

Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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Third Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A -

25 January 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing, a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and
splendour, strength and honour
in the holy place.

First Reading:

Is 8:23-9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink?

(R.)

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.
(R.)

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading:

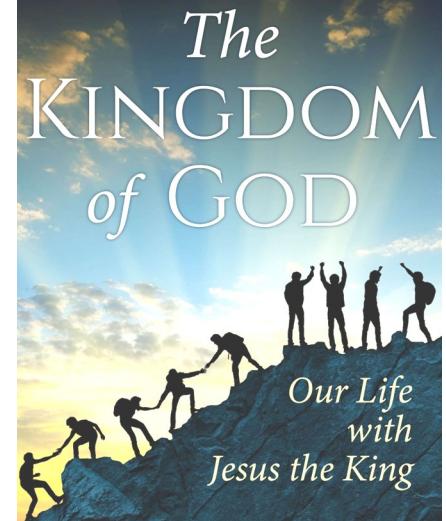
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you.

What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The Word of the Lord



GOSPEL:

Mt 4:12-17

(or longer form Mt 4:12-23)

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lake-side town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Communion Antiphon:

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeff Miller SDB
Assistant Priest: Fr. Petelo Vito Pau
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Enquiries: Please phone the Parish Office between 9:30am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 3:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Salesian Community: Phone: 9623 1220

Rector: Fr. Petelo Vito Pau

Don Bosco Youth Centre: Phone: 9623 0450

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Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School

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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.



MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 24 Jan **ST FRANCES DE SALES**

6.00pm Roland Peters

Sun 25 Jan **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30am Antonia, Charlie Militano & Family

9:00am Mhom Samson

10:30am Annabelle Rego, Norma O'Sullivan

5:30pm Pro Populo

Mon 26 Jan **AUSTRALIA DAY**

6:30am Pinky Concepcion

9:00am Bruno Bhugon

Tues 27 Jan **Ss. TIMOTHY & TITUS**

6:30am Alicia Bulatao

9:00am Unborn

Wed 28 Jan **ST THOMAS AQUINAS**

6:30am Fr Jeff, Fr Joseph (Ordination Anniv)

12:00pm Dante Trini

Thu 29 Jan

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

9:00am Denise & George Tondys

Fri 30 Jan

6.30am Carvalho Family

9:15am OLR Volunteers

Sat 31 Jan **ST JOHN BOSCO**

8.00am Salesian Family



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands

Mick Boyle, Susana Quinonez, Argarita, Cesar, Rosario Valverde, Marylin Villamor, Margaret Gallagher, Rose Cauci, Emmanuel & Josephine Villa, Maya Glinski, Ruth Magnaye, Jorge Oliveras, Josephine Evans, Tenesha Faulkner, Linda Weightman, Rudy Rupac, Elinda Lopez, Norma Sulvita, Michael McDermot, Reynaldo Handog, Wayne Reynolds, Marianne Santos, Denise Blanche, Patrick Levelle, Fr Bob Bossini, Bertha Wetton, Cocksedge Family, Dexter Assey, Peyton Daley, Mario Cauchi, Robert Englebrecht, Reynaldo Bendayral, David Freeman, Vanessa Trujillo, Renee Azzopardi, Sarafino Enadid, Juliet Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Ashton D'Costa, Rolando Aguda, Hugo Labra, Shiv Naiker, Andre Rodriguez, Ginnah Alia, David Freeman, Susie Lipstack, Charlise McMillan, Crystal Darcy, Zdravko & Marija Palovic, Evotia Letele, Karen Barrett, Josephine Mitchell, Emelita Howlett, Richard Dauglash, Emma Tucker, Jackie Cullen, Vicky Xerri, Esperanza Mirafeuentes, Abraham Thomas, Reetahmma Abraham, Sophia Furey, Alicia Bulatao, Mhom Samson, David Villamor, Adam Burton, Annabelle Rego, Arou Akot, Colleen Assimus, Jozef Karkowski, Ronald Manzano, Jozef Karkowski.

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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 Sciberras, 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 Stricke, Christine Walker, Paz Jacinto, Perry Peisley, Beryl Martin, Pauline Rogers, Carmel Jeffery, Greg Whitby, Charlie Kirk, Marie Rosario, Suzana Stojcevski, Fr John Briffa SDB, Fr Frank Moloney SDB, Mary Kumar, Serge Nalletamby, Peter Aquilina, Angela Barca, Victoria Borg, Deacon Petelo Savaea, Andrew Vaessen, Milly Martin, Alicia Bulatao, Pasquale Bellino, Br Rey Pongo, Tony Martin, Patricia Armstrong.

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) \$2392.50

Second Collection (previous weekend) \$2216.65

Tap & Go Donations \$1626

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

25 Jan: Pilgrim Mother Apostolate, 11:45am
31 Jan: **John Bosco Feast Day** (celebration on 1 Feb)
9 Feb: Catechist Meeting, Parish Centre Mtg Rm, 10am
10 & 12 Feb: 1st Communion Parent Info Night, 7:30pm
11 & 13 Feb: Confirmation Parent Info Night, 7:30pm
13 Feb: Theology of the Body, Parish Hall
14 Feb: Parish Bingo
21 Feb: Parish Lenten Retreat (details below)

DON BOSCO FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



Please join us to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint John Bosco.

Sunday 1st February 10:30am Mass followed by lunch at Don Bosco Youth Centre. All are welcome.

