



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Cycle II

11 November 2018



## True Devotion

Jesus cautions the people against those who make a show of religiosity and devotion because their long robes and long prayers are only a means to secure their own public honour and personal advantage. He contrasts their false devotion with the true devotion of a poor widow who makes no show at all. He denounces the pretentious piety of the scribes and praises the authenticity of the widow. While the scribes and those like them are trying to increase their wealth by unjust means, this widow offers to God all that she has. While others put in the treasury from their abundance, she puts in her entire livelihood. Jesus points out that her offerings is more valuable than that of the others. This is also a warning to those religious leaders who exploit the poor and the widows in the name of increasing the wealth of the Church and maintaining Church structures.

Here one is reminded of a verse written by Vallathol, a famous Malayalam poet. It goes like this: "O wealthy people, the drops of sweat of the day-labourers are more pleasing to God than the real pearls you offer as your religious duty." The poor person offers the fruit of his or her sweat and labour while the rich person offers the fruit of others' sweat and labour; their offering does not cost them significantly. Blessed Mother Teresa of KolKatta says, "If you give as alms what you do not want, that is no almsgiving at all." In today's Gospel reading St Mark insists on the necessity of understanding, appreciating and even imitating the poor and the weak who do their best. A life of genuine poverty and detachment is a sure way to the kingdom of heaven.

*God's Word* Fr George Kaitholil SSP

## "You cannot be serious!"

In response to Jesus, we may be tempted to echo a phrase that a famous tennis player made his own when challenging an umpire over a line decision: "You cannot be serious!" But Jesus is serious. He returns to this message over and over again for it is his Gospel, his Good News. The world does not belong to us; it belongs to his Father and we are entrusted with its stewardship. Consequently the more we try to amass wealth for ourselves, the more vulnerable and insecure we become, needing to build bigger barns or invest in more security for our protection. By the same token, the more preoccupied we are about status and wealth, the more selfish we become and the less we care about others, thereby creating greater and greater inequality. The history of the world teaches us that human beings have never learnt this lesson but continue to seek remedies that are bound to fail because they are generally driven by self-interest. In less than two decades of the present century, we have

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Join us for  
*Living the Scriptures*  
with Mother  
Angelica  
Wednesdays  
10:30-11:30am and  
7-8pm in the  
Muldoon Room.

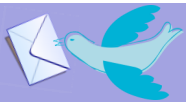
## 100+ club

We have our next  
two lucky winners:

\$50 No 36

\$25 No 93

Well done and good  
luck next week  
everyone!



### November Mass Intentions

In November the  
Mass intention  
envelopes are placed  
on the Altar during  
the Masses. Please  
put your envelopes  
in the November  
Mass Offering box.



### New Parishioners

Please contact us at  
the parish office so  
we can send  
or give you a  
welcome pack!

## “You cannot be serious!” continued

seen an unprecedented monetary crisis that has affected the whole world. The idea that market forces will themselves create the kind of wealth that trickles down to improve the lives of everyone has proved itself false, because it presumes that human nature has redeemed itself and people will not abuse the system for their own ends.

As followers of Jesus today we can only strive to live life simply and demonstrate that there is another way: a way that becomes possible only when we accept that we cannot redeem ourselves. The more we treasure the gift of God’s Spirit, the more we will let go and trust. What more beautiful meditation could we ask for than the image of the other widow in today’s liturgy: the one who responded to Elijah and shared her bread and water with him? Her generosity was rewarded: “the jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied”. May we approach our Eucharist today in the same spirit of hope and trust.

*The Living Word* Redemptorist Publications

## Five Benefits of Frequent Confession

*Continuing on from last week*

**3** Confession brings us peace  
Guilt from the sins we commit can make us feel all mixed up inside and cause us to lose our peace and joy. When we hear God’s forgiving words to us from the lips of the priest in Confession, a burden is lifted off our shoulders. Sins weigh us down and enslave us, often giving our passions power over us, instead of us having control over our passions. With the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can again feel the peace of heart and soul that comes from being in a good relationship with God.

**4** Confession helps us become more saintly, more like Jesus  
Jesus was perfectly humble, perfectly generous, perfectly patient, perfectly loving - perfectly everything! Don’t you wish you could be as humble, generous, patient, and loving as Jesus? Saints throughout history have felt that way too, and they have frequented the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help transform them into people who are more like Christ. Little images of Christ - that’s what saints are!

**5** Confession makes our will stronger  
Every time we experience the Sacrament of Confession, God strengthens our will and our self-control to be able to resist the temptations that confront us in our lives. We become more resolute to follow God’s will and not our own whims.

Going to Confession regularly will truly change your life. Acknowledging the truth of your sinfulness before God and recognising your need for his grace to help you become the person he wants you to be will really, truly set you free.

The words of absolution in the Confessional are beautiful: “I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Jesus is waiting to forgive you - all you have to do is ask! Don’t miss out any longer on the healing power of Confession.

## November Memorial Mass

**I**n remembrance of all those who have died in the last twelve months and for all our deceased relatives and friends a special Mass will be offered on Friday 30 November at 11:45am to end the month for the Holy Souls. As in previous years you will be invited to light a candle in memory of your deceased loved ones, placing it with others on the sanctuary to burn brightly during the Mass as we pray for them.

