



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 12 July 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading:

Is 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **(R.)**

2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **(R.)**

3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**

4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

Second Reading:

Rom 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose,

it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Mt 13:1-23 (or shorter form Mt 13:1-9)

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more

and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding, so in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young, by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king, and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise

IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeff Miller SDB
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MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 6:30am, 9:00am, 7:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am, 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands

Marylin Villamor, Margaret Gallagher, Rose Cauci, Emmanuel & Josephine Vella, Maya Glinski, Ruth Magnaye, Jorge Oliveras, Josephine Evans, Brian Xerri, Tenesha Faulkner, Rudy Rupac, Elinda Lopez, Norma Sulvita, Michael McDermot, Reynaldo Handog, Wayne Reynolds, Maryanne Santos, Denise Blanche, Patrick Levelle, Fr Bob Bossini, Dexter Assey, Peyton Daley, Mario Cauchi, Robert Engelebrecht, Reynaldo Bendayral, Vanessa Trujillo, Renee Azzopardi, Juliet Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Ashton D'Costa, Rolando Aguda, Hugo Labra, Andre Rodriguez, Ginnah Alia, David Freeman, Susie Lipstack, Crystal Darcy, Zdravko & Marija Palovic, Evotia Letele, Karen Barret, Josephine Mitchell, Emelita Howlett, Emma Tucker, Allan & Jackie Cullen, Esperanza Mirafeuntes, Fr S.R, Abraham Thomas, Reetahmma Abraham, Sophia Furey, Mhom Samson, Aurora Jimenez, Adam Burton, Annabelle Rego, Arou Akot, Jozef Karkowski, Ronald Manzano, Anna Juresa, Ronnie D'costa, Beatrice Leary, Lorraine Damian, Fr J B, Monica Thomas, Shuashawnee Hancock, Miloh Molesi, Blanche Jones, Clare LeGrand, Renato Manongdo, Bernard Prendergast, Merwyn D'Souza, Bertha Wetton, Bobby Jose.

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Saturdays: 9:00am - 10:00am and 5:00pm - 5:30pm

Mon to Fri: 7:30pm to 8:00pm (after the 7pm Mass)

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 11 July **ST BENEDICT**

6:00pm Mauro Augustine

Sun 12 July **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30am Pro Populo

9:00am Fermin D'Almeida

10:30am Ana Maria Pereira

5:30pm Sunita & William D'Souza

Mon 13 July **ST HENRY**

6:30am Sr M Rebecca

9:00am Victoriano Jnr & Teresita Diola

7:00pm Camillo Piccirilli

Tue 14 July **ST CAMILLUS DE LELLIS**

6:30am Jonathan Herodias

9:00am Allan Holt & Mario Moscatelli

7:00pm Anthony & Julie Bartolo

Wed 15 July **ST BONAVENTURE**

6:30am Bobby K Jose

9:00am Constance Wijeratne

7:00pm Rayco Family

Thu 16 July **OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL**

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

9:00am Friends of Suffering Souls (FOSS)

7:00pm Joseph Family

Fri 17 July

6:30am Imee Summerfield

9:00am Stipe Kulas

7:00pm Umberto Percich

Sat 18 July

8:00am Martin & Edyta Hoffmann

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially

Serge Nalletamby, Peter Aquilina, Angela Barca, Victoria Borg, Deacon Petelo Savea, Andrew Vaessen, Milly Martin, Alicia Bulatao, Pasquale Bellino, Br Rey Pongo, Tony Martin, Patricia Armstrong, Stephen Neville, Raymond Clarke, Sarafino Enadid, Felicia Sisinni, Eileen Morrow, Vincent Leary, Pellegrino Penna, Lucija Jeroncic, Chito Redoblado, Vicky Xerri, Linda Weightman, Norma O'Sullivan, Peter Gatchalian, Maria Maciejewska, Janene Martin, Maria Rohrlach, Theresa Menezes, Manolo Lobrin, MaryAnn Salazar, Camillo Piccirilli, Jose Maria Pepingco, Charlie Buttigieg, Grace Micallef, Stipe Kulas, Slavko Kempic.

Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let your light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen

1st and 2nd Collections:

We Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support.

If you prefer to donate via ONLINE BANKING,

Please refer to details below:

(1st Collection) - For the Clergy's sustentation & care

BSB NO: 067 950

ACCOUNT NO: 00004414

ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Pastoral Revenue

(2nd Collection) - Parish Ministry & Maintenance

BSB NO: 067 950

ACCOUNT NO: 100000329

ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Catholic Church

First Collection (previous weekend)

Second Collection (previous weekend)

Tap & Go Donations

\$2273

Collections are no longer conducted during weekend Masses. A collection box is located at the back left of the church on weekends only.

TAP & GO MACHINES

The two Tap & Go machines in the church, donations will go towards the Church 2nd collection. Kindly Select your donation amount \$5, \$10, \$20 or oth er.

COMING EVENTS:

13 July: Holy Wounds Devotions, Church, 7:30pm
13 July - 23 July: OLR Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
18-19 July: St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal
24 July: Live Christ Share Christ, Faith Formation Talk
25 July: Eucharistic Seminar (details below)
30 July: The Search, Parish Hall, 7pm (details below)

HOLY WOUNDS OF JESUS DEVOTIONS

2nd and 4th Mondays
Next date: 13 July 2026, 7:30pm



ST. JOHN PAUL II LIFE ALLIANCE

we are running a stall this weekend after all Masses.
Kindly support this cause.

OLR sewing group will have some top quality items on sale
- scarves, beanies and religious figurines for children.
We will also be making an exciting announcement about
an upcoming event and we look forward to speaking to
you about this.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

As part of our preparation for Eucharist28, visit the
Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition and discover
extraordinary accounts of Christ's presence
in the Eucharist from around the world.
*Learn more about these remarkable miracles
and seek the intercession of St Carlo Acutis.*
13 - 23 July Our Lady of the Rosary Church,
St Marys. Viewing: 10:00am – 4:00pm daily
Parish Hall (corner of Swanston and Collin St).



EUCCHARISTIC SEMINAR

25 July 2026

Time: 4pm for 4:30pm start, finishing at 5:30pm
Presenter: Fr Matthew Dimian
Topic: The Resurrection and the Eucharist
Venue: OLR Parish Hall. All are welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

18-19 July 2026

to raise awareness and much needed funds
to support struggling families.



An SVP member will speak at each Mass and a
bucket collection will be taken up. Any donation will be
greatly appreciated, receipts available. We are also seek-
ing new members especially young adults of the Parish.
*If interested please contact us through the Parish office or
a Conference member. Thank you. God Bless.*
Last year's Appeal raised \$5,504. Peter Morgan 0417 403 248



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

Colin & Elsie Johnson
234 Shepherd St, St Marys

If you would like the Rosary Statue in your home for
a week, kindly contact Mr & Mrs Johnson 0404 028 823.

Invitation to Perpetual Adoration

*OLR Blessed Sacrament Adoration
Chapel open 24 hours, 7 days a week.*



Please consider being rostered weekly
If you are able to commit to just 1 hour
or more a week, we invite you join the
Adoration Chapel Roster.

- ♦ Registration forms available in the Chapel.
- ♦ Contact the Parish Office for information.

All Welcome.

DON BOSCO YOUTH CENTRE

is available for private functions,
Birthdays and more.



For bookings kindly contact Fr Joseph at the
Don Bosco Youth Centre.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST Formation Evening

Date: Friday 24th July 2026

Time: 7.30pm to 9pm (soon after the 7:00pm Mass)

Venue: OLR Parish Hall.

