

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year A - 29 March 2026



Entrance Antiphon:

Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord, the
King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.

First Reading:

Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

3. They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)



Second Reading:

Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth

and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised Him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

GOSPEL:

Mt 27:11-54



The Gospel of the Lord



Communion Antiphon:

Father, if this Chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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 28 March

6:00pm Mary Traynor

Sun 29 March **PALM SUNDAY**



7:30am Susan Avila & Siblings
 9:00am Darelle & Daniele Leano & Family
 10:30am Jayden O'Connor & Family
 5:30pm Pro Populo

Mon 30 March **HOLY WEEK**

6:30am Gerald O'Sullivan
 9:00am Holy Souls

Tues 31 March **HOLY WEEK**

6:30am Holy Souls
 9:00am Maria Montanaris
 7:00pm Albert Badawi

Wed 1 April **HOLY WEEK**

6:30am Agnelo Carvalho
 12noon Malcolm Lowes & Holy Souls

Thu 2 April **HOLY THURSDAY**

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri 3 April **GOOD FRIDAY**

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Sat 4 April **HOLY SATURDAY**

EASTER VIGIL 8:00pm

Sun 5 April **EASTER SUNDAY**

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

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, 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 Azzopardi, Juliet Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Ashton D'Costa, Rolando Aguda, Hugo Labra, Shiv Naiker, Andre Rodriguez, Ginnah Alia, David Freeman, Susie Lipstick, Charlise McMillan, Crystal Darcy, Zdravko & Marija Palovic, Evotia Letele, Karen Barret, Josephine Mitchell, Emelita Howlett, Richard Dauglash, Emma Tucker, Jackie Cullen, Vicky Xerri, Esperanza Mirafuentes, Abraham Thomas, Reetahmma Abraham, Sophia Furey, Alicia Bulatao, Mhom Samson, Aurora Jimenez, Adam Burton, Annabelle Rego, Arou Akot, Jozef Karkowski, Ronald Manzano, Anna Juresa, Jose Maria Pepingco, Ronnie D'costa, Chito Redoblado, Beatrice Leary, Lorraine Damian, Monica Thomas, Miloh Molesi, Blanche Jones.

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, BP K 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, Pellegrino Penna, Lucia Jeronic Linda Weightman

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) \$3062.10

Second Collection (previous weekend) \$2985.95

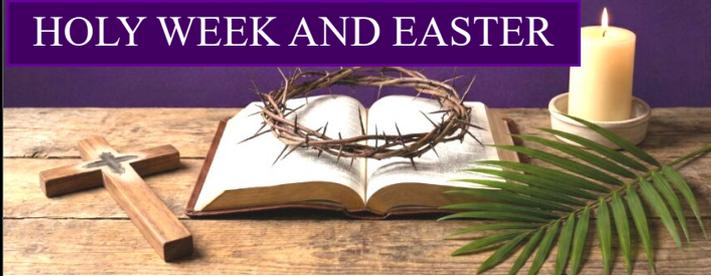
Tap & Go Donations

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



29 March: **PALM SUNDAY**

Blessing of palms at all Masses.

2 April: **HOLY THURSDAY**

(No Morning Mass)

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm

Kindly bring your Project Compassion boxes

3 April: **GOOD FRIDAY**

9:00am Morning Prayer, Office of Readings

11am Passion Play, MacKillop Centre

Reconciliation: 9:30 - 10:30am

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

- Special Collection - Support of Holy Land
- Divine Mercy Novena begins

4 April: **HOLY SATURDAY**

9:00am Morning Prayer, Office of Readings

9:30am Confessions

EASTER VIGIL at 8:00pm

5 April: **EASTER SUNDAY**

Mass Times: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am

NO Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

Easter Holy Water will be available to bless your homes, please bring a container.

[Copies of the Easter Blessing are available on the table at the back of the Church](#)

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.



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

**Mr & Mrs Elphinstone
36 Caines Cres, St Marys**

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



Dear Adorers, the Perpetual Adoration Chapel will be closed during the Easter Triduum.

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed at 6pm on Holy Thursday and exposed again on Easter Sunday at 3pm.

GOOD FRIDAY

HOLY LAND COLLECTION



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on GOOD FRIDAY, April 3.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. Australian Catholics have been extremely generous. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges both financial and spiritual, and so we again ask Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible, with their Financial support as well as the spiritual support.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. **Thank you. God Bless You.**

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**. 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 12 April 2026



- 1:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 1:30pm - 2:50pm Reconciliation
- 1:45pm Rosary
- 2:20pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 2:40pm Benediction
- 2:50pm Blessing of the Image
(Bring your images to be blessed)
- 3:00pm Mass

Please join us for a cuppa at Mary's Café.

COMING EVENTS:

- 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

Easter Reconciliation / Confession opportunities:

- Tuesdays: 7:30pm (after 7pm Mass)
Wednesday: 11:15am - 11:45am. Mass at 12noon
Good Friday: 9:30am - 10:30am

OLR MASS TIMES:

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| 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 |

Dear Parishioners,

We are very pleased to announce that as of this week Bishop Vincent has officially appointed Fr. Gersio as the Assistant Parish Priest of our parish.

Please note the times for the Easter Triduum liturgies inside the bulletin. A few practical details:

- The church will remain open until midnight on **Holy Thursday** for quiet prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.
- The church will be open from 8am - 8pm on Good Friday.
- For the Good Friday 3pm liturgy, Veneration of the Cross within the liturgy will be limited to parishioners in the front three rows. All other parishioners will be welcome to venerate the cross at the end of the liturgy.
- The Saturday night Easter Vigil will commence at 8pm in the presbytery backyard.

Weekday mass times:

As of Easter Monday, April 6, we will commence regular 7pm masses from Monday to Friday, which will be followed by Reconciliation until 8pm.

In recent years, for reasons which are no longer relevant, the second daily masses on Wednesday and Friday were celebrated at 12pm and 9:15am, respectively. With the introduction of the regular 7pm masses and regular confession times, both of these masses will be celebrated at 9am as of Easter Monday.

Benediction before the Friday morning 9am mass will take place at 8:50am.

In short, as of April 6, weekday mass times will be:
6:30am, 9am, and 7pm, Monday to Friday.

Praying you and your families have a very blessed Holy Week.
Fr. Jeff

