

# Our Lady of the Rosary

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Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

## Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C - 31 August 2025

### Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and  
forgiving, full of mercy to all  
who call to you.

### First Reading:

**Sir 3:17-20, 28-29**

*Humble yourself and you will find favour  
with the Lord.*

My son, be gentle in carrying out  
your business, and you will be  
better loved than a lavish giver.  
The greater you are, the more  
you should behave humbly, and  
then you will find favour with the  
Lord; for great though the power  
of the Lord is, he accepts the  
homage of the humble. There is  
no cure for the proud man's mal-  
ady, since an evil growth has  
taken root in him. The heart of a  
sensible man will reflect on para-  
bles, an attentive ear is the  
sage's dream.

**The Word of the Lord**



### Responsorial Psalm:

**Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11**

**(R.) God, in your goodness,  
you have made a home for the  
poor.**

1. The just shall rejoice at the  
presence of God, they shall  
exult and dance for joy.  
O sing to the Lord, make music  
to his name; rejoice in the Lord,  
exult at his presence. **(R.)**

2. Father of the orphan,  
defender of the widow,  
such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to  
live in; he leads the prisoners  
forth into freedom. **(R.)**

### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) God, in your goodness,  
you have made a home for the  
poor.**

3. You poured down, O God,  
a generous rain:  
when your people were starved  
you gave them new life.  
It was there that your people  
found a home, prepared in your  
goodness, O God, for the poor.  
**(R.)**

### Second Reading:

**Heb 12:18-19, 22-24**

*You have to come to Mount Zion and to  
the city of the living God.*

What you have come to is noth-  
ing known to the senses: not a  
blazing fire, or a gloom turning to  
total darkness, or a storm; or  
trumpeting thunder or the great  
voice speaking which made eve-  
ryone that heard it beg that no  
more should be said to them. But  
what you have come to is Mount  
Zion and the city of the living  
God, the heavenly Jerusalem  
where the millions of angels have  
gathered for the festival, with the  
whole Church in which everyone  
is a 'firstborn son' and a citizen  
of heaven. You have come to  
God himself, the supreme Judge,  
and been placed with spirits of  
the saints who have been made  
perfect; and to Jesus, the media-  
tor who brings a new covenant.

**The Word of the Lord**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Mt 11:29**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Take my yoke upon you;  
learn from me, for I am gentle  
and lowly in heart.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: **Lk 14:1, 7-14**

*All who exalt themselves shall be hum-  
bled and all who humble themselves shall  
be exalted.*

On a sabbath day Jesus had  
gone for a meal to the house of  
one of the leading Pharisees;  
and they watched him closely.  
He then told the guests a para-  
ble, because he had noticed  
how they picked the places of  
honour. He said this, 'When  
someone invites you to a wed-  
ding feast, do not take your seat  
in the place of honour. A more  
distinguished person than you  
may have been invited, and the  
person who invited you both may  
come and say, "Give up your  
place to this man." And then, to  
your embarrassment, you would  
have to go and take the lowest  
place. No; when you are a  
guest, make your way to the low-  
est place and sit there, so that,  
when your host comes, he may  
say, "My friend, move up higher."  
In that way, everyone with you at  
the table will see you honoured.  
For everyone who exalts himself  
will be humbled, and the man  
who humbles himself will be ex-  
alted.' Then he said to his host,  
'When you give a lunch or a din-  
ner, do not ask your friends,  
brothers, relations or rich neigh-  
bours, for fear they repay your  
courtesy by inviting you in return.  
No; when you have a party, in-  
vite the poor, the crippled, the  
lame, the blind; that they cannot  
pay you back means that you  
are fortunate, because repay-  
ment will be made to you when  
the virtuous rise again.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

### Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness,  
Lord, that you keep for those  
who fear you.

# 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 30 Aug

6:00pm Roland Peters

### Sun 31 Aug **22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30am Rubio & Jurado Families

9:00am Paz Jacinto

10:30am Joyce Verri

5:30pm Pro Populo

### Mon 1 Sept

6:30am Rock D'Souza

9:00am Bethany Pilgrims

### Tues 2 Sept

6:30am Fiona D'Souza

9:00am Mladen

### Wed 3 Sept **ST GREGORY THE GREAT**

6:30am Personal Intention

12noon Zela Radeljak

### Thu 4 Sept

6:30am Holy Souls of Priests

9:00am Michelle Clarke

### Fri 5 Sept **ST TERESA OF KOLKATA**

6:30am Thelma Mathias

9:15am Tony Coutinho

7:30pm Personal Intention

### Sat 6 Sept

8:00am Joyce Verri

## 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, Jackie Cullen, Vicky Xerri.

## PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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 & Paul Ruhl, Albert Calejja, Pauline Rugg, Zenobius Choi, Violat Fernando, Ernesto Cunanan, Colin Kelson, Maria Spiteri, Wieslawa 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, Lenin Nunes, 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)* \$3035.95

*Second Collection (previous weekend)* \$2863.75

*Tap & Go Donations* \$1874

## 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

- 4 Sept: Garden of Gethsemane (details below)  
5 Sept: First Friday Stations of the Cross, 6:50pm  
Followed by Mass at 7:30pm  
6 Sept: First Saturday devotions, 7am. Mass at 8am  
Bethany Pilgrimage  
4/5 Oct: Olive wood religious items on sale  
11 Oct: OLR Parish Dinner (details below)  
13 Oct: OLR Pilgrimage to Penrose Park, Berrima

**OLR Parish Youth Group meetings held twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, Don Bosco Youth Centre, 7pm.**



### GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Monthly Devotion, one hour with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

**Thursday 4 September 2025**

*Come join us.*

**11pm to Midnight** in the church.

### 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. Registrations close on Wednesday 3 September at midnight. Registration essential (\$20) <https://www.trybooking.com/>

### THE NEPEAN CATENIANS

**We welcome all interested parishioners to attend our next meeting at the Nepean Rowing Club on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, from 6:30 p.m.**

This will be a ladies' night, meaning that the Ladies can join us for this night.

Guest speaker: Sr. Elizabeth, Schoenstat Sisters.

Enquiries - [michael.tan@parracatholic.org](mailto:michael.tan@parracatholic.org)

### Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy - Penrose Park

**Date: 13 September 2025**

Cost: \$25 per person for transport. BYO lunch / water

**The bus will leave at 8:00am from St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood and return by 4:30pm.**

For bookings, kindly contact the Parish Office on 4721 4080 or email [kingswood@parracatholic.org](mailto:kingswood@parracatholic.org)



### IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

**Mr & Mrs Frank Campbell  
22 Coorlong Pl, 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

Myles Bradley, Nephelia Ramanan,  
Ante Stojak

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

### NEPEAN HOSPITAL

#### Catholic Priest and Chaplaincy Service

**Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm please call 47343150**

and leave details - Name, Ward, Bed No. and a Priest or Chaplain will visit the patient for Anointing, Holy Communion or a Supportive Visit.

**Monday-Friday between 9am - 5pm and Weekends**

there is a priest on call for end of life anointing. To get a Priest in an emergency, request the nurse caring for the patient to ring the switchboard on **47342000** or you can phone the switchboard and make the request.

### ST PADRE PIO FEAST DAY

**Sunday 21 September (Glenmore Park)**

#### Triduum Novena and Mass:

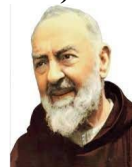
Thursday 18 & Friday 19 September at 7pm

Saturday 20 September at 5:30pm

Sunday 21 September Feast Day **10am**

**Procession followed by Mass, Veneration, Blessing with Padre Pio's Relic and fellowship meal.**

Contact: 4789 2232. All Welcome.



### HELP CHILDREN IN SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka is in crisis. Soaring prices are making essential supplies beyond reach for many families. Help disadvantaged families provide school supplies for their children. We are accepting **ONLY NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES** donations: Exercise books A4, Lead pencils with rubber, Blue and black ball point pens, Colour pencils, Rulers small, Erasers, Pencil cases.

**Drop your donations at the box provided in the foyer.**



### OLR ANNUAL PARISH DINNER

**Saturday 11 October 2025**

**\*\* New Venue \*\***

**Liverpool Catholic Club**

**\$90 per person over 18 years**

**\$85 per pensioner**

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



### CAFÉ IVAN SOUP KITCHEN

by KKOTTONGNAE & OLR

We welcome our needy neighbours for a warm meal on **Thursdays, from 6pm - 7pm** at the **Parish Hall Basement.** All welcome.

(corner of Swanston St and Collins St, St Marys)

For more info, kindly speak to Br James KBJ.





**August 31 2025**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dear Parishioners,

**Fathers' Day Appeal next Sunday:** Our annual third collection for the support of our retired diocesan clergy will be taken up next Sunday, Father's Day. Thank you for your support.

**Youth Music Night:** A wonderful night last Saturday. Congratulations to all concerned.

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

**Canonisations next Sunday:** Carlo Acutis & Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonised by Pope Leo next Sunday.

**Walk for Life September 20:** Please note the upcoming Walk for Life in Sydney. Come if you can. Let us fill the streets, with love.

**Coming Up:**

**Fri Sept 5:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 6:50pm Stations of the Cross;  
7:30pm Mass.

**Sat Sept 6:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat devotions 7:00am. Women's Bethany Pilgrimage.

**Sunday Sept 7:** Fathers Day. Fathers Day Appeal.  
Acutis, Frassati canonisations.

God bless.

Fr Brendan

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**Mass is saving the world, says Pope**

To be "close" to Jesus, the Son of God, to enter into friendship with him! What an unexpected destiny! What happiness! What consolation! What hope for the future!

"The celebration of Mass saves us today! It saves the world today!" Pope Leo assured, recalling how, "the Church, from generation to generation, carefully preserves the memory of the Lord's death and resurrection [...] by celebrating the Eucharist. [...] The Eucharist is the treasure of the Church, the treasure of treasures. From the first day of its existence, and then throughout the centuries, the Church has celebrated Mass, Sunday after Sunday, to remember what her Lord has done for her."

The Holy Father offered this [heartfelt reflection](#) on the Mass to a group of **altar servers from across France** on Monday, August 25, 2025, marking their pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year.

"Christians do not go to Mass out of duty, but because they absolutely need it; they need the life of God who gives himself without asking anything in return!" he said.

The Pope [greeted the young pilgrims warmly](#), noting the significance of their presence in Rome during this Holy Year celebrated only once every 25 years.

Crossing the Holy Door, he explained, is a moment of conversion and renewal: "The Lord Jesus offers us the chance to grow in faith and love, so that our lives may be beautiful and good under his gaze."

The Pontiff urged the altar servers to **spend time in personal prayer** and to see Christ not as a distant figure, but as a friend who patiently waits at the door of every heart.

Take time "to speak to Jesus in the secret of your heart and to love Him more and more. His only desire is to be part of your life, to enlighten it from within, to become your best friend, your most faithful friend. Life becomes beautiful and happy with Jesus. But He awaits your response," the Pope said.

To be "close" to Jesus, the Son of God, to enter into friendship with him! What an unexpected destiny! What happiness! What consolation! What hope for the future!

**Who can help?**

Acknowledging **the struggles of today's world** -- "You certainly feel that the world is going badly, that it faces increasingly serious and disturbing challenges" -- Leo XIV declared:

"Who will come to our rescue? Who will have mercy on us? Who will come to save us? ... Not only from our sufferings, our limitations, and our mistakes, but also from death itself?"

"The answer is perfectly clear and has resounded throughout history for 2000 years: only Jesus comes to save us, no one else: because only He has the power to do so — He is Almighty God Himself — and because He loves us."

The Pope then highlighted the Eucharist as the heart of the Church's life and the treasure entrusted to altar servers: "**The celebration of Mass saves the world today.** It is the most important event in the life of the Christian, because it is where God gives himself to us out of love, again and again."

He reminded them that serving at the altar is both a joy and a responsibility, calling for reverence and attentiveness.

Turning to vocations, the Pope addressed the **decline in priestly numbers in France** and in other places, calling it "a great misfortune for the Church." He invited the youth to [listen courageously](#) if Christ might be calling them to the priesthood: "What a marvellous life it is — to meet Jesus each day in an exceptional way, and to give him to the world."

Before imparting his Apostolic Blessing, Leo XIV thanked the servers for their dedication and urged them to continue their ministry with **courage, joy, and pride**. "Your number and your faith are a consolation and a sign of hope," he said, assuring them that their service contributes to the beauty and solemnity of the liturgy.

The gathering, rich in music and youthful enthusiasm, concluded with applause for the Pope, who encouraged the French pilgrims to **return home strengthened in faith** and armed with hope for the challenges ahead.

*[Daniel Esparza](#), Aleteia, 27/8/25*

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