



# Our Lady of the Rosary

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Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

## Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C - 17 August 2025

### Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your  
anointed one; one day within your  
courts is better than a thousand  
elsewhere.



### First Reading:

**Jer 38:4-6, 8-10**

*You bore me to be a man of strife for the  
whole world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

**The Word of the Lord**

### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) Lord, come to my aid!**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. **(R.)**

2. He drew me from the deadly  
pit, from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm. **(R.)**

3. He put a new song into my  
mouth, praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord. **(R.)**

4. As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay! **(R.)**

### Second Reading:

**Heb 12:1-4**

*Let us bear patiently the struggle placed  
upon us.*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

**The Word of the Lord**



### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice,  
says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL:

**Lk 12:49-53**

*I have come not to give peace,  
but discord.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided:

three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**



### Communion Antiphon:

With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.

# IN OUR PARISH

## PARISH TEAM

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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 16 Aug

6:00pm Nikolina and Adam

### Sun 17 Aug **20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30am Pro Populo

9:00am Ruth Borg

10:30am Anthony Redmund

5:30pm Cyril & Constance Wijeratne

### Mon 18 Aug

6:30am Ramon & Annie Molejano

9:00am Brunton Family

### Tues 19 Aug

6:30am Armando Adorable

9:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Wed 20 Aug **ST BERNARD**

6:30am Holy Souls of Priests

12noon Cross Family

### Thu 21 Aug **ST PIUS X**

6:30am Michelle Clarke

9:00am Peter and Jela Bekic

### Fri 22 Aug **QUEENSHIP OF MARY**

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

9:15am Antonio Ong, and Francisca D

### Sat 23 Aug **ST ROSE OF LIMA**

8:00am Tony Cullens

## 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 Daughlsh, Emma Tucker.

## PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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 Sakour, Antonio Oliverio, Peter Dorakay, Janice McKelvie, Marc Norrie, 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, Paz Jacinto, Perry Peisley, Beryl Martin.

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

## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)* \$3252.25

*Second Collection (previous weekend)* \$3205.15

*Tap & Go Donations* \$1669

## 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

20 Aug: Mens Small Groups, MacKillop Centre, 8pm  
22 Aug: Movie Night, Parish Hall  
23 Aug: OLR Youth Music Night, Don Bosco Youth Cnt.  
24 Aug: Pilgrim Mother Apostolate Rosary, 11:45am  
26 Aug: Catechist Meeting, 10am  
28 Aug: The SEARCH, 7pm, Parish Hall  
6 Sept: Bethany Pilgrimage  
4/5 Oct: Olive wood religious items sale  
11 Oct: OLR Parish Dinner (details below)

### MENS SMALL GROUPS - 20 August 2025

Mens small groups **8pm-9pm** 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Mary MacKillop Centre.

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**Screening on Friday 22 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.

**Movie starts at 6:45pm.**

### OLR YOUTH MUSIC NIGHT

**23 August 2025 at the Don Bosco Youth Centre**

**Sausage Sizzle starts at 6pm and the Show will begin at 7pm.**

**Tickets \$10 per person.**

**Please scan the QR code on the Parish Notice Board**

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



### COME JOIN US!

**Pilgrim Mother Apostolate Rosary**

**When: Sunday 24 August 2025**

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

### Programme:

Procession of the image of the Pilgrim Mother.  
Floral offering and Holy Rosary.

Lunch provided. **All Welcome.**

Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Enquiries: Fenina - 0431 867 491

### DANCING-4-FUN

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



### IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

**Mr & Mrs Nebre**

**187 Carpenter St, St Marys**

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



### PERPETUAL ADORATION

We are very grateful and thankful to all Adorers who have remained faithful and committed to your weekly hour of Adoration.

We hope and pray that we will have many more Adorers who will be willing to spend an hour with of our Lord each week.

**If you are able to commit, kindly complete a Registration Form in the Adoration Chapel or contact Marie: 0414 979 258 or the Parish Office.**

### Bethany Pilgrimage 2025

We invite all faithful women (18+) to join us on **Saturday 6th September** for an all day walking pilgrimage (20km). Starting with 8am Mass at OLR Parish, St Marys and returning approximately 5:30pm. We will be visiting five churches whilst meditating on the Glorious Mysteries.

Registration essential (\$20) <https://www.trybooking.com/DDBUX>



### MARY'S CAFÉ

The Cafe is open after the 9am and 10:30am Masses on Sundays, please feel welcome to join us for a cuppa.

Thank you to our helpers and generous Parishioners who donate Biscuits etc to Mary's Café.

### Alcoholics Anonymous Group

**Having trouble with alcohol? Does your drinking worry you? Is it causing you to get into unpleasant or dangerous situations? Are family members complaining about your drinking?**

**If you're looking for help to stop drinking we have Two AA meetings held each week.**

**OLR Parish Centre Meeting Room Saturdays 12:30pm**

Corner of Swanston and Collins St, St Marys

**Don Bosco Youth Centre (Upstairs) Wednesdays 7pm**

10 Mamre Road, St Marys

*Membership is open to all who have a desire to recover from alcoholism. There's no formal application to join the group.*



### 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 on sale in August after all Weekend Masses**





**August 17 2025**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dear Parishioners,

**Youth Music Night** this Saturday August 23: Come and enjoy. Performances by our youth, open to all young and old to enjoy. Thank you to our organisers and performers.

**Bethany Pilgrimage:** Ladies, sign up for the Bethany Pilgrimage on September 6. See details inside this bulletin.

**Coming Up:**

Fri August 22: Film in hall.

Sat August 23: OLR Youth Music Night at DBYC.

Sat Sept 6: Women's Bethany Pilgrimage.

Sunday Sept 7: Fathers Day. Fathers Day Appeal.

Acutis, Frassati canonisations.

Sat Sept 20: Walk for Life.

Sat Oct 11: OLR Parish Dinner.

October 19: Canonisations of Maria Troncatti FMA,

Bartolo Longo, Peter To Rot et al.

November 7: Confirmations

God bless.

Fr Brendan

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**Edith Stein converted to Catholicism after  
reading this book**

***Edith Stein, an atheist philosopher, read St. Teresa of Avila's autobiography and began her journey to the Catholic Church.***

While raised in the Jewish faith, Edith Stein distanced herself from all religion in young adulthood. However, she went on a pursuit of the truth, primarily through the study of modern philosophy.

This intellectual journey led her to explore Christian writings, such as the New Testament and St. Ignatius Loyola's *Spiritual Exercises*.

However, her head and heart were captivated by the

***Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila.***

**"This is the truth"**

The [Vatican biography of her life](#) explains how she came across this book.

In the summer of 1921, she spent several weeks in Bergzabern (in the Palatinate) on the country estate of Hedwig Conrad-Martius, another pupil of Husserl's. Hedwig had converted to Protestantism with her husband. **One evening Edith picked up an autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila and read this book all night. "When I had finished the book, I said to myself: This is the truth."** Later, looking back on her life, she wrote: "My longing for truth was a single prayer."

Her heart was being prepared for the truth her entire life and when she read the autobiography, she discovered that which her heart longed for.

Although usually referred to as such, Teresa's book is not an autobiography; nor is it an intimate diary. What she deals with **mainly are the supernatural (infused or mystical) realities of the interior life.** Nonetheless, she does make use of autobiographical material as a backdrop against which she treats of the existence and value of the favours of God.

There was much for Edith Stein to learn from St. Teresa's life, including her struggles with prayer and the interior life.

[St. Teresa of Avila] starts off by telling how from a very early age she began to receive God's abundant grace. She was introduced to the path of prayer and, in her early 20s, even led to some initial experience in mystical prayer. **Though she repeatedly frustrated God's work, even to the point of abandoning prayer and the interior life, His mercy was finally victorious over her own sorry state.** When, in the end, she surrendered more totally to His grace, God began His admirable and more immediate work within her soul

Some months after reading the book, on January 1, 1922, Edith Stein was baptized into the Catholic Church and would eventually become a **Carmelite nun, choosing the name of Teresa in honour of St. Teresa of Avila.** Arrested with other baptized Jews in the Netherlands, she was sent to Auschwitz, where she was killed in the gas chamber. Edith Stein is now known as St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

– Philip Kosloski, *Aleteia*, 9/8/25.

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"From the time that I became a Catholic, of course I have no further history of my religious opinions to narrate. In saying this, I do not mean to say that my mind has been idle, or that I have given up thinking on theological subjects; but that I have had no variations to record, and have had no anxiety of heart whatever.

I have been in perfect peace and contentment; I never have had one doubt. I was not conscious to myself, on my conversion, of any change, intellectual or moral, wrought in my mind. I was not conscious of firmer faith in the fundamental truths of Revelation, or of more self-command; I had not more fervour; but it was like coming into port after a rough sea; and my happiness on that score remains to this day without interruption." *St John Henry Newman, newly nominated Doctor of the Church. Apologia*, Chapter V.

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**When many rejoice together, there is a richer joy in each individual. – St Augustine.**

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