






**27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, YEAR B**

	<p><b>Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October</b></p> <p><b>Missionary Disciples</b></p> <p>We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.</p>	<p><b>Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop</b></p> <p>My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Last Sunday I had the joy of joining with the Catholic community at Asquith in the Parish of Ku-ring-gai Chase for the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of Saint Patrick's church. It was a somewhat bittersweet moment. When Archbishop Freeman opened and blessed the church building on 19 September 1971, the local community turned out in great numbers.</p> <p><i>(To read the full message go to our website or facebook page)</i></p>	
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<b>First Reading</b> Gen 2:18-24	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> Ps 127 R.v.5	<b>Second Reading</b> Hebrews 2:9-11	<b>Gospel Acclamation</b> 1 Jn 4:12	<b>Gospel</b> Mark 10:2-16
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<b>REFLECTION BY FR MANOJ MANUEL</b>	<b>FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</b>
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<p>This past week was a week of celebrations liturgically and so too this coming week. Monday (27 September) was the Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, who is known for charity and kindness to the poor. On Tuesday (28 September), the Filipino Community celebrated the Martyrdom of St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions. When he was asked to renounce his faith in Jesus, he replied, "... I shall die for God, and for Him I will give many thousands of lives if I had them." Wednesday (29 September) was the Feast of Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael who represent God as protector, guide and healer. This celebration invited us to be 'instruments of God to others like Angels.' Thursday (30 September) brought to our minds St Jerome who inspires us to be familiar with the Bible and taught us, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."</p> <p>Friday (1 October) took us through a journey with St Therese of Child Jesus, a favourite Saint for most Christians. She taught us the Little Way of Trust and Surrender that is likened to spiritual childhood. Saturday (2 October) was the Memorial of Guardian Angels who tirelessly accompany us on our life's journey. I am reminded of a pious lady who gifted me a chain with a cute image of a Guardian Angel to keep in my car. While gifting she told me hilariously but strong on the message, "Manoj, do not drive faster than your Guardian Angel can reach you."</p> <p>The coming week too brings in beautiful memorials and feast days. Monday (4 October) is the Remembrance of one of the most popular Saint, St Francis of Assisi. Tuesday (5 October) is the Memory of St Faustina who popularised the powerful devotion of Divine Mercy and the Chaplet to Divine Mercy. Thursday (7 October) is our Cathedral Parish Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The entire month of October finds us reciting and praying the Rosary. Let me conclude bringing to your attention the 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the Plenary Council from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Your valuable prayers are much appreciated and is the need of the hour. Let us be united with those directly involved and keep them close to our hearts in prayer.</p>	<p><b>7th October 2021:</b> <b>Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary</b> <i>With gratitude to God, through His Son Jesus and with His Blessed Mother and Her Spouse St Joseph, for all the blessings we have received as a Community, gathered under Her patronage.</i></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Thanksgiving Mass at 7.00am Our Thanksgiving Evening Prayer and Rosary 7.00pm</p> <p><b>All are welcome to join us through Live streaming.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ORDINATION INVITE</b></p> <p>With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of Broken Bay, joyfully announces the Ordination of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Deacon Roger Delmonte</b> <b>Deacon Aldrin Valdehueva</b> <b>Deacon Samuel French</b></p> <p>To the order of Presbyters through the Invocation of the Holy Spirit and the Imposition of Hands.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, 18 October 2021 Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Commencing at 11.30am</b></p> <p>The ceremony will be conducted within the guidelines of the government's COVID-19 Health Orders.</p> <p>Please participate online via the livestream: <b><a href="http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination">www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination</a></b></p> <p>You are also cordially invited to join in the Masses of Thanksgiving via livestream <b><a href="http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination">www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination</a></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rev Fr Roger Delmonte, Tuesday 19 October 2021, 11am</b> <b>Rev Fr Aldrin Valdehueva, Tuesday 19 October 2021, 7pm</b> <b>Rev Fr Samuel French, Friday 22 October 2021, 6pm</b></p>
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## PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

### Prayer of Petition to the Holy Spirit

A prayer used before every session of the Second Vatican Council.

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,  
conscious of our sinfulness,  
but aware that we gather in your name.  
Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.  
Give us light and strength to know your will,  
to make it our own and to live it in our lives.  
Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power,  
for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.  
You desire justice for All enable us to uphold the rights of  
others;  
do not allow us to be misled by ignorance  
or corrupted by fear or favour.  
Unite us to yourself in the bond of love  
and keep us faithful to all that is true.  
As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love,  
so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you,  
and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants,  
Amen.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Bishop Anthony Randazzo whose birthday is on 7th October. Many more blessings for the year ahead.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Roger Delmonte on his 1st Anniversary of Ordination of Diaconate and many more blessings in your priestly ministry.

