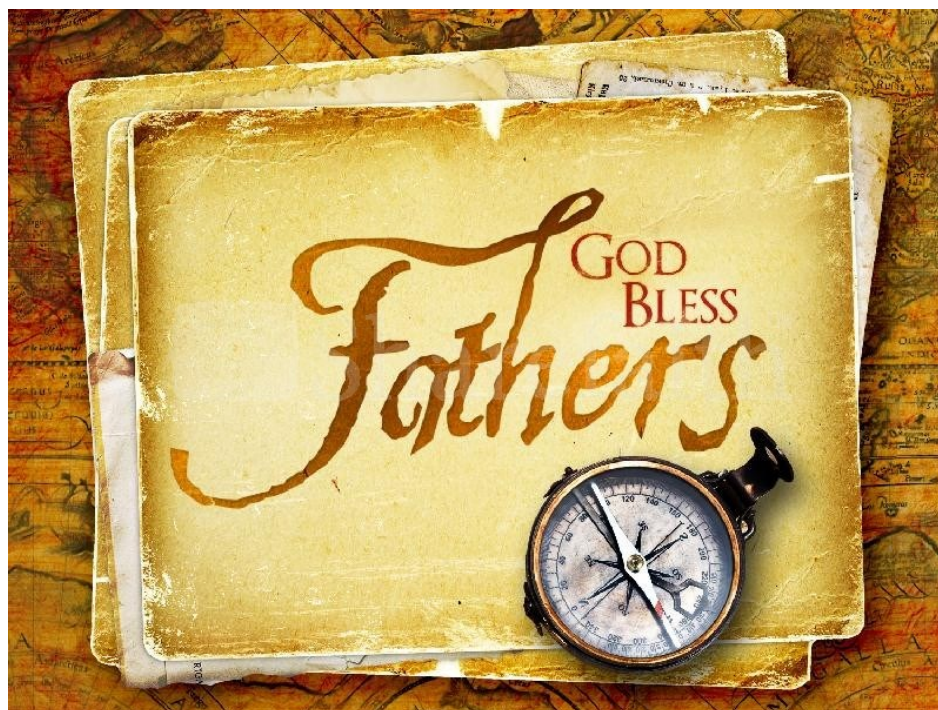


OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Cycle 1

3 September 2023



Happy Father's Day to all our Dads!

This weekend we celebrate Father's Day and the gift of fathers and father-figures in our lives. It is a wonderful tradition that many families will celebrate with a BBQ, a visit to dad's house, and gifts for dad. It's a day we use to say thanks to our Fathers for all they do to support us in life. The role of father has changed somewhat in these modern times. There is still the traditional role of father but there are other male role models like step-fathers, grandfathers, brothers, God-fathers, and special friends that are honoured this day. It really doesn't matter how they step in to show guidance, love and help, so long as we take the time today to thank them. We also want to say "Thank You" to all our wonderful Priests and to the Holy Father today for all they do to bring the light of Christ to us. And most of all we should remember the great gifts of our loving Father in heaven, and thank him!

A Prayer for the Fathers in our Lives

We give our thanks, Almighty Father, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families - both big and small. So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers have died or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, priests and coaches and even our local neighbours. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by you. We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen



**Feast Days
This Week:**

**The Nativity of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary
8 September**



**Happy 90th
Birthday
to
Joan Donohue
for
30 August 2023!**



**Low Gluten
Hosts**

Please see one of
the Priests before
Mass if you are
a coeliac.



**Our Grand
Prize Winners!**

1st Prize - 78
2nd Prize - 80
Congratulations
and thank you to
all participants!

The Pig or the Chicken

The "pig and chicken" principle has been quoted by people in many diverse fields of human endeavour, to encourage total dedication to a cause. The principle is based on the fable of the pig and the chicken who were discussing the possibility of opening a restaurant. "We could call it: 'Bacon and Eggs'," says the chicken. "Each of us could make our own unique contribution to the menu." The pig considers it for a brief moment: "The problem with that," he says, "is that you'd only be involved, but I'd have to be totally committed."

Jesus says: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." What he is asking for is more than simply being involved in his project, but total dedication, even to the point of self-sacrifice.

It seems a strange strategy for attracting followers. And indeed, the Gospels tell us that many potential disciples did walk away from Jesus. He asks people not simply to make a one-off decision for him, but rather to walk the walk and not simply talk the talk. He is asking for genuine disciples, not fair-weather admirers. That initial decision for him has to be translated into lifelong and total dedication, even when the consequences are painful.

Jesus states quite bluntly that following him will cost. Taking up the cross is not a one-off decision, but a way of life, a way of living life. As St Paul tells the Christians in Rome, it involves changing our mind, putting on the mind of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve and to offer his life as a ransom for many. For Paul, it means changing our behaviour, and offering our bodies, our whole lives, as a sacrifice which is pleasing to God. Perhaps Peter tried to stop Jesus going to the cross not simply because he cared for Jesus, but because he guessed that where Jesus went, he would have to follow. Jesus' response to Peter is also an invitation to every would-be follower: "Get behind me." In other words, "Take your place as my disciple, my follower. Follow me on the road to the cross, and I promise you life, joy and fulfilment."

