

Our Lady of the Rosary

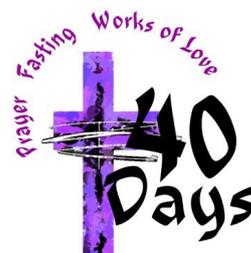
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Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A -

15 March 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
Exult and be satisfied at her
consoling breast.

First Reading:

1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

*In the presence of the Lord God, the
anointed David King of Israel.*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading:

Eph 5:8-14

*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine
on you.*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord



Gospel Acclamation:

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord
Jesus Christ!**

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

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord
Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL: Jn 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

*The blind man went off and washed himself
and came away with his sight restored.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord anointed my eyes; I went,
I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

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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 Mar 6.00pm Ronaldo, Teresita, Luis Jurado Jnr

Sun 15 Mar **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
 7:30am Emma Zuleni
 9:00am Janet Weinert
 10:30am Cyril & Constance Wijeratne
 5:30pm Pro Populo

Mon 16 Mar
 6:30am Maria Montanaris
 9:00am Eileen Morrow

Tues 17 Mar **ST PATRICK**
 6:30am Charlie Dimech
 9:00am Vincent Leary
 7:00pm Norma O'Sullivan, Annabelle Rego

Wed 18 Mar **ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM**
 6:30am Ivan Canic
 12:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thu 19 Mar **ST JOSEPH**
 6:30am Tania Sequeira
 9:00am Vincenzo Veltre
 7:00pm Lucia Jeronic

Fri 20 Mar
 6.30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:15am Beatrice Leary

Sat 21 Mar
 8.00am Rufino & Alvin Sebastian



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands

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, 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 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, Chito Redoblado, Beatrice Leary, Lorraine Damiani.

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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 Clarke, Sarafino Enadid, Felicia Sisinni, Eileen Morrow, Vincent Leary,

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) \$2837.20

Second Collection (previous weekend) \$4642.30

Tap & Go Donations \$1695

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.



AN HOUR WITH JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

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

Thurs 19 March, 7:30pm – 8 :30pm following the 7pm Mass. Come join us.

The 2026 Parish Spiritual Adoption Drive

will take place on the weekend of 21–22 March. Come and take part in one of the most life-giving initiatives we can be privileged to participate in.

Participants pledge to pray daily for an unborn child at risk of abortion from 25 March - Christmas Day.

Visit our table outside the church after weekend Masses to register your participation.

We look forward to seeing you. – JPll Alliance



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 Compassion 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.

DON BOSCO YOUTH CENTRE



resuming bookings for private functions/birthdays

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

LOST PROPERTY

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

MENS SMALL GROUPS

Mens small groups 8pm-9pm 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Mary Mackillop Centre (cnr of Swanston St and Collins St).



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

Ms. Amanda Jabbour
91 Sydney St, Oxley Park

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.

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.

ORGAN DONATION



Fr. Jeff is looking to rehouse a large collection of electric organs.

If you would like a FREE organ, please speak to him directly.

Jesus Christ Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Sat 21st March 2026

Presentation will be from 9:30am - 12:30pm

Mary Elliot Room. Donations welcomed

Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre

1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa NSW 2745

Contact: 02 4773 5555 or info@winbourne.org

PARISH PILGRIMAGES

Our parish is organising pilgrimages to **Berrima on 13 May and Goulburn on 28 June.**

Based on the Registration numbers we will decide whether to take the Parish Bus or hire a coach.

Kindly contact the Parish office on 9623 1962 during office hours.

Scan the QR code to register.



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)

Contact Br James or Parish office for more information

Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary Celebrations:

Monday, 6th April 2026, 1:30pm – 5:30pm

You are invited to celebrate with us the 75 years of the arrival of the first Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary to Australia and 60 years of the Schoenstatt

Movement in Australia. Join us on Easter at

Mount Schoenstatt – Please bring a plate to

share for afternoon tea. RSVP Shirley Hall 0417

153 930 movtooffice@schoenstatt.org.au

COMING EVENTS:

15 March: Confirmation classes begin
25 March: Parish Pastoral Council
26 March: Pre-Baptism Programme, 7:30pm
31 March: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, 7:30pm
1 April: Chrism Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral, 7:30pm
2 April: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm
3 April: Good Friday
4 April: Easter Vigil, 8pm
5 April: Easter Sunday.
Daylight Saving ends
12 April: Divine Mercy Sunday

OLR MASS TIMES:

Monday	6:30am & 9am
Tuesday	6:30am, 9am, 7:00pm
Wednesday	6:30am, 12noon
Thursdays	6:30am, 9am, 7:00pm
Friday	6:30am, 9:15am
Saturday	8:00am, 6:00pm
Sunday	7:30am, 9am, 10:30am and 5:30pm



We offer our condolences to our fellow Salesian, Br. Michael Morrow, and all the Morrow family on the death of their mother, Eileen. Eileen was a longstanding member of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, and spent the last few years living in Boronia House. Eileen is remembered by many for her unfailing joy and kindness. Her funeral will be celebrated in the church on Monday March 16th, at 11am. May she rest in Peace.

This week we have been blessed to welcome a new member to the St Marys Salesian community, Fr. Gersio Amaral.

Fr. Gersio joined the Salesians in his native Timor Leste in 2000, after which he completed a Master of Education and was ordained a priest on August 15th, 2019. He has spent the past few months assisting the fledgling Salesian community in Darwin, and has now been permanently appointed to assist our parish and the Don Bosco Youth Centre. His name, Gersio (pronounced Gher-see-oh) is the Timorese transliteration of the Old Testament name, Gershon. His arrival among us is a great testament to your prayers, as I can testify; a few months ago, I mentioned that we would commence evening Masses once our assistant parish priest arrived. As anticipation built, and his arrival date became increasingly uncertain, the Lord placed the thought on my heart – “Why not start the evening Masses, and the priest will come!” And so, I asked for your prayers, and announced we would go ahead with evening Masses, regardless, as of March 10th. Last week, the provincial emailed the community to mention he had since asked Fr. Gersio to come and assist us, to which he replied: “Can I leave tomorrow?!” Fr. Gersio arrived in the parish on March 10th, an hour before the first evening Mass. We are most grateful to God for the gift of Fr. Gersio and will look forward to his friendship and accompaniment over the coming years.



For the past few months our resident sculptor, Mr. Marijan Bekic, has been carving the offcuts from his parish Fatima statue into the pieces of an enormous Rosary, which he has installed on the northern façade of the church. We thank Marijan for this second masterpiece, which will beautify the church for generations to come. Marijan most generously did not ask for any payment for this work, instead being contented to accept any donation people may like to make; if you would like to donate towards Marijan's efforts (which amounted to hundreds of hours), please feel free to donate to him directly, or through the parish office. Marijan wishes to thank a group of our parish youth who assisted him in preparing the fittings: Michael, Mary, Joseph, Rosie, and AnThu Maria. We hope to have the sculpture blessed near the end of the year as part of the parish's 80th anniversary celebrations. Marijan will also be etching the name of the church into the western façade of the church later in the year. Thank you Marijan. God bless you.