**COVID Update** Our Church buildings are closed but our livestreaming service is still available from our Cathedral on Sunday mornings at 9.30AM as well as weekdays at 7AM.

**NSW QR Codes** for those who do not have a mobile phone to scan the QR Codes electronically, please note that QR code cards are available from the RMS.

**May I ask you to pray for** those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19.

**We remember those who died recently** – Ofelia Morales ● Bruno Schicht ● Frank Fayers ● Jude Recentes ● Valerie Tolosa ● Fr James Duck ● Eduardo Gregory ● Herminia 'Minnie' Rozan ● Fr Paul Purcell ● June D'Souza ● Carmen Elain Gale

**Anniversaries** – Gladys Collingridge ● Prospero Montesclaros ● Joseph Antonios Touma ● Pat Alice McDermott ● Pat Miedler

**We pray for the sick** — Pauline Carr ● Martin Palisi ● Lisa Hogarth



**FOR WE CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD**  
ACTS 4:20

In three weeks, Catholic Mission will share the essential mission work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies during their time of need.

You will have the opportunity to respond to this great work and help Sister Chalaad reach out to more mothers and their babies.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

  Freecall: 1800 257 296  
catholicmission.org.au/thailand

## Plenary Council Online Prayer Vigil | Saturday, 2

**October** The First General Council Assembly starts Sunday 3 October and we are inviting the community of the Church of Broken Bay to an online prayer vigil with Bishop Anthony on Saturday 2 October from 7.00-7:30pm.

“Listen to what the spirit is saying” has been the theme of this Plenary Council acknowledging the importance of prayer and God’s relationship with His Church. This prayer vigil will call the community to come together as one Church to offer our prayers of support to the Bishop, Members, Delegates, and the whole Assembly gathering.

We encourage you to attend and take part in this special prayer night. To register please visit:  
[www.bbcatholic.org.au/bayconnect](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/bayconnect)

## CATECHIST CORNER

### 5 SURPRISING BENEFITS OF BEING A CATECHIST

#### 1 Quality Relationships

Discover new friendships and build quality relationships with like-minded people that will enhance your self esteem and empower your creativity.

#### 2 By Giving, We Receive

Sharing in love what we know brings new life. Proclaiming the Good News profits not only those who hear it but those who proclaim it. Truly, *“It is in giving that we receive”* (St Francis of Assisi).

#### 3 Spiritual Enrichment

Explaining how you have come to experience the belief that ‘God Loves You’ expands your mind. You grow in wisdom and come to know God in a deeper way.

#### 4 Mastering New Skills

As a Catechist your confidence and abilities will grow in many ways, including the development of your interpersonal, leadership, story-telling, speaking, use of technology and teaching skills. Many experts tell us that mastering new skills has enormous physical, mental and health benefits.

#### 5 Being Part of Something Important

Catechists make a difference. They share the most basic message of God’s love and this brings great hope to young people. For people of faith, knowing you are participating in Christ’s call to share the Good News, is a great source of joy and meaning.

EVEN IF YOU ARE WORKING FULL TIME, THERE ARE WAYS TO STILL BE A CATECHIST OR AN ASSISTANT CATECHIST – For more info see link below or contact Louise Spencer (Catechist Co-ordinator) [spencerxyz2427@gmail.com](mailto:spencerxyz2427@gmail.com).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDIDhBQGtBA>

## ONLINE PARISH GIVING

In light of the extraordinary circumstances, we are experiencing due to pandemic, please know that ONLINE Parish Giving is available. To donate, please go to our website: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/hornsby](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/hornsby)

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

[Donate to our Parish](#)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** is used to meet Parish running costs, maintenance of Church, Presbytery, offices, other buildings and grounds. It is also used to pay for all our Ministries' expenses and staff salaries and superannuation.

**Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB)** (Previously known as CWF) supports Diocesan Charitable Communities. Any donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

*A letter to the Clergy in the Diocese of Broken Bay*

Wednesday 29 September 2021

Dear Fathers Deacons and friends,



As you are aware the NSW Government has now published its “Roadmap” from the current COVID restrictions. Broadly, this is envisaged in three segments:

1. From the Monday after 70% vaccination rate has been achieved (forecast to be Monday 11 October) various enterprises may open, including places of public worship, and be available for those who are vaccinated.
2. From the Monday after 80% vaccination rate has been achieved, further venues can reopen for those who are vaccinated. Places of public worship are exempt from this particular restriction.
3. 1st December 2021 when COVID vigilance applies to all, irrespective of vaccination status.