That might not sound very attractive. Certainly not easy. But Jesus affirms that it is worth it. Discipleship involves making hard decisions about our lifestyles, our values, perhaps the kind of jobs we will and will not do; or deciding to deal with people with gentleness, patience and forgiveness, when really we want to lash out and retaliate. It might mean not joining in with others at work when they're being racist, sexist, dishonest or crude. It might mean speaking the truth even when that makes life difficult for us. It means renouncing ourselves – forgetting ourselves and putting someone else first, putting God first.

However, a cross-shaped life is what leads to full life, eternal life. And as with Jeremiah, we can see that same pattern in our own lives. The things that are most worthwhile in our lives always cost: the huge efforts people make to be good parents to their children, or the dedication needed to make a marriage work. Consider the loyalty people show in friendships, or in caring for someone who is ill. Nothing worthwhile in life is achieved without effort, dedication and self-sacrifice. A cross-shaped life, Jesus tells us, is not just what makes this life worth living here and now; it is what makes us fit for eternal life.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family

Catholic Care Homelessness Fundraiser

Thank you to all for your donations last weekend. Any further envelopes may be added to this week's collections. There is no place like home – but for many people having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness. Thank you for helping us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services and supporting this important Diocesan initiative.

The Voice Dialogue Continues

Confused? Join a Dialogue about "The Voice" Referendum. Let's take the heat out of the discussion. Why should Christians take this seriously? Whose idea is it? What does it actually say? How will it work? What does the Church say? Come 9:30am–11:30am Tuesday 12 September in the Parish Centre. - Margaret Hagan

Doll Painting for OLR School

Would you like to meet people and have a cuppa and a chat? Well, you can do this and help Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School by painting some wooden peg dolls for the Religious Education curriculum for Kindergarten and Year 1. You DO NOT need to have any artistic skills as instructions, paint, brushes etc will all be provided. Just bring yourself (and a friend - many hands make light work) to the Parish Centre on Friday Mornings 8 and 15 September 9:30–11:30am. For more information contact Colleen in the parish office.

Fear-Less Positive Parenting Program

For parents or grandparent caregivers of children aged 6-12 years, who have moderate to high levels of anxiety that negatively impacts on everyday functioning. Learn new cognitive behavioural strategies for anxiety management. Monday 11 September 9:45am-2:15pm in the Parish Centre. Presented by Central Coast Family Support Services. Bookings are essential: 4340 1585 or ccfss@ccfss.com.au

Pope's Prayer Intentions for September

For people living on the margins:
We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Please Note

"Wonder" Ignite Conference Volunteers Needed

Ignite Youth Conference 2023 (28 September to 1 October) in the Waitara Cathedral Precinct, is fast approaching and now is the time to start making plans! Have you considered volunteering to make this the best conference ever? Opportunities exist in either a part-time or full-time capacity. Contact Angela Harris (Volunteer Co-Ordinator) if you have any questions or go to <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>



Bible Reflection Group is Back!

Deepen your knowledge of the Word, with our Seminarian Tân. Wednesdays 9:30am Reynolds Room.



Join us for fun, friendship and snacks Saturday 16 September 3-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. (Under 5's must be accompanied.)

Parish Morning Tea

The Ambrosian Family Group is hosting our Morning Tea next Sunday 10 September in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. All Welcome!



Wanted

1 small timber kitchen cupboard door! This is for a carpenter to make a new altar for OLR school.

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)
Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am
Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm
Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am
Cenacle Prayer Group Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

22nd Sunday

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you. O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

Recently Deceased: Michelle Azzi, Trevor James, Anthony Ruhl, Terrence Howard, Joseph Farrugia, Malcolm Garrington.

Anniversaries: Terence & Robert O'Sullivan, Nora O'Leary, Reg Cooper, Tim Parsons.

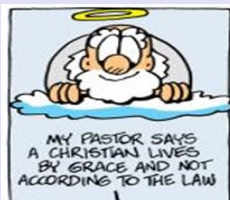
Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, John Giutronich, Patricia Costello, Petar Lerotic, Charles Magri, Joe Bond, Saviar, Carmel, Guza, Mary, George, Philip & Sonia Sciortino, Carmelo, Mary & Joe Cilia, John, Maria, Nenu, John Jnr & Freddy Armeni, Emanuel & Luckada Busutti, Freddy Grima, Les Mangon, Joe Degabriell, Antunela Azzupardi, Tony, Maria & Carmel Carawana, Jesmond Mifsud, Emanuel Gatt, Maria Farrugia, Meleta, George & Paul Borg, Joe & Charlie Curmi, Percey Coalior and all the Holy Souls.

Families: Clarke, Sciortino, Armeni.

Sick: Lyall Dunn, Georgette Bruni, Anne O'Rourke, Dallas McDonald, Susan Simmons, June Molloy, Paul Smith, Collette O'Grady, Oskar Alessandro, Trish Knoke, Emma Horton, Marc Sabat, Patrick Cologon, Linda Read, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will, and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Mitchell Walker, Phoenix Gye, Louie & Mylah Treweeke.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Gift Centre

New stock coming in all the time - come and see! We are open before and after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and before and after the 9:30am Sunday Mass in the Church foyer. EFTPOS is available. For any enquiries call

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