



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A -

1 February 2026



Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
To give thanks to your holy
name, and make it our glory to
praise you.

First Reading:

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

*In your midst I will leave a humble
and a lowly people.*

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is
theirs!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;
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2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)

3. It is the Lord who loves the Just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading:

1 Cor 1:26-31

*God has chosen what is weak by
human reckoning.*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Mt 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Communion Antiphon:

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

IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeff Miller SDB
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 9:30am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 3:30pm, Monday to Friday.

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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 31 Jan	ST JOHN BOSCO 6.00pm Susan Avila
Sun 1 Feb	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7:30am Pro Populo 9:00am Jasmina Bekic 10:30am Adoration Chapel Adorers 5:30pm Rogelio Rosales
Mon 2 Feb	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 6:30am Dennis & Joshua Sequeira 9:00am Donald, Xi, Susie, Vladimir, Charles
Tues 3 Feb	ST BLAISE 6:30am Alicia Bulatao 9:00am Bagood Family, Lani Cruz
Wed 4 Feb	OUR LADY OF LANKA 6:30am Jozef Karkowski 12:00pm Vocations to Priesthood
Thu 5 Feb	ST AGATHA 6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory 9:00am Geneveive Bhugon
Fri 6 Feb	ST PAUL MIKI & CO 6.30am Margaret Fernandes 9:15am Deceased Priests & Nuns
Sat 7 Feb	BL PIUS IX 8.00am Brenda & Mark Hughes & 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 Vella, Maya Glinski, Ruth Magnaye, Jorge Oliveras, Josephine Evans, Tenesha Faulkner, Linda Weightman, Rudy Rupac, Elinda Lopez, Norma Sulvita, Michael McDermot, Reynaldo Handog, Wayne Reynolds, Maryanne Santos, Denise Blanche, Patrick Levelle, 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, Ashton D'Costa, Rolando Aguda, Hugo Labra, Shiv Naiker, Andre Rodriguez, Ginnah Alia, David Freeman, Susie Lipstick, Charlise McMillan, Crystal Darcy, Zdravko & Marija Palovic, Evotia Letele, Karen Barrett, Josephine Mitchell, Emelita Howlett, Richard Dauglash, Emma Tucker, Jackie Cullen, Vicky Xerri, Esperanza Mirafuentes, 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 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 Stojceviski, Fr John Briffa SDB, Fr Frank Moloney SDB, Mary Kumar, Serge Nalletamby, Peter Aquilina, Angela Barca, Victoria Borg, Deacon Petelo Savea, 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) \$2954.20

Second Collection (previous weekend) \$3161.95

Tap & Go Donations \$1747

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

- 1 Feb: **Word of God Sunday**
Don Bosco Feast Day celebration (details below)
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 (details below)
21 Feb: Parish Lenten Retreat (details below)

DON BOSCO FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Please Note: Change of Venue

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

Sunday 1st February, 10:30am Mass

followed by lunch at the

MacKillop Centre, Collins St, St Marys.

All are welcome.

*There will be a sausage sizzle. Kindly bring a
plate to share. Parish Pastoral Council*



GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

*"Can't any of you stay awake with me
for just one hour? Mathew 26:40*

5 February 2026. Come join us.

*Thursday Night 11pm to Midnight
in the garden. All are welcome.*

WEEKEND RETREAT - 13-15 February 2026

Single adults, ages 18-35

The Dominican Friars and Sisters invite young
adults for a weekend retreat.

St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, NSW

The retreat includes talks, discussion, silence,
Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession,
Mass, and time for fellowship.

Registration closes 6 February. Fee: \$300 pp

<https://www.trybooking.com/DHJBL>

BINGO BINGO BINGO

Saturday 18 February, 7:30pm

Parish Hall. Sausage Sizzle 6:30pm.

Cash Prizes. Supper provided - gold coin donation

Any donations to cover costs is greatly appreciated.

All are welcome.

Bingo Team



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

**Mr & Mrs John Walsh
St Marys**

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

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.

OLR PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday 21 February 2026, 9am-12:30pm

Venue: Winbourne Retreat Centre, Mulgoa

All are welcome.

***If you need to travel by the Parish Bus,
kindly contact the Parish office.***



HOLY SPIRIT MISSION

**Come alive in the Holy Spirit! 1 Corin-
thians 12**

The Holy Spirit Mission is a retreat
organized by the Catholic Charismatic
Renewal of Parramatta Diocese

Saturday 21st February, 12pm to 5pm

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes

The program includes Praise & Worship led by the



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



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.

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

COMING UP:

Sun 1 Feb: Word of God Sunday

Mon 2 Feb: World day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Tues 3 Feb: St Blaise Feast Day.

Blessing of the throat at 9am Mass.

10 & 12 Feb: First Communion Parent Information Night, Church, 7:30pm

11 & 13 Feb: Confirmation Parent Information Night, 7:30pm

Sun 15 Feb: 33 Day Consecration to St Joseph

Day One commences in person with Fr Jeff, Church, 6:30pm

Registration on the day for WhatsApp support group access

Scan QR code to purchase Reflection book



Wed 18 Feb: **Ash Wednesday.** Mass times: 6:30am, 12pm, 7pm

Saint John Bosco (1815–1888)



Saint John Bosco, known as Don Bosco, was an Italian priest called by God to serve poor and abandoned youth during the upheavals of the Industrial Revolution.

Born in 1815 in rural Italy to a poor farming family, John was raised by his deeply faithful mother, Mama Margaret, after his father's early death. From childhood, he felt called to become a priest devoted to youth, and used juggling, games, and storytelling to attract his peers while teaching them prayer and faith. At age nine, Don Bosco received a prophetic dream revealing his mission: To guide troubled boys not by force, but through kindness, humility, and love. This dream shaped his entire life and work.

John worked many manual jobs to support himself while studying for the priesthood, advancing rapidly due to discipline and exceptional memory. He was ordained a priest in 1841, praying especially for the gift of effective communication. Soon after, he began his work by befriending homeless boys in Turin. He founded the wandering *Oratory*, which combined prayer and sacraments with Religious instruction, Games, friendship, and joy. He established a permanent centre at Valdocco in 1846, opening an orphanage and trade schools to teach practical skills. His work spread rapidly despite poverty and opposition.

Don Bosco's educational method, known as the 'Preventive System,' focused on Reason (trust and understanding), Religion (sacraments and faith) and Loving-kindness (presence, friendship, and guidance). The system received its name from its aim to prevent wrongdoings before they happened, rather than punish them after the fact. He founded the Salesian Congregation in 1859, and Co-founded the Salesian Sisters with St Mary Mazzarello in 1875. The Congregation sent missionaries worldwide, especially to South America.

Don Bosco's work is celebrated as a perfect blend Action and Prayer. He was a tireless worker despite illness and exhaustion, writing many books, preaching, hearing confessions, and organizing missions. His daily Mass, rosary, and devotion to Mary were never neglected. He lived personally poor but trusted completely in God's providence., being gifted with miracles, prophecy, and spiritual insight. He taught that holiness is found in doing daily duties with love, not extreme penance.

Don Bosco died on January 31, 1888, and was canonized in 1934 by Pope Pius XI, who called him "a Giant of Sanctity." Today, Salesians continue his mission to serve youth worldwide.