The full details of the “80 per cent roadmap” can be found in this fact sheet. (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-09/FACT%20SHEET.pdf>)

Considering this roadmap and all its implications for the Faithful of Broken Bay, I have determined the following to apply to our own diocese:

1. From Monday 11 October our churches are to be reopened for private prayer and devotion **only**. It is for our people to be mindful of government requirements for this stage of the Roadmap and to engage this opportunity with a sense of responsibility and COVID safety. During this stage:
  - a. The hours of opening of our churches should be available to our parishioners.
  - b. Public Masses remain suspended and “private” Masses with a congregation should not take place. The exception will be the Mass of Ordination at Our Lady of Rosary Cathedral on 18 October and the subsequent three Masses of Thanksgiving for our newly ordained priests.
  - c. Confessions should not be publicly scheduled but most certainly should be available by personal arrangement with the clergy of the parish.
  - d. Baptisms, unless in the event of impending death, should be delayed until the next stage.
  - e. Weddings and funerals: up to 50 people may attend. These need to be vaccinated.
  - f. Those who are unvaccinated may only attend weddings with a maximum number of 5 people.
  - g. Those who are unvaccinated may only attend funeral with a maximum number of 10 people.
  - h. It is essential that anyone visiting our churches use the QR code to register their visit, sanitize, and always wear a mask.
2. From the Monday after 80% vaccination rate has been achieved, public Masses are to resume in all our churches according to their usual schedule. In accord with the government regulation, the vaccination status of our people who attend our churches, or who undertake a ministry in them, will not need to be verified. Thankfully, this will enable us to go forward together as one community of the Church. As they engage this opportunity, it will be important for our people to make informed decisions about their COVID safety.

During this stage:

- a. Other rituals such as Baptisms and other services of prayer and devotion may be resumed.
- b. Confessions should be publicly scheduled again.
- c. The number of people who can attend Mass and other liturgies and services of prayer is based on the 4 sqm principle (uncapped), including for funerals and weddings.
- d. Congregational singing will not be possible, but a musician and cantor are possible and should be engaged for the beauty of the liturgy.
- e. COVID safe practices related to the celebration of our liturgies should be re-introduced including:
  - i. Avoiding the handling of objects by multiple persons;
  - ii. The Chalice is not to be shared; Holy Communion for the Faithful is to be under one species only;
  - iii. The Sign of Peace should only be given by a simple bow or nod of the head.
  - iv. Those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue should be asked to wait until the end of the Communion Procession and the priest should sanitize his hands after each of these communicants.
- f. It is essential that anyone visiting our churches use the QR code to register their visit, sanitize, and always wear a mask.

Given that our parish facilities other than our church buildings will be subject to the status of people's vaccination it may be that parishes continue to suspend face-to-face parish meetings, social gatherings, and use of facilities such meeting rooms and halls until after 1 December, and that parishes continue to encourage online gatherings. Should parish facilities be opened during this stage, they will be subject to the vaccination status of those who use them, and the 4 sqm principle.

### 3. From 1st December 2021

- a. Density for gatherings in our churches will shift to one person per 2 sqm for both indoor and outdoor gatherings.
- b. Congregational singing will be possible at our liturgies.
- c. There is no restriction on the use of other parish facilities such as meeting rooms and halls.

Our Diocesan Financial Administrator, Emma McDonald will advise you in the coming days about the implications of the NSW Roadmap for our parish offices and our parish staff.

The last months have been very difficult for our people and ourselves. Again, I express my gratitude to you for the many creative pastoral means by which you have supported the people entrusted to your pastoral care during this challenging period. I now welcome the NSW Government's roadmap, and particularly the understanding it has demonstrated for places of public worship. I am confident that the staged return I have outlined, in accord with both the spiritual needs of our people and the Roadmap, will ensure our safety and our unity as we journey forward together into the new environment ahead of us.

Should you have any questions please raise them with Fr David, my Vicar General or with Kelly Paget, my Chancellor so that the Chancery may be able to offer further clarifications as we commence each of the three stages I have outlined.

Fraternally yours,

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL  
Bishop of Broken Bay