

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



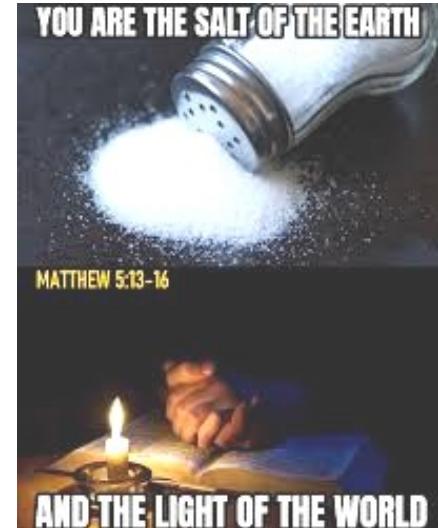
Gospel Acclamation:

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
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.

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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.



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 Levele, 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 Barret, Josephine Mitchell, Emelita Howlett, Richard Dauglash, Emma Tucker, Jackie Cullen, Vicky Xerri, Esperanza Mirafeuentes, 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 Levele, 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 Norrie, 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

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

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)



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



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.

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.

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.**

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

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



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.**

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading '+ Tyrantong', which is the name of the Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta**