



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco



Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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OCTOBER

Month of the Holy Rosary

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C - 19 October 2025

Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me, hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading:

Ex 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The Word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (R.)

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. (R.)

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. (R.)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading:

2 Tm 3:14-4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL:

Lk 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." And the Lord said, "You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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 18 Oct ST LUKE

6:00pm Roland Peters

Sun 19 Oct 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Rita and Melvin Rodrigues

9:00am Pro Populo

10:30am Enzo, Mario and Palmina

5:30pm Cyril & Constance Wijeratne

Mon 20 Oct

6:30am Beverly Sequeira, Sharon Peters

9:00am George & Zakiya Boutros

Tues 21 Oct

6:30am Patrick Nathaniel

9:00am Eden Devonshire

Wed 22 Oct ST JOHN PAUL II

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

12noon Tess Diego Soliman

Thu 23 Oct ST JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

6:30am Michelle Clarke

9:00am Unborn

Fri 24 Oct ST ANTHONY CLARET

6:30am Rita & Melvin Rodrigues

9:15am Taneisha Faulkner

Sat 25 Oct

8:00am Grguric Grandchildren

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, Denise Blanche, Patrick Levelle, Tomas Ilagan, Fr Bob Bossini, Bertha Wetton, Cocksedge Family, Dexter Assey, Peyton Daley, Mario Cauchi, Robert Engelebrecht, Reynaldo Bendayral, David Freeman, Vanessa Trujillo, Renee Azzopardi, Sarafino Enadid, Juliet Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Clarisse & Susan Avila, Ashton D'Costa, Rolando Aguda, Hugo Labra, Shiv Naiker, Emma & Zenaída Avila, Andre Rodriguez, Ginnah Alia, David Freeman, Susie Lipstick, Charlise McMillan, Crystal Darcy, Zdravko & Marija Palovic, Milka Perisa, Evotia Letele, Carolina Jurado, Karen Barret, Josephine Mitchell, Emelita Howlett, Richard Dauglash, Emma Tucker, Jackie Cullen, Vicky Xerri, Esperanza Mirafuentes, Abraham Thomas, Reetahmma Abraham, Sophia Furey, Alicia Bulatao, Mary Kumar.

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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, Pauline Rogers, Carmel Jeffery, Greg Whitby, Charlie Kirk, Marie Rosario, Suzana Stojcevski.

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) \$1605

Second Collection (previous weekend) \$1955.20

Tap & Go Donations \$1422

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

18-19 Oct: **World Mission Day.**

Catholic Mission Appeal at all Masses

24 Oct: Faith Formation Talk, Parish Hall, 7:30pm

26 Oct: Sale of honey after all Masses this weekend

Pilgrim Mother Apostolate Rosary

3 Nov: Catechist Meeting

22 Nov: Bingo, 6:30pm



PERPETUAL ADORATION

We are very grateful and thankful to all our Adorers who have remained faithful and committed to your weekly hour of Adoration. We hope and pray that we will have many more Adorers rostered and willing to spend an hour with 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.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL - 18-19 October

In Zambia, many families struggle daily with poverty and limited access to essential healthcare.

The Catholic Church stands as a beacon of hope, supporting communities through education, sustainable livelihoods, and healthcare.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to journey with our missionaries, who are bringing Christ's love to those most in need. We Thank you for your generosity.



OLR - BEE HIVE HONEY

Honey for sale after all Masses next weekend **26 October 2025**

\$10 per jar. Only while stock lasts.

Pure Raw 100% natural honey comes straight from our very own Bee Hives with all it's natural goodness.

Diocese Safeguarding Training

New Training Dates for Cycle 1(Modules 1-3):

- **Saturday 25th October**
Corpus Christi Parish Cranebrook (10am-3pm)
- **Saturday 15th November**
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Wentworthville (10am-3pm)

This training is a requirement for all parishioners who are involved in Parish Ministry.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 19th October 2025, 2pm

Mass followed by individual prayer for healing.

Celebrant: Fr Brian Steele MGL.

Campion College Chapel 8-14 Austin

Woodbury Pl, Toongabbie. All welcome!

OLR PARISH MONTHLY FORMATION TALKS

Live Christ Share Christ

Friday 24th October 2025, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

OLR Parish Hall. Rosary, 7pm, Talk & Fellowship
Speaker: Simon Carrington The Four Last Things:

Death, Judgement, Heaven & Hell

Contact Alan D'Souza - 0436 308 178



DANCING-4-FUN

Dance classes on Wednesdays,
7:30pm-9:30pm, .

We learn all types of Dancing

\$6 per person / per session. All Welcome.

COME JOIN US!

Pilgrim Mother Apostolate Rosary

Sunday 26 October 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



Melbourne Cup

4 November 2025

Holy Family School Hall
Doors open 10.30 am

Come enjoy a day of fun,
morning tea and buffet lunch;
entertainment, hat parade
and prizes to be won.

Cost \$50.00 Bookings essential.

Janet 0433 091 788 - Rose 0419 416 980

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
LUDDENHAM FUNDRAISING**



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

The statue will remain in the church during October, the month of the Holy Rosary.

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



PARISH BINGO

Saturday 22 November, Parish Hall, 7:30pm

Sausage Sizzle from 6:30pm. Cash Prizes.

Supper provided - gold coin donation.

It is always a fun night. All are welcome.

Any donations to cover costs is greatly appreciated.

Denis Collins 0459 185 517



October 19, 2025
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

World Mission Day appeal today. Thank you for your support.

Parish dinner: Thank you to all who contributed to the great night.

Canonisations today: Best wishes to our Salesian Sisters today celebrating the canonisation of Sister Maria Troncatti FMA. We also rejoice in the canonisations of Peter To Rot and Bartolo Longo.

Congratulations to Charlie and Monica Borg, celebrating 50th wedding anniversary (18/10).

Coming Up:

Sun Oct 19: World Mission Day.

October 25-26: Lucy O'Connell, *Friends of Suffering Souls*, to speak at Masses.

Tues Oct 28: 7pm, Confirmation practice.

Sat Nov 1: All Saints Day. 1st Sat devotions.

Sun Nov 2: All Souls Day (no Gloria).

Fri November 7: Confirmations 7pm.

Wed Nov 19: Red Wednesday.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting.

Sat Nov 22: Bingo

Sun Nov 23: Christ the King.

Wed Nov 26: Parish Pastoral Council.

Nov 27: 79th Anniversary of OLR parish.

God bless.

Fr Brendan

Beata, the nanny who guided Carlo Acutis' faith journey



Everyone knows Carlo was a geek who loved the Eucharist, but few know about a person who played a key role in St. Carlo's life of faith -- his nanny, Beata.

As sometimes happens in traditionally Catholic countries, Carlo Acutis' parents were culturally Catholic but not very practicing. His mother, Antonia Salzano, said that she had only set foot in a church three times before being "dragged" there by her son: "My first Mass was my First Communion, my second Mass was my Confirmation, and my third Mass was my wedding."

The Acutis family never discussed faith. Yet Carlo became interested in matters of God at a very early age. Even as a child, he showed great piety and a special devotion to Jesus and the Virgin Mary. At only three years old, he didn't want to walk past a church without stopping to greet Jesus in the tabernacle. And during walks in the parks of Milan, he would sometimes pick flowers to place at the feet of the Virgin Mary.

His mother says that while Carlo had a "natural disposition toward the sacred," his nanny also played an important role in his life of faith.

The nanny was Beata Anna Sparczyńska, a young Polish au pair whom the Acutis family hired for a few years to look after their son.

Antonia says that "Beata was one of the first people to talk to Carlo about God." She was the one who instilled in him a love for Jesus in the Eucharist, taking him to Mass regularly. She also taught him the basics of the faith, charity toward the poor, and his first prayers.

The first prayer learned in Polish with his nanny

In an interview with the Polish Catholic weekly *Niedziela*, Beata recounts that the first prayer Carlo learned — very quickly and in Polish — was the one to his guardian angel: Aniele Boży, stróžu mój ("[Angel of God](#), my guardian dear...").

At first, little Carlo memorized the words without fully understanding their meaning, but later he began to ask questions about what he was saying. Beata also told him about the Virgin Mary, showing him an image of the [Black Madonna](#) of Częstochowa, to whom she was very devoted. She instilled in him a great devotion to Mary, teaching him how to pray the rosary.

In the same interview, Beata also recalls a particularly touching moment when, at the age of three, during a birthday party, Carlo came to her defence. Seeing that some children were teasing her because she was wearing a rosary around her neck, Carlo approached her and told her that her necklace was the most beautiful in the world.

Over the years, Beata was amazed by the natural relationship Carlo had with Jesus, as if he had known him all his life. She herself, raised in a Catholic family in a small Polish village where Sunday Mass was the central event of the week, had a very intimate relationship with the Lord.

Certainly, through her words and prayers, Beata succeeded in passing on to Carlo the faith she had received in her native country, which was inspired in part by the teachings of [Pope John Paul II](#). Her example enabled Carlo to progress towards holiness, to the point where he has been canonized.

This testimony shows how the seed of faith can grow in extraordinary ways and reminds us never to underestimate the impact of a Christian presence on the heart of a child!

[Aline Iaschine](#) – *Aleteia*, 12/10/25