## Plenary Council 2020 Diocesan Assemblies

**S**hare Your Story, Shape the Future, Speak as one Diocese to Plenary Council 2020. As our Year of Listening continues, we invite people of the Broken Bay Diocese, our parishes and faith communities to participate in Diocesan Assemblies that will shape the agenda of the Plenary Council. You can take part in this national conversation here in our Parish Centre on 1 December from 1pm-4:30pm, with afternoon tea provided. Please RSVP to Jenny Hildebrandt [jenny.hildebrandt@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jenny.hildebrandt@bbcatholic.org.au) or 8379 1625. The Plenary Council gives us all an important opportunity to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church in Australia. Our Diocesan Assemblies will contribute to our formal submission to the Plenary Council as the Diocese of Broken Bay.

## Annual Mass for People with Special Needs

**Y**ou are invited to the Annual Mass for people with special needs and their families. We are blessed this year to be hosting it here in our own parish on Sunday 2 December at our 9:30am Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend and bring a plate for the hospitality for everyone in the parish centre afterwards. Please RSVP to the parish office.

## Fr Bill's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

**Y**ou are invited to the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood Mass and Celebration of Fr Bill Stevens Sunday 9 December 9:30am Mass followed by 11am Luncheon. Seating availability is limited. Please RSVP to the office by 30 November.

## Variety Concert

**Y**ou are invited to a host of entertainment in the Parish Centre on Sunday 25 November at 11am. Our Music Ministry are fundraising for the Bell Tower with a Concert and Dutch Raffle. Guest Artists from the Australian Institute of Music. Entry fee \$10 - please bring a plate - refreshments provided and Lucky Door Prizes.

## Please Note

### Parish Morning Tea

Next Sunday 18 November after 9:30am Mass. Hosted this month by "Simply the Best" Family Group. All are invited to come for great food and company.

### Parish Session for Plenary Council 2020

All parishioners are invited to attend a General Parish Plenary Session on Sunday 18 November after the Parish Morning Tea in the Parish Centre from 11am. This is your opportunity to listen and to be heard as we answer the question: 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?'

### Catechists Urgently Needed

We have only 18 SRE teachers on a good day i.e. when no one is on holidays, sick or otherwise committed elsewhere. Some of our Catechists are doing up to 4 classes in 1 day. We desperately need more Catechists. Please call the parish office.

### Mass for Parents, Relatives and Friends of Deceased Children

Tuesday 13 November 7pm St Mary of the Cross Warnervale. This Mass is for all deceased children whether unborn, a baby, a child or an adult. More info 0408 165 014.

### Parish Finance Committee Meeting

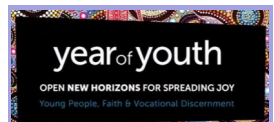
Thursday 15 November 6pm in the Parish Conference Room.



Join Fr Kevin for a short Bible Study of the next Sunday's Gospel, Mondays in the Muldoon Room after 9am Mass. All welcome!



**Remembrance Day 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour 11/11/1918 the Armistice was signed in a railway carriage. We remember our price of freedom.



Saturday 24 Nov 5pm Closing Mass followed by Celebration Dinner Entertainment & Awards  
OLR Cathedral  
RSVP  
[youth@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:youth@bbcatholic.org.au)



**Secular Franciscans**  
We meet on the third Thursday of the month (15 Nov) at 1pm in the Muldoon Room. All welcome!  
Enq: Rove Varman 0411 988 394.

# THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

*Serving the Catholic Community of The Entrance and extending the Kingdom of God*

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## Mass & Devotions in Ordinary Time

**Sunday Masses** Saturday Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am

**Weekday Masses** Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

**Reconciliations** Saturdays 9:30-10am & 5-5:30pm

**Liturgy of the Hours** Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am

**Cenacle** Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation Group** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Muldoon Room. Come & join us!

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**I Kings 17:10-16**

**Hebrews 9:24-28**

**Mark 12:38-44**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into your presence.

Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord, my soul.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Richard O'Grady, Frances Gatt, Simon Beer, Scott Graham, Audrey Bubb, Tom Walshe, Robin McCurry, Agnes Delorenzo, Josephine Agius.

**Sick:** Patty O'Leary, Ann Minogue, Kim Barry, Noeline Enns, Brian Staggs, Raymond Baker, Rove Varman, Avice Vogel, Antoinette Grech, Margaret Foley, Karen Ingui, Kim Mulavey, Phil Gormley, Peter Connolly, Bill Steed, Margaret Mack, Lee Morley, Edna McClure, Betty Borg, Linda Read, Barbara Kelly, Anthony Wise, Kelly Will, Les McDonald, John Verhoeven Snr & all those suffering with cancer and long-term illnesses.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Harrison Thompson and Louie Tomsen.

Pearly  
Gates



**Our Lady of the Rosary**

# GIFT CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Christmas is now just around the corner (only 5 weeks away!) We have some lovely stock in to help you to keep Christ in Christmas.

We are at the back of the Church carpark, on the corner of Ashton and Copnor Avenues.

**NEW Opening Hours:**

**Sunday 9am-9:30am & 10:30-11am**

**Tuesday & Friday 9:30am-1:30pm**

**Phone/Fax 4332 5997**