

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A -

1 March 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

Of you my heart has spoken;
Seek his face. It is your face,
O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face from me.

First Reading:

Gn 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram,
'Leave your country, your family
and your father's house, for the
land I will show you. I will make
you a great nation; I will bless you
and make your name so famous
that it will be used as a blessing.
'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth shall
bless themselves by you.' So
Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

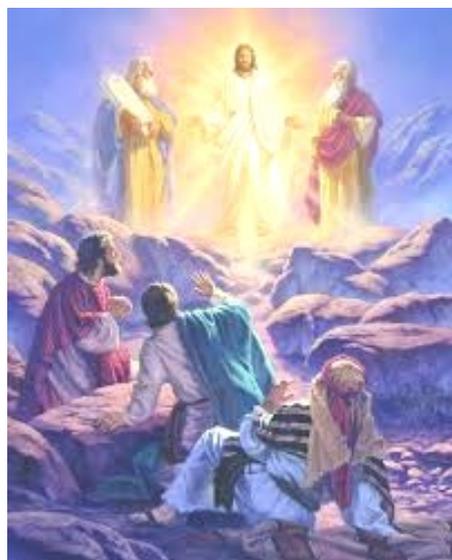
Second Reading:

2 Tm 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord



Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL:

Mt 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.



IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

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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.
 (All are welcome)

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 28 Feb

6.00pm Lorraine Lynn

Sun 1 Mar

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am Emmanuel Fenech

9:00am Tevita Piu

10:30am Luciano Morlin

5:30pm Pro Populo



Mon 2 Mar

6:30am Cory Balmes and Family

9:00am Albert Badawi

Tues 3 Mar

6:30am Robert Nickl

9:00am Adoration Chapel Adorers

Wed 4 Mar

ST CASIMIR

6:30am Emiliana Balajadia & Family

12:00pm Mario Moscatelli, Allan Holt

Thu 5 Mar

6:30am Holy Souls of Priests

9:00am Stipe Grguric

Fri 6 Mar

6.30am Frano Soldo

9:15am Bill Burke

7:30pm Peter & Paul Ruhl

Sat 7 Mar

Ss. PERPETUA & FELICITY

8.00am David Whare

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 Englebrecht, 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 Dauglath, Emma Tucker, Jackie Cullen, Vicky Xerri, Esperanza Mirafeuntes, Abraham Thomas, Rectahmma 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, Ronnie D'costa.

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, Raymond Clark.

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: 10000329

ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Catholic Church

First Collection (previous weekend) \$3231.75

Second Collection (previous weekend) \$3383.10

Tap & Go Donations \$1800.40

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Held every Friday in Lent at 7pm,
in the Church. All are welcome.



GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

“Can't any of you stay awake with me
for just one hour? Mathew 26:40
5 March 2026. Come join us.
Thursdays 9pm to 10pm
in the church. All are welcome.

BINGO BINGO BINGO

Saturday 7 March, 7:30pm
Parish Hall. All are Welcome
Sausage Sizzle from 6:30pm. *Cash Prizes.*
Supper provided - gold coin donation
Any donations to cover costs is greatly appreciated.
Denis Collins 0459 185 517



CARITAS - Project Compassion

In 2026, Project Compassion calls on us to
“**Unite Against Poverty**” this Lent

*It is an invitation to stand in solidarity with
people around the world who face immense
challenges every day – challenges that most of us can
scarcely imagine. Please pick up a Project Compa-
sion box from the table in the Church Foyer.*

**Project Compassion Boxes will be collected on Holy
Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm.**

LOST PROPERTY

For Items left in the Church / Adoration Chapel,
contact the Parish office during office hours only.

MAMRE SUPPORTED PLAY GROUP - FREE

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

CAFÉ IVAN

SOUP KITCHEN by KKOTTONGNAE & OLR
We welcome our needy neighbours and
homeless for a warm meal.



Thursdays 6pm - 7pm
Parish Hall -Basement

(corner of Swanston St and Collins St, St Marys)
All are welcome.



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

Mr & Mrs Rodrigo Godoy
12 Lindwall Court, St Clair

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
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.

DON BOSCO YOUTH CENTRE



is resuming bookings for private
functions and birthdays as of now.

For bookings speak directly to
Fr Joseph at the Youth Centre.

Celebrate International Women's Day at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney

Join us on **Sunday 8 March** as we celebrate International
Women's Day and honour Saint Mary MacKillop.

Mass at 1pm at the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel
7 Mount Street (Also celebrated at 8am and 11am)

The 1pm Mass will include a special blessing & prayer for
International Women's Day. Cake & refreshments will be
shared in the courtyard after Mass.

For any questions about any of these events please contact
ministries@mmp.org.au. All are welcome

“Guadalupe: Mother of Humanity”

Special Screening on Friday 20 March, 7pm
Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

This inspiring documentary tells the miraculous
story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In 1531, the
Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego and left her
image on his tilma — a cloak that has endured
nearly 500 years, surviving acid, a bomb blast,
and the tests of time. Hidden messages within the
image continue to inspire awe and faith today.

Tickets: \$10 per person (payable on the night –
cash or card). Recommended PG 13+.

Popcorn snacks available as part of fundraising.

Stations of the Cross will take place at 6:00pm
prior to the screening.

DANCING-4-FUN

Dance classes: Wednesdays, 7:30pm to 9:30pm
at the Parish Hall.



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

*We learn all types of Dancing -
Line dancing, Party & Ballroom.*

\$6 per person / per session. All Welcome.

COMING EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

5 March: Garden of Gethsemane, Church, 9pm
6 March: Stations of the Cross 7pm, Mass 7:30pm
7 March: Bingo, Parish Hall, 7:30pm
9 March: Catechist Meeting, Parish Centre, 10am

Dear parishioners,

Update on evening mass times.

Our incoming assistant parish priest, Fr. Petelo, is still awaiting the approval of his visa, and we continue to pray that he will be with us soon. I had originally intended to commence evening masses in the parish following Fr. Petelo's arrival, though as we have no clear indication of when this will be, I have decided that we will commence as of Tuesday, 10th of March. From March 10th, we will celebrate 7pm mass in the parish on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with Reconciliation to follow until 8pm. All going well, we will hope to commence with 7pm mass every weekday as of Easter Monday.

2028 International Eucharistic Congress.

The following is an extract of parish correspondence from Fr. Tom Green, the Diocesan representative for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Sydney in 2028.

"The International Eucharistic Congress began in Lille in 1881 with the hope that a renewal of faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist would prove to be the catalyst for the re-evangelisation of the world. Quickly, the Congress became international in that it began to be celebrated throughout the world, not just in Europe. In 1928, Sydney hosted the event for the first time and in part, to recognise the centenary of that event, Sydney has been chosen again to host the Congress in September 2028.

This is an exciting time for the Church in Australia, and promises to be a time of great renewal. To ensure that the soil is rich for the seeds God will plant in 2028, the Church across the country will participate in various ways in a three-year preparation phase leading up to the Congress itself.

*To mark the official commencement of this time of preparation for the IEC, there will also be a **nationwide Holy Hour on Sunday, 1 March 2026**. Every parish in the country is encouraged to hold an hour of Eucharistic Adoration following Mass on that Second Sunday in Lent."*

In support of these preparations, our parish will be holding an hour of Eucharistic Adoration in the church this Sunday (March 1) from 6:30 - 7:30pm.

