



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

# Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A -**

**26 April 2026**

## Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made. **Alleluia.**

## First Reading:

**Acts 2:14, 36-41**

*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation. 'They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

## **The Word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the Pastures where he gives me repose Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

## Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of Darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

## Second Reading:

**1 Pt 2:20-25**

*You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## **The Word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Alleluia!**



## GOSPEL:

**Jn 10:1-10**

*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

## Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, **Alleluia.**

# IN OUR PARISH

## PARISH TEAM

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 Rector:

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## 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 25 April ANZAC DAY**  
 6:00pm Susan Avila & Siblings
- Sun 26 April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 7:30am Louise Mlfsud  
 9:00am Anna Rurarz  
 10:30am M.A. Thomas  
 5:30pm Pro Populo
- Mon 27 April ST LOUIS DE MONTEFORT**  
 6:30am Victor & Julie Sequeira  
 9:00am Lucija Jeroncic  
 7:00pm George & Mary Zachulski
- Tue 28 April ST GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA**  
 6:30am Rosary Prayer Group  
 9:00am Pablo & Ana De Silva  
 7:00pm Lucija Jeroncic
- Wed 29 April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA**  
 6:30am Margaret Foster  
 9:00am Suffering Souls in Purgatory  
 7:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Thu 30 April ST PIUS V**  
 6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 9:00am Elisiva Taufa  
 7:00pm Personal Intention
- Fri 1 May ST JOSEPH THE WORKER**  
 6:30am Steven and Stella Buhagiar  
 9:00am Romana Resurrecion  
 7:00pm Mr E T and Sebastian Lazar
- Sat 2 May ST ATHANASIUS**  
 8:00am .

## 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, Fr J B, 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**

## 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)*

*Second Collection (previous weekend)*

*Tap & Go Donations*

**\$2061**

## 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.*

DIocese of Parramatta Parish Census will  
take place during the month of May



### Pilgrim Mother Apostolate Rosary

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 11:45am  
MacKillop Centre. All Welcome.

### 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/>

### "The St. John Paul II Pro-Life Alliance"

will be running a Mother's Day stall on

**3 May after all Sunday morning Masses.**

This will be a great opportunity to support the  
cause as well as get some nice quality gifts for the  
mothers in your life!

This group will be running various events through-  
out the year and appreciate your ongoing support.

To get involved please feel free to reach out to us  
via the Facebook page or via What's App on  
0404771872.

**Thank you and God bless all our beautiful  
mothers - natural, adoptive, and spiritual!"**

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES

The Garden of Gethsemane, First Friday Stations  
of the Cross and Holy Wounds Devotions will  
resume in June after Pentecost Sunday.

### BERRIMA PILGRIMAGE

**MONDAY 13 MAY**

**Hurry! 30 April final date to book**  
**your seat on the bus.**

Kindly contact the Parish office on 9623 1962  
during office hours or scan the QR Code.



### 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.

### Being Pentecost People

**Sat 23rd May 2026, 9.30am - 12:30pm**

Mary Elliot Room. *Donations welcomed*

Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre

1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa NSW 2745

02 4773 5555 [info@winbourne.org](mailto:info@winbourne.org)

### PROJECT 72

commences on **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> of May** with a six-  
session **parish evangelisation course** used to  
equip **72** practising Catholics with the tools they  
need to go out into the broader community and  
speak to those they meet with **confidence** about  
Jesus Christ and His Church.

Registration portal coming soon.

### Adult Confirmations 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and  
Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interest-  
ed in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this  
year. This will be on 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 contribution of \$40 is sug-  
gested from the candidates to assist in covering  
the Catechesis Day.

The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday  
1st September, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral.

Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of  
Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW  
before Monday 18th August, 2026.

**For more information, please contact the Office for  
Worship [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.**

### 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*



## **COMING EVENTS:**

28 April: Don Bosco Youth Centre re-opens

2-3 May: John Paull II Alliance Group Mother's Day stall

### **Month of May - Parish Census**

4 May: Catechist meeting, 10am

13 May: Pilgrimage to Berrima

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,

I am most grateful to all of you for your show of support at the installation Mass last Sunday - it was a great blessing. Thanks also to those who assisted with the celebration of the mass, and the preparation of the celebration afterwards.

### **COLLECTION UPDATE**

Last weekend we began the trial of excluding cash collections from the liturgy. Many people are still seeking clarification about this, so I will reiterate: during Sunday Masses, we will leave out a box under the left hand staircase as you walk in the church. The box has two slots in the top, marked 1 and 2 for donations to the first collection and second collection. A number of people have suggested that it should be in a more obvious place, so that more people walk past it. I must stress: the purpose of the collection box is not to be in people's way, but to provide an option for parishioners who prefer to make cash donations to the church. My hope is that the majority of people seeking to support the parish would get onboard our incoming mobile option, as this will offer the parish a far more transparent and efficient way of tracking donations than the complicated counting process we currently have in place.

### **TIPS FOR SAFER VIEWING**

The NSW Government recently launched a major motorcycle safety campaign with the tagline: *Ride like everything's out to get you*. While everything is most likely not literally "out to get them," riding with this mindset can reduce complacency or unnecessary risks, and ideally reduce serious accidents. Similarly, when engaging in any screen time these days, be it for film, television, or the internet, I would suggest that you *View like everything's out to tempt you*. While not everything is literally out to tempt you, much of it is, and these days it would be naive to approach the mainstream media as morally neutral. The reality is that much of the content from the film, television, and internet industries is created by people who are, knowingly or unknowingly, being manipulated by evil spirits to produce content which will lead people into sin.

One very helpful way to avoid this is to screen films and tv shows ahead of viewing, using the IMDb Parents Guide; if you run an internet search for "IMDb Parents Guide (*insert name of film/television show*)," you will be linked to the site which lists every instance of explicit or disturbing content in the program (spoiler free), including its frequency and severity. Quite a few times, I have been spared the trouble of paying for a film I would necessarily need to switch off/walk out of, by screening the title ahead of time. I strongly encourage people, particularly those with young families, or those striving to guard their eyes, to take advantage of this very quick and effective tip.

### **REVERENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN MASS**

St. James tells us that faith without works is dead, and that it is by our works that we show our faith (Jas 2:17-18). The word liturgy comes from the Greek *leitourgia*, meaning a public work. Liturgy is work performed by the people, for the people, and the liturgy *par excellence* is the Mass. Hence how we participate in Mass is the most revealing indicator of what we genuinely believe. The Catholic faith tells us that the Mass is the single most significant event taking place throughout Heaven and earth at any given moment, so our participation at Mass should aim to reflect this. It is this attitude of faith-inspired participation that we call reverence.

I wrote in an earlier bulletin that everything I do as parish priest should ultimately aim to make the Eucharist more meaningful for every parishioner. It was this sentiment that inspired a significant increase to the quantity of Masses celebrated at our parish, which was received with great enthusiasm; for the same reason, I propose we show equal enthusiasm for improving the quality of our Masses. Throughout the coming weeks, I will be sharing a series of reflections in the bulletin about the various parts of the Mass, and suggest how our reverence and participation can aspire to the quality that the Church expects of the faithful.

Yours faithfully,

Fr Jeff