



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 19 July 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord,
for it is good.

First Reading:

Wis 12:13.16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and
attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**

2. All the nations shall come to adore
you and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous
deeds, you who alone are God. **(R.)**

3. But you, God of mercy and
compassion, slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

Second Reading:

Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mt 13:24-43 (or shorter form Mt 13:24-30)

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

He put another parable before them,

'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, I stand at the door and knock,
says the Lord. If anyone hears my
voice and opens the door to me I will
enter his house and dine with him,
and he with me.



IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

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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

Marilyn 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, 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, Arou Akot, Jozef Karkowski, Ronald Manzano, Anna Juresa, Ronnie D'costa, Beatrice Leary, Lorraine Damian, Fr Jepsen B, Monica Thomas, Shuashawnee Hancock, Miloh Molesi, Blanche Jones, Clare LeGrand, Renato Manongdo, Bernard Prendergast, Merwyn D'Souza, Bertha Wetton, Bobby Jose, Edward Sebastiano.

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 18 July 6:00pm Roland Peters

Sun 19 July **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 7:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Jasna and Marijan Bekic
 10:30am I. L Joseph
 5:30pm Pro Populo

Mon 20 July **ST APOLLINARIS**
 6:30am Sr M Rebecca
 9:00am Ellen Concepcion
 7:00pm Raphael Blazevic

Tue 21 July **ST LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI**
 6:30am The Unborn
 9:00am Cyril Wijeratne
 7:00pm Lazarus Gabriel

Wed 22 July **ST MARY MAGDALENE**
 6:30am Nina Pirota
 9:00am Bethany Pilgrimage Members
 7:00pm Patricia Gallagher

Thu 23 July **ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN**
 6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Blazic Family
 7:00pm Karam Family

Fri 24 July **ST SHARBEL MAKHLUF**
 6:30am Personal Intention
 9:00am Stipe Kulas
 7:00pm Zeljko Blazic

Sat 25 July **ST JAMES**
 8:00am Jose Maria Pepingco

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 Jeronicic, 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, Josephine Saporita.

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) \$1505

Second Collection (previous weekend) \$2310

Tap & Go Donations \$2378.33

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 other.

COMING EVENTS:

18-19 July: St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

24 July: Live Christ Share Christ, Faith Formation Talk

25 July: Eucharistic Seminar (details below)

26 July: World Day for Grandparents

Pilgrim Mother Apostolate Rosary, 11:45am

27 July: Catechist Meeting, Parish Centre Mtg Rm, 10am

31 July: The Search, Parish Hall, 7pm (details below)

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

18-19 July 2026



All funds raised will go towards the support of struggling local families in need. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Tax Receipts are available. We are also looking for new members to join our team especially young adults of the Parish. *Feel free to contact us through the Parish office or any Conference member if you might be interested.*
Thank you. *Peter Morgan 0417 403 248*

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS - 19 July 2026

2:00 pm Praise and Worship, 2:30pm Mass.

Celebrant: Fr John Puli

Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing. All welcome!



EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

13 - 23 July Our Lady of the Rosary Church,

St Marys. Viewing: 10:00am – 4:00pm daily

Parish Hall (corner of Swanston and Collins 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.**

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST

Formation Evening

Date: Friday 24th July 2026

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

Venue: MacKillop Centre, Shroud Room.

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



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

Mr & Mrs Labayo

7 Monfarville St, St Marys

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

COME JOIN US!

Pilgrim Mother Apostolate

4th Sunday of the Month Rosary

When: Sunday, 26th July 2026

Time: 11:45am (after 10:30am Mass)

Venue: MacKillop Centre, Collins St, St Marys.

Followed by a light lunch (provided). ALL WELCOME

Enquiries: Fenina - 0431 867 491



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 discussion, 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 Time: 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.



BINGO BINGO BINGO

Saturday 8th August 2026

7:30pm in the Parish Hall

Sausage Sizzle from 6:30pm. *Cash Prizes.*

Supper provided - gold coin donation

Any donations to cover costs is greatly appreciated.

Denis Collins 0459 185 517



BE THE WITNESS - THE MUSICAL

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Overview of Pope Leo's first Encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*.

In the time of Artificial Intelligence, humanity is faced with a choice. Whether to let itself be guided by technology and progress as the only principles on which to build our civilization, or should it put at the center the **dignity of the person**, reducing technical progress to an instrument. To explain this, Pope Leo uses two biblical images, one the construction of the Tower of Babel and the other the reconstruction of Jerusalem.

Choosing the "right" road requires a **DYNAMIC APPROACH** (chapter 1), which looks to the Social Doctrine of the Church following the teachings of the Second Vatican Council: listening to, discerning, and interpreting our times in light of the Gospel, in order to be able to return to humanity the revealed truth, while using the terms of the present.

To better read the "new things" of our time in function of the dignity of the person, the **FOUNDATIONS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH** come to help us (chapter 2). The foundations regard the human being, the image of the Triune God, and, as such, the bearer of inviolable rights and an intrinsic dignity, without distinctions. The principles are those of the common good, the universal destination of goods, subsidiarity and solidarity, as well as social justice, which, when placed at the cornerstone of social relations, lead to what Paul VI was the first to summarize in the concept of **integral human development**.

And so we arrive at the fulcrum of the theme, that is, **the relationship between technology, power, and the human person** (chapter 3). While Pope Leo recognizes the value of technological development as an expression of human creativity, he warns of the risk of it becoming the absolute criterion of judgment. Artificial intelligence, lacking experiences, values, and feelings, cannot and should not assume a role of responsibility and supremacy over human intelligence.

To escape this danger, **SAFEGUARDING HUMANITY IN THE TRANSFORMATION** is therefore necessary (chapter 4). The first area to attend to is that of **truth**: in an era in which everything can be manipulated, it is necessary to preserve a critical education that permits distinguishing what is true from what is false. The second is **work**: when the dominant criterion becomes efficiency, work risks losing its human and relational value. The third area is that of **freedom**: menaced by digital dependence that collects massive amounts of data, the defense of liberty requires just rules, shared responsibility, and education. To preserve the conditions of an authentically human life, capable of truth, dignified work, and true liberty, a choral effort is necessary.

At this point in the Encyclical Letter, Pope Leo recalls that Artificial Intelligence has effects, often dramatic, also on war. The technological innovations are not limited to making means of defense more efficient, but risk automating and impersonalizing choices that involve life and death, which ought to require ethics and moral responsibility. This is **THE CULTURE OF POWER**, which is opposed to **THE CIVILIZATION OF LOVE** (chapter 5). Faced with a tendency to prioritize the effectiveness of means over moral judgment and military outcomes over the protection of human life, the only prospect of salvation is a civilization founded on **justice, brotherhood, and dialogue**. In the civilization of love, we can all do our part, beginning with the disarming of our words, practicing justice, assuming the perspective of victims, cultivating dialogue, without taking refuge in idealism, but trusting in a healthy realism. All these good practices find their vital force in **prayer**.

The concluding chapter lingers on the **spiritual and theological** dimension. Throughout history, the mercy of God has put at the center the mystery of the Incarnation. God became human and taught us true humanity, and a preferential attention for the least. It is in this that the **greatness of the human being** resides, not in technical power, but rather in freedom, love, and grace. In an epoch that generates exclusion, we are called, as brothers and sisters united in "**one body in Christ**," to safeguard links, in particular through solidarity and the care of the weakest.

Safeguarding the human in the time of Artificial Intelligence is, therefore, a common and shared responsibility. The initial image returns of the opposition between the Tower of Babel and the Holy City: which do we want to contribute to building? If we become "wise architects" and builders faithful to the truth, who safeguard relationships and invest in education, lovers of justice and peace, humanity will not lose its proper **magnificence**. It is important, therefore, not to remain resigned spectators, but rather **weavers of hope**, with the same faith of Mary, who, in her humility, under foreign domination and with a humiliated and divided people, was able to see the invisible and salvific work of God.

(<https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas.html>)

To read **MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS** in full, follow the link Or scan the QR code:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

