



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

# Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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## Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C - 7 September 2025

### Entrance Antiphon:

You are just, O Lord, and  
your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with  
your merciful love.

### First Reading:

Wis 9:13-18

*Who can comprehend the will of God?*

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

***The Word of the Lord***

### Responsorial Psalm:

*(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)

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4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

### Second Reading:

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

***The Word of the Lord***

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL:

Lk 14:25-33

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the on-lookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish."

Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

***The Gospel of the Lord***

### Communion Antiphon:



Like the deer that  
yearns for running  
streams, so my  
soul is yearning for  
you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting  
for God, the living  
God.



# 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 6 Sept

6:00pm Jamie Alan Edwards

### Sun 7 Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Frank Collentine  
 9:00am Mira Jakob, Angela Kulas  
 10:30am Alan Edwards, Joseph Cushieri  
 5:30pm Faustina, Victorina, Julian R.

### Mon 8 Sept BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY

6:30am Theresa and Leo Pereira  
 9:00am Vella Family



### Tues 9 Sept ST PETER CLAVER

6:30am Johann and Tamika Mathias  
 9:00am Adoration Chapel Adorers

### Wed 10 Sept ST CATHERINE OF GENOA

6:30am Julie Sequeira  
 12noon Rogic Joso

### Thu 11 Sept

6:30am Holy Souls of Priests  
 9:00am Petar and Family

### Fri 12 Sept HOLY NAME OF MARY

6:30am Bruce & Christopher Fernandes  
 9:15am Anto and Family

### Sat 13 Sept ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

8:00am Michelle Clarke

## 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

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, 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 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, Pauline Rogers, Carmel Jeffrey, Greg Whitby, Marie Rosario.

**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)* \$3411.65

*Second Collection (previous weekend)* \$2792.70

*Tap & Go Donations* \$1225

## 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

7 Sept: Bishop's Fathers Day Appeal  
8 Sept: Holy Wounds of Jesus Devotion, 7:30pm  
26 Sept: Faith Formation Talk (details below)  
4/5 Oct: Olive wood religious items on sale  
11 Oct: OLR Parish Dinner (details below)  
13 Oct: OLR Pilgrimage to Penrose Park, Berrima

## 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.

## Bishop's Father's Day Appeal

6th and 7th September

supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve. We thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care. Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. Please give generously.

## 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)

## YOUNG ADULTS FAITH FORMATION

*Young adults from 18-35 are invited to come along.*

Date: Sunday **14<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 7pm**

Speaker: **Mark Buhagiar** Topic: *life of St Joan of Arc*

**At Sacred Heart Parish Hall, (9 Ropes Creek Rd, Mt Druitt)**  
followed by **free** pizza, lucky door prize, and fellowship! Call Mark with any questions on 0477 004 678.



## IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

**Mr & Mrs Militano**  
**12 Muscat Pl, Orchard Hills**

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



## WE WELCOME

Aritheo Alfafara, Penelope Robertson,  
Althanasius Nazareth-Shenoy,  
Ivana Lenoci

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



## TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE - FREE LEGAL EDUCATION SEMINARS FOR THE COMMUNITY

10 Saturday's (6 Sept - 22 Nov, 2-4pm)

Scan QR Code to Register:

<https://shorturl.at/Eokeo> | [tlc.asn.au](http://tlc.asn.au)

## HELP CHILDREN IN SRI LANKA

Help disadvantaged families provide school supplies for their children in Sri Lanka.

We accept ONLY NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

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

**We will accept donations until Sunday 14 September**

Contact: *Lorensz Herft.*

## OLR PARISH MONTHLY FORMATION TALKS

### Live Christ Share Christ

Date: **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2025**

Time: **7:30pm to 9:00pm, OLR Parish Hall**

Topic: **Mary in Scripture: From Eden to Revelation**

Speaker: **Anthony English**

Contact *Alan D'Souza - 0436 308 178*

## Discover Faith Anytime, Anywhere with FORMED!

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## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

You are warmly invited to join us the Annual Anniversary Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on Sunday, 26th October at the new time of 2pm, followed by afternoon tea in the Cathedral Hall.

please RSVP by emailing [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org)

Your Full Name, Wedding Date, No. of people attending.



