

Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Year A -

12 April 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure spiritual milk that in him you may grow to salvation,

Alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The Word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **(R.)**

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

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

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Pt 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Jn 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, **Alleluia.**

IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeff Miller SDB
 Assistant Priest: Fr. Gersio Amaral SDB
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Salesian Community: Phone: 9623 1220
 Rector:

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 Director: Fr Joseph Huong SDB

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Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School
 Principal: Ms Jackie Willard Phone: 8856 8301
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 Principal: Mrs Gabriela Osterlund Phone: 9670 4588
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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 11 April EASTER SATURDAY
 8:00pm Christabelle & Archie Falcao

Sun 12 April DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 7:30am Pro Populo
 9:00am Peter Banach
 10:30am Adoration Chapel Adorers
 3:00pm Divine Mercy Mass
 5:30pm Louis Zouein, Anis Tabib

Mon 13 April ST MARTIN 1
 6:30am Liz Murphy
 9:00am Argyna Marie Santiago
 7:00pm Wilfredo, Honorio & Cornelia

Tue 14 April
 6:30am Aggie & Sina, Ivan & Tina
 9:00am Justin Aguilan
 7:00pm Bonifacio and Felisa Viernes

Wed 15 April
 6:30am Martha Bishop, Lutgarda G.
 9:00am Ivan Canic
 7:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thu 16 April ST BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS
 6:30am Bernadette Stevens
 9:00am Suffering Souls in Purgatory
 7:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

Fri 17 April
 6:30am Radeljke Family
 9:00am Jasmine Popovoski
 7:00pm Ernesto Cunanan

Sat 18 April
 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, 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 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, 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

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

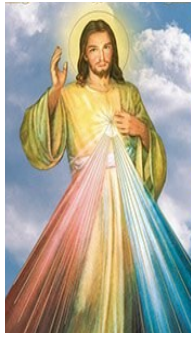
First Collection (previous weekend) \$6010
Second Collection (previous weekend) \$4995
Tap & Go Donations \$2955

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.

ADORATION OF THE RESSURECTION OF JESUS CHRIST



on Monday 13th April after the 7pm Mass, in the Church.
All are welcome.

INVITATION TO FR JEFF'S INSTALLATION OF PARISH PRIEST

Please join us for the Installation Mass of Fr Jeff Miller SDB presided over by Most Rev Bishop Vincent Long on Sunday 19 April, 10:30am

immediately following the Mass, join us for a welcome reception at the MacKillop Centre (Collins St) for cake and a sausage sizzle provided by the parish.

The parish community of Our Lady of the Rosary Church joyfully welcomes Father Jeff as our new Parish Priest.



CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Mass will be followed by individual pray for healing. Celebrant: *Fr Wim Hoekstra*
Sunday 19th April 2026, 2:00 pm
Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys.

PARISH PILGRIMAGES

Berrima on 13 May and Goulburn on 29 June.

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

Scan the QR code to register.



ROSARY STATUE

Diane Cross
3/49-51 GWH, Kingswood

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.

The Nepean Catenians

Invite Men of the Nepean Deanery to join us for a meeting and dinner at Gaels Club, 75 Richmond road, Kingswood, **6.45 pm, Tuesday 14th April.**

Email :Michael.tan@parracatholic.org

Connect with Catenians

Catholic men's association: faith based friendships

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

Saturday 29th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown.

A light lunch will be provided on the day.

It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A suggested donation of \$40 from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day.

Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre

invite the parish community to visit their Centre in Potts Point. <https://www.socheritagecentre.org.au/>.

The Sisters of Charity were the first religious women to come to Australia and they came especially to work in Parramatta.

The Heritage Centre is open to the public free of charge, we offer some parking, and we would love to be able to welcome your community, either as individuals or as groups. We can offer guided or self-guided tours of our exhibitions, or a Sister of Charity can be made available. Visitors can also visit the historic chapel or take the Walking Tour of the local area.

As part of the National Trust Heritage Festival we are hosting two morning tea events on 28 April and 12 May called *You Can Ask That*.

Open Tuesday to Thursday, 10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment. Free entry and parking available

Bookings recommended

A: 1 Rockwall Cres, Potts Point

W: socheritagecentre.org.au P: 02 9138 0835

E: heritagecentre@rscoffice.com

COMING EVENTS:

- 12 April: **Divine Mercy Service** (*details inside bulletin*)
19 April: **Parish Priest Installation Mass, 10:30am**
Bishop Vincent will install Fr Jeff as Parish Priest
13 May: Berrima Pilgrimage
15 May: Finance Committee, 7:30pm

OLR NEW MASS TIMES:

Monday - Friday: 6:30am, 9am, 7:00pm
Saturday: 8:00am, 6:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

Dear Parishioners,

Wishing you and your families every blessing on this Easter octave.

Our sincerest thanks to the many people who contributed to our beautiful Easter Triduum last week; to the choir, our readers, the altar servers, and all those who helped with cleaning and setting up the church, we are most grateful for your service.

This weekend, the Second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. According to the official Divine Mercy website: to receive the Extraordinary Graces of this Feast, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy. The "extraordinary graces" promised to the faithful by our Lord Himself through St. Faustina are separate from the plenary indulgence granted by Pope John Paul II for the devout observance of the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). The Decree of the Holy See offers a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions (sacramental confession within 20 days before or after the Feast, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit of complete detachment from the affection for any sin, even venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (exposed or reserved in the tabernacle), recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in You!)... Please see the inside of the bulletin for details of our parish's Divine Mercy devotions.

Air-conditioning update:

We are still well on track for the plan of having air-conditioning in the church by summer. At the moment we are working to overhaul the church's electrical system to accommodate the installation. This substantial work will take place in the coming weeks.

Diocesan safeguarding audit:

All parishes within the diocese will be undergoing an independent safeguarding audit between April-June 2026. The diocese has provided us with a strict list of compliance standards, which require all adults involved in any parish ministry (choirs, readers, acolytes, cleaners, etc) to complete an online training module by April 24th, 2026, if they wish to continue on in ministry. If you are an adult involved in any parish ministry, please contact the parish office before April 24th for details. There will be more details in next week's bulletin for registering this completed training with the parish.

Collection update:

Next week we will commence the trial of substituting collections during mass with the use of a collection box. Shortly before each Sunday mass, a locked box will be left at the back of the church with two slots marked for the first and second collections. Anyone who would like to make a cash donation to either of these collections is welcome to do so before or after mass. Shortly after each mass, the box will be emptied and securely stored for counting. We will also be providing details next month for a more streamlined mobile donation option.

We look forward to welcoming our Bishop, Vincent, at the 10:30am mass next Sunday, April 19th.

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Jeff

