



Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C - 27 July 2025

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his Holy place.
God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: Gn 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'If I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul (R.)

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading:

Col 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

GOSPEL:

Lk 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord



Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

IN OUR PARISH

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RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Wednesday: 11:15am - 11:45am. Mass at 12 noon

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



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

24 hours, 7 days a week in the Adoration Chapel.
 (All are welcome)

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 26 July Ss. JOACHIM & ANNE

6:00pm Pro Populo

Sun 27 July 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Garry & Marythly

9:00am Damian Bonser

10:30am John Corkill

5:30pm Dragan Katic

Mon 28 July ST ALPHONSO OF INDIA

6:30am Vincenzo Canale

9:00am Wilson Arce Filemor

Tues 29 July Ss. MARTHA, MARY, LAZARUS

6:30am Anthony Samy

9:00am Paul Jozic and Family

Wed 30 July ST PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

6:30am Solomon Family

12noon Colleen

Thu 31 July ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

6:30am Michelle Clarke

9:00am Patricia Veronica Donohoe

Fri 1 Aug ST ALPHONSO LIGOURI

6:30am Adzic Milan

9:15am Karen Barret

7:30pm

Sat 2 Aug ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD

8:00am Personal Intention

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands

Mick Boyle, Susana Quinonez, Argarita, Cesar, Rosario Valverde, Emelita Sempio, Marilyn Villamor, Margaret Gallagher, Rose Cauci, Emmanuel & Josephine Vella, Maya Gliniski, Ruth Magnaye, Jorge Oliveras, Josephine Evans, Tenesha Faulkner, Linda Weightman, Rudy Rupac, Elinda Lopez, Norma Sulvita, Michael McDermot, Julieta Miguel, Reynaldo Handog, Wayne Reynolds, Maryanne Santos, Theresa Rickard, Denise Blanche, Mary Vella, Patrick Levelle, Tomas Ilagan, Fr Bob Bossini, Bertha Wetton, Zach Lipstack, Cocksedge Family, Dexter Assey, Jackson, Peyton Daley, Mario Cauchi, Robert Engelebrecht, Reynaldo Bendayral, David Freeman, Maureen Aurish, Vanessa Trujillo, Renee Azzopardi, Sarafino Enadid, Norma Urbano, Fe Uy, Juliet Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Clarisse & Susan Avila, Ashton D'Costa, Rolando Aguda, Hugo Labra, Marianela Valenzuela, Shiv Naiker, Emma & Zenaida Avila, Andre Rodriguez, Ginnah Alia, David Freeman, Susie Lipstack, Charlise McMillan, Crystal Darcy, Zdravko & Marija Palovic, Milka Perisa, Evotia Letele, Carolina Jurado, Karen Barret, Josephine Mitchell, Emelita Howlett, Richard Daughash, Emma Tucker.

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Anna Jones, Mervat Boulos, Willy Tate, Mark Young, Concetta Penna, Declan Hampsey, Anne Campbell, Geraldine Jansen, Johnny Tarrant, Elena Parrelli, Reena Redoblado, Vladimir Novak, Violeta Griffiths, Charlie Portelli, Luciano Morson, Peter Ruhl, Gary Zac, Albert Calejja, Pauline Rugg, Zenobius Choi, Violat Fernando, Ernesto Cunanan, Colin Kelson, Maria Spiteri, Wieslaw Snopkowski, Judy Winterton, Bishop Peter Ingham, Adrian O'Brien, Tony Pearsall, Danica Cirjak, Betty Smith, Peter Borg, Patricia McGee, Marie Thompson, Gloria Rivas, Valerie Hennessy, Lucy Levelle, Lolita Allarey, Bishop Kevin Manning, Maria Anh Nguyen, Elvis Vaz, Roland Peters, Roberto Rayco, Sr Mary Griffiths, Sr Therese-Anne Curmi FMA, Sr Kathleen Hanna FMA., Cynthia Sulvita, Evelyn McVey, Patrick Nathaniel, Sybil Williams, Karl Kiseli, Kevin Piesley, Foad Sakkour, Antonio Oliverio, Peter Dorakay, Janice McKelvie, Marc Norric, Cecilia Milo, Richard Scibberas, Edna Coles, John Joe Noonan, Ben Santiago, Rolando Aguda, Maria Crastic, David Reddin, Noelene Trower, Evelyn Bates, Peter Nicholson, Remon Goldstone, Maria Pace, Dominica Rositano, Vijaya N Perera, Pauline Harris, Pauline Carr, Phyllis Cross, Ellen Buss, Joseph Khanh Le, Bill Burke, Rainer Cruz, Henryk Kowalczyk, John Ross Birch, John Rodriguez, Argyna Santiago, Pope Francis, Nozha Mey, Denis McGee, Rodney Blundell, Jamie Dowsett, Ivan Canic, Josh Bulloch, Ruth Borg, Ostono Vaurasi, Len Dettling, Damian Bonser, Sr Joanna Healey, Clementina Canuto, Ross Graham, Paul Muscat, Frank Stricek Christine Walker.

Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let 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) \$2296.30

Second Collection (previous weekend) \$2737.35

Tap & Go Donations \$1418

TAP & GO MACHINES

The two New Tap & Go machines in the church, donations go towards the Church Refurbishment.

Kindly Select your donation amount \$5, 10, \$20 or other.

COMING EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

27 July: Grandparents Day, High Tea (details below)
28 July: Catechist meeting, 10am
Holy Wounds Devotion, Church, 7:30pm
30 July: Hope filled mornings, Parish House, 9:30am
31 July: The Search, Parish Hall, 7pm
Garden of Gethsemane, Church, 11pm
1 Aug: First Friday Stations of the Cross, 6:50pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm
8 Aug: Movie Night, Parish Hall
9 Aug: Parish Bingo, Parish Hall, 6:30pm

THANK YOU - BAKE SALE / RAFFLE

A huge Thank you to all our Parishioners for supporting the Woman's Group Fundraiser Bake Sale/Raffle.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS:

1st Prize: William Yai
2nd Prize: Fiona D'Souza
3rd Prize: Denis Collins

OLR - GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATIONS

Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. Today Sunday 27 July 2025

We invite all Grandparents for a special High Tea after the 10:30am Mass at the Don Bosco Youth Centre. There will be a sausage sizzle. All parishioners are welcome. Kindly bring a plate to share.



Holy Wounds & Precious Blood Devotions

Come and honour the Holy Wounds of Jesus.
Monday 28 July, 7:30pm, Church

HOPE FILLED MORNINGS

Come and be inspired.

Time: 30 July (Wed) 9:30am

Place: Parish House

DVD: The Man of the Shroud



We will watch the DVD, have a cuppa, a little sharing and prayer. All welcome!

Enquiries: Colleen: 0413 668 652 or (02) 9837 5069



GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

"Can't any of you stay awake with me for just one hour? Mathew 26:40

31 July 2025. Come join us.

Thursday Night 11pm to Midnight
in the church. All are welcome.



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

Mr & Mrs Steven Buhagiar
87 Adelaide St, St Marys

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



WE WELCOME

Ryder J Arnold, Stella M Tamayo,
Elijah Justin Daver

**into our Parish Family through the
Sacrament of Baptism.**

Young Adult Faith Formation - (Adults 18-35)

Sunday 3rd August, 7pm

Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd)

Speaker: **Fr Marcus Hazelman**

Topic: **St Peter Chanel**. All encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza, and fellowship!

Further Information please call Mark on 0477 004 678.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Screening on Friday 8 August, 6pm, Parish Hall.

Parents bring the Family to a fun movie night beginning with a short skit and a comedy movie. Nibbles & Drinks will be available from 6:00pm.

PARISH BINGO

Saturday 9 August 2025, 7:30pm, Parish Hall
Sausage Sizzle from 6:30pm. *Cash Prizes.*

Supper provided - gold coin donation.

It is always a fun night. All are welcome.



'International Food Festival' Sunday, 10 August

9:30am - 2:30pm, St Joseph's Parish Grounds,
12 Richmond Rd, Kingswood. All Welcome.

See flyer on Church Notice Board

OLR YOUTH MUSIC NIGHT

23rd of August at Don Bosco Youth Centre

Youth Performers and Volunteers Needed! (aged 35 and under). Help bring the night to life – on stage, behind the scenes, or wherever you're called to serve.