Topic: Hail Full of Grace. The Immaculate Conception in
Scripture. (Explore how Mary, the New Eve and the New
Ark of the Covenant, was uniquely prepared by
God's grace to become the Mother of our Saviour)

Speaker: Simon Carrington (Founder of Fire Up Ministries)
Contact Alan D'Souza - 0436 308 178

THE SEARCH IS BACK!

What are you searching for?
Join us for *The Search*, an engaging and
inspiring series from the Augustine Institute
hosted by Chris Stefanick.

Through powerful videos and meaningful discus-
sion, we will explore life's biggest questions about
happiness, purpose, faith, and the person of Jesus
Christ. Whether you are a committed Catholic,
returning to the faith, or simply curious.

All are welcome.

Starting: Thursday 30 July, 7:00pm

Venue: OLR Parish Hall, St Marys

To register, simply scan the QR code.

"Seek and you will find." (Matthew 7:7)

Come and discover what you've been searching for.



CAFÉ IVAN

SOUP KITCHEN KKOTTONGNAE & OLR
We welcome our needy neighbours / home-
less for a warm meal on **Thursdays 6pm - 7pm,**
Parish Hall - Basement.
(corner of Swanston St & Collins St, St Marys)
For more info, kindly speak to Br James KBJ.



Dear Parishioners,

Many of you would be aware that 2 months ago, Pope Leo released his first papal encyclical entitled *Magnifica Humanitas* (Magnificent Humanity) on safeguarding the human person in the time of Artificial Intelligence. For the Catholic world, the gift of an encyclical letter is an exciting time; it is the equivalent of a global music superstar releasing their latest album, or a premier of the next instalment in a major film franchise. The following excerpt from EWTN explains the significance of encyclicals in the lives of the faithful, and of this encyclical in particular.

The Pope's Pastoral letter

A Papal encyclical is a pastoral letter written by the Pope, primarily addressed to Bishops but also to Catholics and all people, typically reflecting on Church teachings and suggesting ways to apply them to modern issues. Encyclicals are part of the Pope's everyday teaching authority, known as his "Ordinary Magisterium."

Are Catholics required to believe them?

A Pope does not normally use an encyclical to make an "*ex cathedra*" declaration — a solemn, and rare, statement on faith or morals, normally promulgated in an apostolic constitution. Encyclicals, however, are not merely letters or expressions of the Pope's opinion. They carry significant doctrinal weight and are frequently cited as important sources of Catholic teaching. According to canon law, Catholics are required to give "a religious submission of the intellect and will" to these letters and to "take care to avoid those things which do not agree with it." Simply put, Catholics are to presume that the Pope teaches the truth in these letters and to sincerely respect the teachings they contain.

Recent Encyclical trends

Initially addressed exclusively to Bishops, Papal encyclicals began reaching broader audiences in the modern period, beginning with Pope Leo XIII's groundbreaking 1891 encyclical *Rerum Novarum*. It marked the first time in many years that the Bishop of Rome had written a pastoral letter on matters other than doctrine or internal affairs of the Church, instead addressing workers' rights, the right to private property, and the dangers of socialism.

Since the Second Vatican Council, Papal encyclicals have increasingly focused on threats to the dignity of the human person and authentic human development. St. Paul VI wrote *Humanae Vitae* in 1968, reiterating and applying Church teaching to the question of artificial birth control. St. John Paul II dedicated four encyclicals to promoting Catholic social teaching, building on Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*. Pope Francis' four encyclicals largely addressed the preservation of ecology and universal fraternity.

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical builds on others

Pope Leo XIV indicated at the beginning of his pontificate that he intended to follow in the footsteps of Pope Leo XIII, his predecessor, by responding to today's industrial revolution: "developments in the field of artificial intelligence." Addressing the College of Cardinals on May 10, 2025, Pope Leo said: "In our own day, the Church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor."

(Ishmael Adibuah via EWTN, 21.05.26)

In coming weeks, this back page will feature some reflections upon key aspects of Pope Leo's encyclical, and how our faith lives can benefit from his teachings.

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Jeff