



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

# Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic  Church

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## Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A -

15 February 2026

### Entrance Antiphon:

Be my protector, O God,  
A mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my strong-  
hold! Lead me, guide me, for the  
sake of your name.

### First Reading:

[Eccl 15:15-20](#)

**He never commanded anyone to be godless.**  
If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

**The Word of the Lord**

### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R.)

3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R.)

### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R.)

### Second Reading:

[1 Cor 2:6-10](#)

**God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

**The Word of the Lord**

### Gospel Acclamation:

[Mt 11:25](#)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel:

[Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37](#)  
**(or longer form Mt 5:17-37)**

**Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.**

Jesus said to his disciples: For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**



### Communion Antiphon:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

# IN OUR PARISH

## PARISH TEAM

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**Don Bosco Youth Centre:** Phone: 9623 0450

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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 14 Feb ST CYRIL & METHODIUS**

6.00pm Malcolm House

**Sun 15 Feb SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30am Pro Populo  
9:00am Kabalin and Rina Seecy  
10:30am M.K. Joseph  
5:30pm Cyril and Constance Wijeratne

**Mon 16 Feb**

6:30am Norbert Fernandes  
9:00am Suffering Souls in Purgatory

**Tues 17 Feb SHROVE TUESDAY**

6:30am Alicia Bulatao  
9:00am Vincent Bartolo

**Wed 18 Feb ASH WEDNESDAY**

6:30am, 12noon, 7:30pm



**Thu 19 Feb**

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
9:00am Special Intention

**Fri 20 Feb**

6:30am Milton Fernandes, Anthony  
9:15am Celia Castillejo

**Sat 21 Feb ST PETER DAMIAN**

8.00am Antonio Verri

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

**Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands**

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, Cockedge Family, Dexter Assey, Peyton Daley, Mario Cauchi, Robert Engelebrecht, Reynaldo Bendayral, 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, Anna Juresa, Jose Maria Pepingco.

## PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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 Kisele, 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, Noeline 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 Piesley, Beryl Martin, Pauline Rogers, Carmel Jeffery, Greg Whitty, 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 Savea, Andrew Vaessen, Milly Martin, Alicia Bulatao, Pasquale Bellilino, Br Rey Pongo, Tony Martin, Patricia Armstrong, Stephen Neville,

**Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen**

## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)**      \$3222.35

**Second Collection (previous weekend)**      \$3380.90

**Tap & Go Donations**      \$2305

## 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

- 15 Feb: Charismatic Healing Mass, 2pm, OLR Church  
16 -23 Feb: Lenten Program (*details below*)  
18 Feb: **Ash Wednesday Mass: 6:30am, 12nn, 7:30pm**  
**Day of Fast & Abstinence**  
21 Feb: Parish Lenten Retreat (*details below*)  
22 Feb: Pilgrim Mother Apostolate, 11:45am  
28 Feb: Family Movie Night (*details below*)

### LENTEN DEVOTION

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

[One hour with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.](#)

19 February 2026, Church.

[Every Thursday Night in LENT from 9pm-10pm](#)

*Come join us..*

### OLR LENTEN PROGRAM 2026

Journey alongside Christ this Lenten Season by meditating on the Sunday Gospels.

**Join us Monday evenings in Lent**

**16 February - 23 March, 7:30pm**

small group sessions in the Parish Hall.

*Sign up using the QR Code*



### OLR PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

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

*Edmund Rice Retreat Centre,  
1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa.*

*All are welcome.*

*Speakers: Fr Sheldon Burke CRS  
Charbel Raish - Parousia Media*

[If you need to travel by the Parish Bus,  
kindly contact the Parish office on 9623 1962.](#)



### 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.



### MAMRE SUPPORTED PLAY GROUP - FREE

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



### IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

**Mr & Mrs Collin Johnson**

**87 Sunflower Dr, Claremont Meadows**

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

### IMPORTANT NOTICE: SACRAMENT OF FHC

Parents, please note, that Applications for 2026 First Holy Communion classes close 20 February  
Classes start on 1st March.

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Please contact the parish office asap if you wish your child attend this year.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### COME JOIN US!

#### Pilgrim Mother Apostolate,



**When: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

**Time: 11:45am**

**Programme:**

Procession, Floral offering, Rosary followed by Lunch (provided). All Welcome

*Enquiries: Fenina 0431867491*

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> February: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**Screening on Saturday 28 February, after the 6pm Mass, in the Parish Hall.**

**Movie: SONG OF BERNADETTE**

**Come and enjoy this beautiful movie.**

*All are welcome.*



### 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.**



Dear Parishioners,

This coming Wednesday, **February 18th, is Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent.

There will be masses with the distribution of ashes at **6:30am, 12pm, and 7pm**. While it is a most grace-filled way to begin the Lenten season, Catholics are neither obliged to attend mass on Ash Wednesday, nor to receive ashes at the mass if they do attend. They are, however, all obliged to observe fasting and abstinence in accordance with their age and state, as follows:

#### **Who needs to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday?**

The obligation of abstinence is binding upon Catholics aged 14 and over (Canon 1252). Abstinence from meat does not apply to seafood, eggs, or dairy (Apostolic Constitution, *Paenitemini*, 1966).

#### **Who needs to fast?**

The obligation to fast is binding upon Catholics aged 18 to 59. While children are not obliged to abstain or fast, the Church asks parents to ensure that they are adequately educated in the purpose of fasting (Canon 1252). Fasting is not binding upon those who are sick and frail, or pregnant/nursing mothers.

#### **What constitutes “fasting”?**

*Fasting* under Catholic law allows one ordinary sized meal throughout the day, and two smaller meals which collectively don't add up to the size of an ordinary meal (*Paenitemini*). A textbook *Catholic fast* would be: a piece of bread in the morning, three pieces of bread for lunch, and a piece of bread in the evening. While snacking is prohibited, there is no regulation on drinks like water, juice, milk, tea and coffee; drinks such as smoothies would count as small meals.

#### **What about abstaining from meat from all Fridays in Lent?**

There is much confusion around this point, so it requires special attention, lest people consider themselves guilty of grave sin unnecessarily. Church Law states that abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday (Canon 1251); it does, however, authorise the Episcopal Conference of each country to “determine more precisely the observance of fast and abstinence” for Catholics living under their jurisdiction. Since 1985, the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference has decreed that: Abstinence for meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On all other Fridays of the year [including those in Lent] the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a)** prayer – as for example, mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the stations of the cross; praying the rosary; or in other ways;
- (b)** self-denial – as for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one’s own country and elsewhere; or in other ways;
- (c)** helping others – as for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened, or in other ways.

So it may be the case that you were raised in a country, or have family/friends living in a country, where the bishops have established abstinence from meat on all Fridays, including Lent. However, since you are currently living in Australia, under the ACBC’s jurisdiction this does not apply to you.

As our bishops have decreed, you can of course fulfil your Friday penance by abstaining from meat if you choose to, but you are also free to choose any of the other ways mentioned.

For more suggestions on how to make the most of this Lenten season,  
please find an additional sheet on the back table in the Church

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Jeff