

Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

# Our Lady of the Rosary

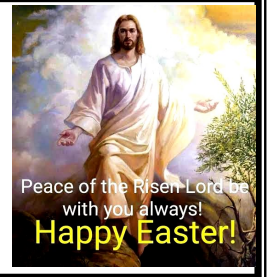
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## SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - Year A - 5 April 2026

### Entrance Antiphon:

I have risen, and I am with you still,

**Alleluia.**

You have laid your hand upon me,

**Alleluia.**

Too wonderful for me, this

knowledge, **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### First Reading:

**Acts 10:34, 37-43**

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

**The Word of the Lord**

### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

**1.** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

**2.** The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **(R.)**

**3.** The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**



### Second Reading:

**Col 3:1-4**

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**The Word of the Lord**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. **Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL:

**Jn 20:1-9**

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

### Communion Antiphon:



Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, **Alleluia;**

therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, **Alleluia,**



# IN OUR PARISH

## PARISH TEAM

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 Rector:

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 Director: Fr Joseph Huong SDB

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## RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturdays: 9:00am - 10:00am, 5:00pm - 5:30pm  
 Mon to Fri: 7:30pm to 8:00pm

## MASSES THIS WEEK



**Sat 4 April EASTER VIGIL**  
 8:00pm

**Sun 5 April EASTER SUNDAY**  
 7:30am Pat and Helen McGannon  
 9:00am Dinero and Petrulla Family  
 10:30am Pro Populo  
 5:30pm **No Mass**

**Mon 6 April EASTER MONDAY**  
 6:30am Adoration Chapel Adorers  
 9:00am Elaina Mary  
 7:00pm Argyna Santiago

**Tue 7 April EASTER TUESDAY**  
 6:30am Alysha Sequeira  
 9:00am Sue Bradley  
 7:00pm Victorina, Juliana, Emigdio Rosales

**Wed 8 April EASTER WEDNESDAY**  
 6:30am Leo and Theresa Pereira  
 9:00am Suffering Souls in Purgatory  
 7:00pm

**Thu 9 April EASTER THURSDAY**  
 6:30am Raymond Divas  
 9:00am Frano and Anica  
 7:00pm

**Fri 10 April EASTER FRIDAY**  
 6:30am Radeljke Family  
 9:00am Personal Intention  
 7:00pm Noel Cross

**Sat 11 April EASTER SATURDAY**  
 8:00am Kevin Cooper

## 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, Brian Xerri, Tenesha Faulkner, Rudy Rupac, Elinda Lopez, Norma Sulvita, Michael McDermot, Reynaldo Handog, Wayne Reynolds, Maryanne Santos, Denise Blanche, Patrick Levelle, Fr Bob Bossini, 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, 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, Allan & Jackie Cullen, Esperanza Mirafeuntes, Abraham Thomas, Rec-tahmma 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, Beatrice Leary, Lorraine Damian, Monica Thomas, Miloh Molesi, Shuashawnee Hancock, Miloh Molesi, Blanche Jones.

## PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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 Sakour, 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 Jeroncic, Chito Redoblado, Vicky Xerri, Linda Weightman.

**Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen**

## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

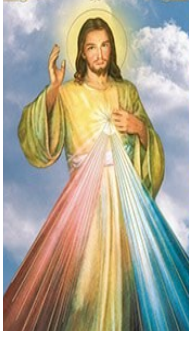
*First Collection (previous weekend)* \$3202.85  
*Second Collection (previous weekend)* \$3396.75  
*Tap & Go Donations* \$1672

## TAP & GO MACHINES

**The two Tap & Go machines in the church, donations will go to the Church 2nd collection.**  
*Kindly Select your donation amount \$5, \$10, \$20 or other.*

## OLR 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 Divine Mercy Image
- 3:00pm Mass

*Followed by a Cuppa at Mary's Café.*

## 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*



## CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing. Celebrant: *Fr Wim Hoekstra*

**Sunday 19th April 2026, 2:00 pm**

**Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys.**

## CAFÉ IVAN

**SOUP KITCHEN** by KKOTTONGNAE & OLR



We welcome our needy neighbours / homeless for a warm meal. **Thursdays**

**6pm - 7pm, Parish Hall -Basement**

*(corner of Swanston St & Collins St, St Marys)*

*For more info, kindly speak to Br James KBJ.*

## Gambling / Alcoholics Anonymous Group

Having trouble with alcohol? Does your drinking worry you? Is it causing you to get into unpleasant or dangerous situations? Are family members complaining about your drinking / Gambling?

If you're looking for help to stop drinking we have 2 AA meetings held each week *(details below)*

**OLR Parish Centre Meeting Room**

**Saturdays 12:30pm and Wednesdays 6:30pm**

**and GA meetings on Thursdays, 7:30pm**

Corner of Swanston and Collins St, St Marys

*Membership is open to all who have a desire to recover from Alcoholism / Gambling.*

*There's no formal application to join the group.*



## ROSARY STATUE

**Mr & Mrs Sequeira**  
**39 Marsden St, St Marys**

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



## WE WELCOME

**Havanna Kira Culibao, Roman James Perez, Jeremiah Cole Labayo**  
into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism

## 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.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGES

Our parish is organising pilgrimages to **Berrima on 13 May and Goulburn on 29 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.**



## DON BOSCO YOUTH CENTRE



**resuming bookings for private functions/birthdays**

*For bookings kindly contact Fr Joseph at the Youth Centre.*

## Notice of Sale of Parish Car

OLR parish was GIFTED a 2013 Falcon XR6 with 79,000kms by the late Mr. Ivan Canic, may he rest in peace. The car is in beautiful condition as indicated by the very low kms, has 12 months registration, and has recently had a full detail.

**This sale of said car is open to any OLR parishioner by way of silent auction.**

The minimum bid is \$10,000.00. One's bid amount can be submitted to the parish office in a sealed envelope along with a \$100.00 cash deposit and the name and contact number of the bidder. **The closing date to submit the bid is Friday 10 April at 3.00pm.**

Bids will be opened on that date by two members of the parish including the parish finance council chair. The highest bid submitted will win the bidding process. **Full payment will be due within 4 business days.** Losing bidders will be refunded their \$100.00 deposit. The car can be viewed at the MacKillop Centre, Collins St on Monday 6 April between the hours of 9.30am and 10.30am. Happy bidding.

**Christ our Lord is Risen Today! Alleluia.**

## **BISHOP VINCENT'S EASTER MESSAGE 2026**

Dear Friends in Christ,

### **The peace of the Risen Christ be with you!**

In this Easter season of 2026, we are all living in very troubled, wounded times. With so much conflict, violence and entrenched hatred, we might even be tempted to occasionally lament: *Where is our God?*

In such chaotic times it is good to be reminded of a wonderful story about St Teresa of Avila.

One day the devil appeared to her, disguised as Jesus. St Teresa wasn't fooled for even a second, dismissing the devil. Before leaving, the devil asked her, "How could you be so sure I wasn't Jesus?" Teresa replied: "You didn't have any wounds – Christ has wounds!"

One of the most striking elements of our Gospel's Resurrection stories is that Jesus is still wounded in all of them. The crucifixion wounds do not disappear. The resurrected body of Christ remains marked by his earthly suffering, forever. It is not until the disciples see the wounds of Christ that they recognise Jesus for who he is.

Our Catholic faith, however, refuses to gloss over our own personal wounds - the wounds of our brothers and sisters, and those of our suffering planet, with hollow positive thinking. Instead, our Holy Father Pope Leo urges us to move beyond passivity. Leo challenges us to become peacemakers!

And we can all become peacemakers in very simple ways. If only we had the eyes of faith we would notice that peacemaking is all around us. To name only a few examples:

- ◆ In the quiet, tender care of our nurses and care-givers in our hospitals, especially to the elderly and the dying.
- ◆ In the patient and professional care of our Catholic teachers who generously serve our young people.
- ◆ In the quiet heroism of parents as they sacrifice themselves for the good of their children.
- ◆ In the outreach of our social services like Catholic Care who help the needy.

In the lives of ordinary people who refuse to become resentful and instead choose to forgive and love their enemies.

Yes, the wounds of such peacemakers do not embitter them but become fountains of peace and hope for others.

This Easter let us allow the risen Lord to roll away the rocks of pride, ego and selfishness from our hearts. May we banish all violence from our lives. May the light of the risen Christ that streams from his glorified wounds bring joy, healing and peace to us all.

**For "By His wounds we are healed". A Blessed Easter to you all.**

Yours sincerely in Christ,



**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv  
Bishop of Parramatta**