



Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

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:

Ecc 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

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.
 (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, Cocksedge 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 Daughash, Emma Tucker, Jackie Cullen, Vicky Xerri, Esperanza Mirafeuntes, 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 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 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 Bellino, 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

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) \$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: Pilgram 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.



Scan To Register



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 22nd 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 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



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