

Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A -

8 February 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God
who made us, for He is the
Lord our God.

First Reading:

Is 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like
the dawn and your wound be
quickly healed over. Your integrity
will go before you and the glory of
the Lord behind you. Cry, and the
Lord will answer; call, and he will
say, 'I am here.' If you do away
with the yoke, the clenched fist,
the wicked word, if you give your
bread to the hungry, and relief to
the oppressed, your light will rise
in the darkness, and your shadows
become like noon.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) A light rises in the darkness
for the upright.**

1. He is a light in the darkness
for the upright: he is generous,
merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and
lends, he conducts his affairs
with honour **(R.)**

2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the
Lord. **(R.)**

Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) A light rises in the darkness
for the upright.**

3. With a steadfast heart he will
not fear; open-handed,
he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.
(R.)

Second Reading:

1 Cor 2:1-5

*I came to you to proclaim Christ
crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it
was not with any show of oratory
or philosophy, but simply to tell
you what God had guaranteed.
During my stay with you, the only
knowledge I claimed to have was
about Jesus, and only about him
as the crucified Christ. Far from
relying on any power of my own, I
came among you in great 'fear
and trembling' and in my speeches
and the sermons that I gave,
there were none of the arguments
that belong to philosophy; only a
demonstration of the power of
the Spirit. And I did this so that
your faith should not depend on
human philosophy but on the
power of God.

The Word of the Lord



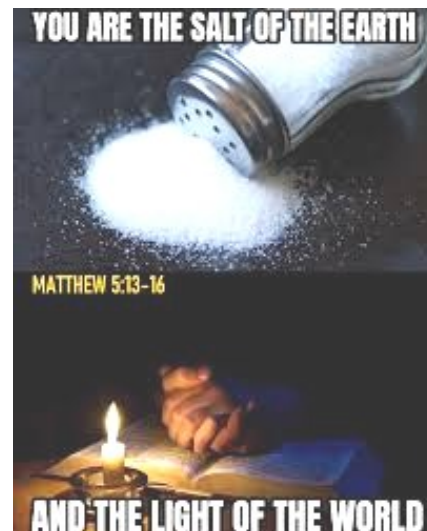
Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world,
says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL:

Mt 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You
are the salt of the earth. But if
salt becomes tasteless, what can
make it salty again? It is good for
nothing, and can only be thrown
out to be trampled underfoot by
men. 'You are the light of the
world. A city built on a hill-top
cannot be hidden. No one lights a
lamp to put it under a tub; they
put it on the lamp-stand where it
shines for everyone in the house.
In the same way your light must
shine in the sight of men, so that,
seeing your good works, they may
give the praise to your Father in
heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

Let them thank the Lord for
his mercy, his wonders for the
children of men
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with
good things.



IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeff Miller SDB
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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 7 Feb	BL PIUS IX 6.00pm Maria Louisa Pace
Sun 8 Feb	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7:30am Aurora Jimenez 9:00am Emmanuel Fenech 10:30am Zvonko Markovic 5:30pm Pro Populo
Mon 9 Feb	6:30am Special Intentions 9:00am David Bekic
Tues 10 Feb	ST SCHOLASTICA 6:30am Alicia Bulatao 9:00am Abraham Macaraeg
Wed 11 Feb	OUR LADY OF LOURDES 6:30am Leo & Theresa Pereira 12:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu 12 Feb	6:30am Ivan Canic 9:00am Alicia Bulatao
Fri 13 Feb	6.30am Deceased Priests & Nuns 9:15am Martina Bekic
Sat 14 Feb	ST CYRIL & METHODIUS 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, Aurora Jimenez, 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)	\$2353.90
Second Collection (previous weekend)	\$2731.80
Tap & Go Donations	\$2260

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

9 Feb: Catechist Meeting, Parish Centre Mtg Rm, 10am
 Holy Wounds Devotion, 7:30pm, Church
 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)
 18 Feb: Ash Wednesday Masses 6:30am, 12nn, 7:30pm
 21 Feb: Parish Lenten Retreat (details below)



HOLY WOUNDS DEVOTIONS

Come, honour the Holy Wounds of Jesus.
Monday 9 February 7:30pm, Church

BINGO BINGO BINGO

Saturday 14 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*



CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 15th February

Mass will be followed by individual prayer
 for healing. All welcome!