Contact Tam - 0402 135 158 or Giselle - 0431 372 045

DANCING-4-FUN

Dance classes on Wednesdays, 7:30pm to 9:30pm, Parish Hall. All Welcome. \$6 pp / per session.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday 11 October 2025

OLR PARISH DINNER

**** New Venue ****

Liverpool Catholic Club

\$90 per person over 18 years

\$85 per pensioner

Tickets go on sale every Sunday
in August after all Masses



July 27 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Grandparents Day to all grandparents.

As never before (particularly because of longer life expectancies), grandparents across the nation are playing a huge and vital role in the formation of the rising generation. This is also true in the area of spiritual and religious formation. Thank you to our grandparents.

Ss Joachim & Anne, Grandparents Day, Parish Fiesta:

Come to Don Bosco Youth Centre to celebrate Grandparents Day.

Coming Up:

Sunday July 27: Grandparents Day. Fiesta at Don Bosco Youth Centre after 10:30am Mass.

Sat August 23: OLR Youth Music Night at DBYC.

Sunday Sept 7: Fathers Day. Fathers Day Appeal.

Acutis, Frassati canonisations.

Sat Oct 11: OLR Parish Dinner.

October 19: Canonisations of Maria Troncatti FMA, Bartolo Longo, Peter To Rot et al.

God bless.

Fr Brendan

Fascinating similarities between Pier Giorgio and Carlo Acutis (Part 11)



4. Family Lives

Pier Giorgio Frassati: He was born into a well-off family with strong Catholic values. Despite his parents' initial misunderstanding of his deep faith, they supported his education and charitable activities. His deep love for his family meant that he always put them first, to the extent that he hid the gravity of his illness.

Carlo Acutis: Carlo's family, especially his mother, played its own crucial role in nurturing his faith. While she hadn't been going to Mass before his birth, Acutis' devotion encouraged her return to the Church. Both his parents supported his interests and devotion, which was instrumental in his spiritual development.

5. Early devotion

Pier Giorgio Frassati: From a young age, Pier Giorgio showed a strong inclination towards the faith, joining the Marian Sodality and the Apostleship of Prayer as a teenager.

Carlo Acutis: Carlo exhibited an early devotion, making daily visits to the Blessed Sacrament and praying the Rosary from a young age. He also developed a keen interest in catechesis and Church history.

6. Academic and Extracurricular Interests

Pier Giorgio Frassati: Although [he found studying difficult](#), he was a diligent student, studying engineering at university. When he finished studying he planned on using his education to serve those working in the coal mines. His interests extended to mountain climbing and numerous other sports. He was also a keen linguist and could recite Dante.

Carlo Acutis: Unlike Frassati, Carlo was a brilliant student with a passion for computer science. However, he too used his talents for the good of others and created a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles, combining his faith with his technical skills.

7. Linguistically gifted

Pier Giorgio Frassati: One thing Pier Giorgio could do is communicate, and in several languages. As well as his Italian mother-tongue, he could speak German, French, and also Latin. In a letter to his friend Carlo Bellingeri, he also shared that he was trying to learn another classic, stating: "I'll review my Greek about which I know nothing."

Carlo Acutis: While the young tech-whizz might not have had as many languages in his repertoire, he was bilingual in English and Italian. However, ever humble Acutis would pretend in class that he didn't know the answer to questions to give others a chance.

8. Shoes!

Pier Giorgio Frassati: The one thing Pier Giorgio loved was to help the less fortunate. He would more than happily take the shoes off his feet to give to those in need -- much to his parents' annoyance!

Carlo Acutis: The young saint appeals to today's youth partly because of his shoes. Seeing a saint in repose wearing a pair of Nikes makes him more relatable than the saints from decades and centuries before.

9. Died young

Pier Giorgio Frassati: One of the saddest similarities between the two men is that they both died at an early age. Frassati died at the age of 24, on July 4, 99 years ago, from polio. His family was so focused on the declining health and eventual death of his grandmother -- just three days before his own passing -- that they hadn't realized just how sick he was. There was a huge crowd at his funeral, including those he'd spent his life helping. It was only then that people understood the extent of his service to others.

Carlo Acutis: The young saint died of leukemia at the tender age of 15. Like Frassati he didn't make a fuss and offered up his suffering for the Pope and the Church. His funeral, too, was full of people coming to pay their respects whose lives he'd impacted.

‘[Cerith Gardiner](#), *Aleteia*, 13/6/25