There will be a sausage sizzle.

Kindly bring a plate to share. Thank you.
Parish Pastoral Council

PARISH BUS TO MASS ON SUNDAYS

If you know someone in our parish who would like a lift to the 9:00am Mass on Sunday mornings, please let them know we have a parish bus available. For bookings, please call the Parish office on 96231962 during office hours.

Gambling / 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 / Gambling?

If you're looking for help to stop drinking we have 2 AA meetings held each week (details below) and GA meetings on Thursdays, 7:30pm

OLR Parish Centre Meeting Room

Saturdays 12:30pm and Wednesdays 6:30pm

Corner of Swanston and Collins St, St Marys
Membership is open to all who have a desire to recover from Alcoholism / Gambling.

There's no formal application to join the group.

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

Would you like to join OLR Church Cleaning Ministry Team this year?

All we need is 1 hour of your time once a month (preferably Fridays 10am) to prepare the church for the weekend Masses.

Contact Jasna - 0430 112 241



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

Ms Judith Sumampong
21 Dixon 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



Alita Marella Gouvernet, Leonardo John Webb, Braydel Sualog Quiachon.
into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Invitation to Perpetual Adoration

OLR Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel
is open 24 hours, 7 days a week.



We are in need of more Adorers.
Parishioners of other parishes are very welcome to join the roster.

If you would like to commit to just 1 hour a week or more, we invite you join the Adoration Chapel Roster. Call the Parish office 9623 1962.

- Registration forms available in the Chapel.
- Contact the Parish Office for information.

BECOME A CATECHIST



We invite you to join this rewarding ministry – many of our Catholic children are in public primary and high schools. Come share with them the hope and joy that Jesus brings.

Become a Catechist or Helper.

If you are able to spare an hour each week (during school hours) please join our team of committed Catechists. Training will be provided.

Kindly contact Maureen Watts on 0405 321 433

BINGO - REQUEST

We have 8 Bingo night's planned this year and we will need a lot more prizes.

If you have any unwanted Birthday / Christmas gifts (New) that you do not want or need and would like to donate, we will greatly appreciate it. Kindly contact the Bingo Team or deliver to the Parish office.
Sue & Joe Bradley - 0417278361 / 0414762878

Thank you from the Bingo Team

HOME VISITS

Do you or anyone you know who may be home-bound or lonely and would benefit from a social visit from the parish, Please contact Margaret on 0432829280 or the Parish office on 9623 1962 and leave a message with your name and contact details.

An Initiative of the Parish Pastoral Council

OLR PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Date: **21 February 2026, 9am to 12:30pm**

Venue: Winbourne Retreat Centre, Mulgoa

For bookings, kindly contact the Parish office for bookings / enquiries. All are welcome.

Denis Collins

Dear Parishioners,

The Eucharist is Everything.

Jesus instituted the Eucharist for us, and He instituted us for the Eucharist.

A life centred on the Eucharist is the ultimate fulfilment, realised or unrealised, of every human being who has come into existence, from the beginning of the Church until now. Souls realise this to the extent that they allow God the time and space to convert the spiritual engines of their hearts to run on this heavenly fuel.

The Catholic Church calls parish priests “to take care that the blessed Eucharist is the centre of the parish assembly of the faithful. He is to strive to ensure that the faithful are nourished by the devout celebration of the sacraments, and in particular that they frequently approach the sacraments of the blessed Eucharist and penance.”

(Canon 528§2).

With this in mind, every decision I make as parish priest, explicitly or implicitly, should aim at making the Eucharist a more significant reality in the life of each parishioner. Having consulted a number of parishioners and the Parish Pastoral Council, I’d like to propose the following suggestions for us to trial over the coming months:

Regular Weekday Evening Masses

In addition to our existing weekday morning masses, I propose to add regular evening masses, beginning with Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm. If there is an evident need for this (40 or so parishioners consistently attending for a month), then we will add Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 7pm. Evening masses will be proceeded by Confessions until 8pm. This will begin as soon as our assistant parish priest, Fr. Petelo, arrives.

Removal of Collections During Mass

To allow parishioners to stay more focussed on the Liturgy, I propose that we remove the practice of passing around collection plates during Mass. A secure box will be placed at the back of church for those who wish to make cash/envelope donations before or after Mass. If the Diocese requests a one-off collection for some special purpose, collection plates can be passed around at the end of Mass, during announcements, as usual. This will begin as soon as I have sourced the collection box.

Installation of Air-Conditioning

An unbearably hot church is a significant distraction and deterrent to full participation in Mass, so we should do what we can to remedy this. Fr. Brendan had long intended to install air-conditioners in the church, and was waiting for the parish to achieve a certain degree of financial security, which we are now anticipating. The air-conditioners will be installed as soon as the financing is confirmed.

Single side kneelers for Communion

As additional assistance for those who would like to receive Communion whilst kneeling, a single kneeler will be provided off to the side of each Eucharistic minister at Communion - everyone is most welcome to use them or not use them, as they prefer. These will be provided beginning the First Sunday of Lent.

I will have a few more suggestions in the coming months, but I believe this is an achievable place to start. As I said, all of these suggestions are intended to make the Eucharist, and our celebration of it, more meaningful for you. If in practice they aren't proving to do this, then we can try something else, or simply return to what we had.

Long Live Jesus in the Eucharist!

Yours faithfully,

Fr Jeff

