



Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A -

22 March 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading:

Ez 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The Word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **(R.)**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord. **(R.)**)

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

Second Reading:

Rom 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Glorify and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.

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GOSPEL: Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33 - 45 or shorter form Jn 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here

my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.



IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeff Miller SDB
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 Rector:

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 21 Mar 6.00pm Roland Peters

Sun 22 Mar FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 7:30am Lydia Flores
 9:00am Dennis Peters
 10:30am Warren & Gary Zac
 5:30pm Pro Populo

Mon 23 Mar
 6:30am Frano Soldo
 9:00am Maria Montanaris

Tues 24 Mar
 6:30am Rita & Melvin Rodrigues
 9:00am Laure, Sophia Alaga & Family
 7:00pm Peloe Family

Wed 25 Mar ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
 6:30am Debi Ghosh
 12:00pm The Unborn

Thu 26 Mar
 6:30am Fr Jeff Miller (birthday)
 9:00am Jose Maria Pepingco
 7:00pm Valerie Gabriel

Fri 27 Mar
 6.30am Frank
 9:15am Jasna Bekic

Sat 28 Mar
 8.00am Personal Intention



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, Cocksedge Family, Dexter Assey, Peyton Daley, Mario Cauchi, Robert Engelebrecht, Reynaldo Bendayral, Vanessa Trujillo, Renee Azopardi, 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, 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, Ronnie D'costa, Chito Redoblado, Beatrice Leary, Lorraine Damiani, Monica Thomas.

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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 Stojceviski, 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, Pellegrino Penna, Lucija Jeronic.

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) \$2840.10

Second Collection (previous weekend) \$2150.25

Tap & Go Donations

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.**

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. – **JPII Alliance**

HOPE FILLED MORNINGS

Come and be inspired.

Wednesday 25 March 2026

Time: 9:30am **Place:** Parish House

DVD: Hope Our Lady of Knock



We will watch the DVD, have a cuppa, a little sharing and prayer. All are welcome!

Enquiries: Colleen: 0413 668 652 or (02) 9837 5069



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

Thursday 26 March, 7:30pm – 8 :30pm
following the 7pm Mass. Come join us.



OLR - BEE HIVE HONEY

Honey for sale after all Masses on the weekend of **28 & 29 March 2026**.

\$10 per jar. Only while stock lasts.

Pure Raw 100% natural honey from our very own Bee Hives with all it's natural goodness.

Good Friday Night Walk – 3-4 April 2026

The pilgrimage begins at **St Patrick's Catholic Church, Blacktown** and concludes at **St Patrick's Cathedral, Blacktown**. Check-in at 9:00pm on Good Friday - 51–59 Allawah St, Blacktown. All pilgrims must be checked in and inside the church by 10:00pm. The full walk spans approximately 20km. *\$10 donation per person at registration will help us to cover the cost of the Pilgrimage.*

See Parish Notice Board for more details. Call Parish office to book your seat on the Parish Bus, \$10pp.



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

Mr & Mrs Phil Sebastian
10 Armistien Crescent, Werrington

If you would like the Rosary Statue in your home for a week, contact Mr & Mrs Johnson 0404 028 823.



WE WELCOME

Amelia Grace Nichols, Levi Seecy
Olaedo Eliana Ocho
Hadassah Chinaza Emeka-Nonso
into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism.



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.

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
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BINGO BINGO BINGO

Saturday 11 April, 7:30pm, Parish Hall
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



PARISH PILGRIMAGES

Our parish is organising pilgrimages to **Berrima on 13 May / Goulburn on 28 June**. Depending on the Registration numbers we will make a decision as to take the Parish Bus or hire a coach. *For further info contact the Parish office on 9623 1962.*
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



COMING EVENTS:

- 22 March: **Pilgrim Mother Apostolate Rosary, 11:45am**
A march for the Unborn, St Marys Cathedral, 12noon
- 23 March: Holy Wounds, Church, 7:30pm
- 25 March: Hope-filled mornings, 9:30am
Parish Pastoral Council, 7:30pm
- 26 March: Pre-Baptism Programme, 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
- 19 April: Parish Priest Installation Mass
Bishop Vincent will install Fr Jeff as Parish Priest at the 10:30am Mass. All are welcome.

HOLY WEEK Services will be included in the Palm Sunday bulletin.

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 5:30pm

Easter Reconciliation / Confession opportunities:

- Tuesdays: 7:30pm (after 7pm Mass)
- Wednesday: 11:15am - 11:45am. Mass at 12noon
- Thursdays: 7:30pm (after 7pm Mass)
- Saturdays: 9:00am - 10:00am, 5:00pm - 5:30pm
- Good Friday: 9:30am - 10:30am
- Holy Saturday: 9:30am

Dear Parishioners,

Next Sunday, 29th of March is Palm Sunday, so we will be having the blessing of the palms at each of the Sunday Masses including the Saturday Vigil.
The Palm Sunday procession will take place at the beginning of the 10:30am Mass only, and will commence in the presbytery backyard at 10:30am.

The parish wishes to extend our sincerest condolences to the Jeronic family upon the death of their mother, Lucija, on Thursday. Lucija had been ill for a number of years, and her health took a significant turn in recent weeks. The parish offered a novena to St. Joseph for Lucija on the nine days leading up to the feast day on Thursday, culminating in the celebration of the 7pm Mass for her. Shortly after this Mass, Lucija passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family.
We continue to pray for her husband Branimir and their three children.

God Bless.

Fr Jeff

