



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A -

19 April 20260

Entrance Antiphon:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, **Alleluia.**

First Reading:

Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' **(R.)**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading:

1 Pt 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL:

Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread,

Alleluia.



IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeff Miller SDB
 Assistant Priest: Fr. Gersio Amaral SDB
 Parish Secretary: Fleur Mathias
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Enquiries: Please phone the Parish Office between 9:30am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 3:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Salesian Community: Phone: 9623 1220
 Rector:

Don Bosco Youth Centre: Phone: 9623 0450
 Director: Fr Joseph Huong SDB

Salesian Sisters:
 Community Leader: Sr Edna Mary McDonald

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School
 Principal: Ms Jackie Willard Phone: 8856 8301
 Email: olorstmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au
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Emmaus Catholic College
 Principal: Mrs Gabriela Osterlund Phone: 9670 4588
 Email: emmaus@parra.catholic.edu.au

RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturdays: 9:00am - 10:00am and 5:00pm - 5:30pm
 Mon to Fri: 7:30pm to 8:00pm (after the 7pm Mass)

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 18 April
 6:00pm Roland Peters

Sun 19 April **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 7:30am Sr Sue Colussi FMA
 9:00am Hopkinson Family
 10:30am Personal Intention
 5:30pm Pro Populo

Mon 20 April
 6:30am Steffie & Parry Sequeira
 9:00am Frano Soldo
 7:00pm Mary Fetalvero

Tue 21 April **ST ANSLEM**
 6:30am Personal Intention
 9:00am Constance and Cyril Wijeratne
 7:00pm Anthony, Lorraine and Family

Wed 22 April
 6:30am Sequeira Family
 9:00am Kostanija & Jozo
 7:00pm Personal Intention

Thu 23 April **ST GEORGE**
 6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Trevor Correy
 7:00pm Thompson Family

Fri 24 April **ST FIDELIS**
 6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 7:00pm Antonia Zachulski

Sat 25 April **ANZAC DAY**
 8:00am Unborn.

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, Recahmma 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, Shuashawnee Hancock, Miloh Molesi, Blanche Jones.

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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 Jeroncic, Chito Redoblado, Vicky Xerri, Linda Weightman, Norma O'Sullivan.

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) \$3200
Second Collection (previous weekend) \$3485.60
Tap & Go Donations \$4390

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.

**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 BBQ
provided by the parish.

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

Parish Pastoral Council

PRO-LIFE ALLIANCE GROUP FUNDRAISING

on 26 APRIL weekend after the 7:30am, 9:00am
and 10:30am Mass-



COME JOIN US!

Pilgrim Mother Apostolate Rosary

When: Sunday, 26th April 2026

Time: 11:45am (after 10:30am Mass)

Venue: MacKillop Centre

Followed by a light lunch (provided)

ALL WELCOME

Enquiries: Fenina - **0431 867 491**

Free Legal Clinic – Catholic Care, Emerton

Catholic Care offers free weekly legal advice every
Thursday from 11am at 11 Emert Parade, Emerton.
Areas covered include Family Law, Care and Protec-
tion, Local Court matters, Wills and Estates, and
Traffic Offences. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Bookings are recommended – call 8843 2500.

**Safeguarding Face-to-face Training
Opportunities for May 2026**

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory
Safeguarding Renewal Training

2 May at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood.

More training opportunities are available through-
out May at different parishes.

Please register directly for this training or for other
convenient dates and locations by clicking on the
training event at: [https://parracatholic.org/connect/
events/?series=safeguarding-training](https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training) or
<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>



ROSARY STATUE

**Ms Annie Berengher
209 Carpenter St, St Marys**

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.

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.



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

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.**

COMING EVENTS:

- 19 April: **Parish Priest Installation Mass, 10:30am (All Welcome)**
Bishop Vincent will install Fr Jeff as Parish Priest
- 21 April: DBYC closes and will re-open on Tuesday 28 April
- 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,



We would like to extend our sincerest condolences to the family of Norma O'Sullivan who passed away on Monday. Norma and her husband Gerald who passed away in 2022, have been long time parishioners and very generous contributors to the life of the parish.

Norma's funeral will be held at OLR on Wednesday 22 April at 11am. May she rest in peace.

Safeguarding Update:

The timeframe has been extended for those in parish ministry to complete the diocese' compulsory safeguarding course. Over the coming months, we will be providing links for those who would like to complete this in their own time online. We will also be hosting a number of opportunities in the parish hall for those who would like to complete it with others in person.

Parish Ministries:

If you would like to participate / volunteer in any of our Parish Ministries kindly contact the Parish office during office hours.

Liturgical Ministries and church services:

Acolytes, Lectors, Servers, Music/Choirs, Altar society, Church cleaning, Parish Bus pick up (*elderly parishioners*) for Sunday 9am Mass.

Parish Groups and Activities:

St Joseph's Men's Group, Cana Marriage Catechumenate team, Young Adult Bush Walks, SRE (Religious Education in State Schools), Home Visits to the elderly, Parish Bingo, Parish grounds and garden maintenance, St Vincent de Paul Conference, Legion of Mary, Pilgrim Mother Apostolate, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Café Ivan Soup Kitchen, Communal vegetable garden.

Hospitality: Mary's Café open for a cuppa on Sundays after the 9am Mass and St Joseph's Café open on weekdays after 9am Mass. All are welcome.

Parish facilities:

Parish hall, Perpetual Adoration Chapel, Don Bosco Youth Centre, MacKillop Centre (Collins St): *Cardinal Newman Resource, Centre, Good Samaritan Reflexology, Fire-Up Ministries, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Adult faith Formation.*

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Jeff