## 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 after all Weekend Masses**



**September 7, 2025**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dear Parishioners,

**Happy Father's Day** to all dads.

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

**Condolences:** We offer our condolences to Brother David on the recent loss of his aunt Pauline Rogers, and to Father Jeff on the loss this week of his grandmother Carmel Jeffery. May they rest in peace. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of recently deceased former Executive Director of Parramatta Catholic Education, Mr Greg Whitby.

**Canonisations today:** Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonised by Pope Leo today.

**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:**

**Sunday Sept 7:** Fathers Day. Fathers Day Appeal.

Acutis, Frassati canonisations.

**Sept 8:** Birthday of Mary.

**Sept 16, 18:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliations

**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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**Biography of Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati (Part 1)**

Pier Giorgio Michelangelo Frassati was born in Turin, Italy on April 6, 1901. His mother, Adelaide Ametis, was a painter. His father Alfredo, was the founder and director of the newspaper, "La Stampa," and was influential in Italian politics, holding positions as an Italian Senator and Ambassador to Germany.

At an early age, Pier Giorgio joined the Marian Sodality and the Apostleship of Prayer, and obtained permission to receive daily Communion (which was rare at that time).

He developed a deep spiritual life which he never hesitated to share with his friends. The Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin were the two poles of his world of prayer. At the age of 17, he joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society and dedicated much of his spare time to serving the sick and the needy, caring for orphans, and assisting the demobilized servicemen returning from WWI. He decided to become a mining engineer, studying at the Royal Polytechnic University of Turin, so he could "serve Christ better among the miners," as he told a friend.

Although he considered his studies his first duty, they did not keep him from social and political activism. In 1919, he joined the Catholic Student Foundation and the organization known as Catholic Action. He became a very active member of the People's Party, which promoted the Catholic Church's social teaching based on the principles of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical letter, *Rerum Novarum*.

What little he did have, Pier Giorgio gave to help the poor, even using his bus fare for charity and then running home to be on time for meals. The poor and the suffering were his masters, and he was literally their servant, which he considered a privilege. His charity did not simply involve giving something to others, but giving completely of himself. This was fed by daily communion with Christ in the Holy Eucharist and by frequent nocturnal adoration, by meditation on St. Paul's "Hymn of Charity" (I Corinthians 13), and by the writings of St. Catherine of Siena. He often sacrificed vacations at the Frassati summer home in Pollone (outside of Turin) because, as he said, "If everybody leaves Turin, who will take care of the poor?"

In 1921, he was a central figure in Ravenna, enthusiastically helping to organize the first convention of Pax Romana, an association which had as its purpose the unification of all Catholic students throughout the world for the purpose of working together for universal peace.

Mountain climbing was one of his favourite sports.

Outings in the mountains, which he organized with his friends, also served as opportunities for his apostolic work. He never lost the chance to lead his friends to Mass, to the reading of Scripture, and to praying the rosary.

He often went to the theatre, to the opera, and to museums. He loved art and music, and could quote whole passages of the poet Dante.

Fondness for the epistles of St. Paul sparked his zeal for fraternal charity, and the fiery sermons of the Renaissance preacher and reformer *Girolamo Savonarola* and the writings of St. Catherine impelled him in 1922 to join the Lay Dominicans (Third Order of St. Dominic). He chose the name Girolamo after his personal hero, Savonarola. "I am a fervent admirer of this friar, who died as a saint at the stake," he wrote to a friend.

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"The other day I can't tell you how bad I felt – there was a moment when I nearly refused to accept – deliberately I took the rosary and very slowly without even meditating or thinking – I said it slowly and calmly – the moment passed – but the darkness is so dark, and the pain is so painful – but I accept whatever he [Jesus] gives and I give whatever he takes."

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

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**Our church is**  
**BLESSED**  
to celebrate a dad like  
YOU!

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