Celebrant: **Fr Brian Steele MGL, 2026, 2:00 pm**
 Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys.

OLR PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday 21 February, 9am-12:30pm
Edmund Rice Retreat Centre,
1315 Mulgoa Road, 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 Corinthians 12

The Holy Spirit Mission Retreat organized by
 the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Parramatta Diocese



Scan To Register

Saturday 21st February, 12pm to 5pm
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes
 The program includes Praise & Worship led
 by the youth, talks and prayer ministry.



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

Mr & Mrs Collin Johnson
234 Shepherds 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

Georgia Rose Hendricks
into our Parish Family through the
Sacrament of Baptism.

ASH WEDNESDAY

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, we kindly request you to
 bring last year's palms to the Parish Office by 16 Feb 2026.

BE THE WITNESS

A Musical that will turn your life around.

We would like to invite you to the chorus
 auditions. All those interested come to the audition
 for this amazing evangelical musical production at
 St Patrick's Church, Blacktown on either:

Monday 16th February: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Monday 23rd February : 6:30pm - 8:30pm

To register and book your time, please
scan the QR code and fill in your details.



Come, Be The Witness

Invitation to Perpetual Adoration

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



All are welcome to the Adoration Chapel
Please consider being rostered weekly.

If you are able to commit to just 1 hour or
more a week, we invite you join the
Adoration Chapel Roster.

- ♦ **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

DANCING-4-FUN

Dance classes: Wednesdays, 7:30pm to 9:30pm

On request we are having an earlier
session Wednesdays: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

We learn all types of Dancing - Line
dancing, Party & Ballroom. All Welcome.
\$6 per person / per session.



MAMRE SUPPORTED PLAY GROUP - FREE

Thursdays 10am to 12pm at Mamre House & Farm,
 181 Mamre Rd. Please call 88432506
Operates during school terms.

Dear friends in Christ,



This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis. For this reason, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Special Year in honour of the Poverello (“little poor man” as he was affectionately known), offering a plenary indulgence to foster spiritual renewal, peace, and reconciliation.

This Franciscan Jubilee invites the faithful to imitate St Francis's evangelical virtues of poverty, humility, compassion and service to the poor. The Pope encourages us to be bridge builders in the time that is “marked by so many seemingly interminable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear”. His mission to the Sultan of Egypt was a witness of love, mutual respect and dialogue. For this reason, St Francis is revered not only by Christians but also by Muslims, and Assisi is internationally recognised as the centre for inter-religious dialogue and reconciliation.

The Pope also emphasised that peace with God, peace among humans, and peace with creation are “inseparable dimensions”. The Franciscan vision of peace is not limited to the relations among human beings but also embraces the whole of creation. Francis, who recognises in every creature a reflection of divine beauty, reminds us that peace must be extended to the whole cosmos. This insight resonates with particular urgency in our time. Peace with God, peace among human beings and with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.

As a Franciscan Bishop, I am deeply committed to the legacy of St Francis. I encourage you all to take advantage of the Franciscan Jubilee Year with a view to revitalising the Gospel life and witness we are called to give, personally and collectively.

Until January 10th, 2027, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions - sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Pope - by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St Francis anywhere in the world.

Here are the following places in our Diocese:

- **The Good Shepherd Church, Plumpton**
- **St Bernadette's Church, Dundas Valley**
- **Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kellyville**
- **Franciscan Shrine of Holy Innocents, Kellyville**
- **Poor Clares Monastery, North Richmond**
- **Our Lady of Consolation Chapel, Rooty Hill**

Furthermore, the elderly, the sick, and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God.

I pray for a spiritually enriching year through the intercession of Our Lady of Poverty and St Francis.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta