

Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

# Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A -

10 May 2026



## Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth; The Lord has freed his people, **Alleluia.**

## First Reading:

**Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**

*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**The Word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

## Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my Prayer nor withhold his love from me (R)

## Second Reading:

**1 Pt 3:15-18**

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**The Word of the Lord**



## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

**Alleluia!**



## GOSPEL:

**Jn 14:15-21**

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever,

**Alleluia.**



# IN OUR PARISH

## PARISH TEAM

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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 9 May ST GEORGE PRECA**  
 6:00pm For Mothers

**Sun 10 May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 7:30am Pro Populo  
 9:00am Danika Cirjak  
 10:30am Antonio Concepcion  
 5:30pm Pamela O'Donnell

**Mon 11 May**  
 6:30am Juan Chito Redoblado  
 9:00am Joseph Family  
 7:00pm Damian Burke

**Tue 12 May**  
 6:30am Carlito Sanmoete  
 9:00am Ronald Lynn  
 7:00pm Ana De Silva

**Wed 13 May OUR LADY OF FATIMA**  
 6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 9:00am Pat Cody  
 7:00pm Michael Sampedro

**Thu 14 May ST MATTHIAS**  
 6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 9:00am Joel Gonzales  
 7:00pm Anita & Michael Sequeira

**Fri 15 May ST ISIDORE**  
 6:30am Thanksgiving  
 9:00am Anthony Joseph  
 7:00pm Rashmi

**Sat 16 May ST ALOYSIUS**  
 8:00am Brenda Hughes

## 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, 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, Beatrice Leary, Lorraine Damian, Fr J B, Monica Thomas, Shuashawnee Hancock, Miloh Molesi, Blanche Jones, Clare LeGrand, Renato Manongdo.

## PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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, Peter Gatchalian.

**Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen**  
**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)* \$1280.95

*Second Collection (previous weekend)* \$1879.25

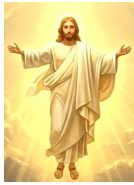
*Tap & Go Donations* \$2508

**Collections are no longer conducted during weekend Masses. A collection box is located at the back left of the church on weekends only.**

## 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.*



### ASCENSION DEVOTIONS

**Monday 11 May 2026 at 7:30pm**  
*(after 7:00pm Mass in the Church).*  
*Holy Wounds Devotion will begin again*  
*after the Easter season. All Welcome.*



### WE WELCOME

**Josephine Joy Frazer, Anastasia  
Simms, William Shao Rositano,  
Violet Slusarczyk.**

**into our Parish Family through the Sacrament  
of Baptism**

### BERRIMA PILGRIMAGE

**WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2026**

A coach has been hired. The cost per person is \$25,  
this cost has been subsidised by the parish.

**The Coach will leave by 8:45am, so please be on  
time.** Bring your own lunch, drinks, a hat, cardigan  
in case it gets cold. Kindly pay at the Parish  
office or on the day before departing. Thank you.

### PARISH BINGO

**Saturday 16 May 2026  
Parish Hall, 7:30pm**



Sausage Sizzle from 6:30pm. *Cash Prizes.*  
*Supper provided - gold coin donation.*  
*It is always a fun night. All are welcome.*

**Any donations to cover costs is greatly appreciated.**

### TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE (TLC)

TLC volunteers will be selling raffle tickets next  
weekend **16/17 May** after all Masses.

All proceeds will directly support their free legal  
clinic provided for over 17 years to disadvantaged,  
marginalised and vulnerable people of Western  
Sydney. **Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a  
book of 10 tickets -with ten prizes.** Please support

**There will be pancakes on sale: 2 for \$5.**

### CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026.** Celebrant: Fr John Puli



2:00pm Praise and Worship, 2.30pm Mass.

Campion College Chapel, 10 Austin

Wood bury Pl, Toongabbie. All Welcome.

### LIVE CHRIST ... SHARE CHRIST

**OLR Parish Faith Formation**

Date: **Friday 22 May 2026**, Parish Hall

Time: 7:45pm to 9:00pm, soon after the 7pm Mass

Speaker: Anthony English

Talk: The fire and the sword - Enter the mystery of  
the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate heart of  
Mary *Contact Alan D'souza - 0436 308 178*



### IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

**The statue will remain in the Church  
during May, the month of the Holy Rosary.**

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

### Parish Council Nominations

Three members of our Parish Council have  
completed their term and we are now inviting  
nominations for new members to serve on the  
Parish Pastoral Council.

If you or someone you know is a committed  
member of our parish and willing to serve the  
community, we encourage you to nominate.

Nomination forms are available at the back of  
the church. Please place the completed forms  
in the box provided or to the Parish Office.

**Let us prayerfully consider those called to  
serve our parish.**

### PROJECT 72

commences on **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Scan poster in Church Foyer to Register**

### PROJECT 72 - PRAYER

Heavenly Father,  
You have called us to know and love You in  
this life and in the next. We thank You for the  
gifts and graces You lavish on us and on our  
families. You desire, dear Lord, that all come  
to experience Your loving care and You invite  
us to be the instruments by which all come to  
know You, the One True God.

Through the intercession of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary, Star of the New Evangelisation,  
and of St Joseph, the Guardian and Nurturer  
of the Word Incarnate, bless O Lord our  
parish initiative, Project 72, by which we hope  
to draw many to Your Eucharistic Heart and  
to experience therein Your healing love and  
compassion.

Father, we love You. Jesus, we trust in  
You. Holy Spirit, renew our Spirit. Mary Help  
of Christian's pray for us. St Joseph, Patron of  
the Church, pray for us. Amen.

## **COMING EVENTS:**

10 May: **Happy Mother's Day.**  
13 May: Pilgrimage to Berrima (*details inside the bulletin*)  
Parish Finance Committee Meeting, 7:30pm  
15 May: Finance Committee, 7:30pm  
16 May: Parish Bingo  
22 May: Faith Formation, 7:45pm (*details inside the bulletin*)  
29 May: Project 72 (*more details inside the bulletin*)  
30-31 May: First Communions  
**9 & 11 June:** 1st Reconciliation Parent Info night, Church, 7:30pm

## **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 wish all the mothers in our parish every blessing in their vocation as signs and bearers of God's love for their children. We also pray for all families mourning the loss of their mother, that the Holy Spirit will comfort them with the assurances of faith in our Risen Lord.

This week we continue our reflections on reverence and participation in the Mass. Last week we looked at pre-Mass preparations, like honouring the one-hour Eucharistic fast, planning to arrive on time, and dressing appropriately. This week we continue through to the Introductory Rites and the Liturgy of the Word. I'll be making all the reflections available as a separate, compiled printout once they are completed, so don't worry if you miss a week.

### **REVERENCE AND PARTICIPATION AT MASS**

#### **INTRODUCTORY RITES & THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The first thing we do when we begin Mass is examine our conscience for any sins we have committed. This is not a mere formality, but an essential part of the Mass with grave implications; "St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, n.1385*).

When we pray the *Confiteor* (I confess to Almighty God...) or the *Lord Have Mercy*, we are making a general confession of all venial sins; when the priest responds "May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life," we are absolved of all venial sins, but not grave (mortal) sins.

After the Introductory Rites, we proceed with the Liturgy of the Word. The Church instructs us that "the Liturgy of the Word is to be celebrated in such a way as to promote meditation, and so any sort of haste that hinders recollection must clearly be avoided. During the Liturgy of the Word, it is also appropriate to include brief periods of silence, accommodated to the gathered assembly, in which, at the prompting of the Holy Spirit, the word of God may be grasped by the heart and a response through prayer may be prepared. It may be appropriate to observe such periods of silence, for example, before the Liturgy of the Word itself begins, after the first and second reading, and lastly at the conclusion of the homily" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, n.56*).

It is for the sake of promoting these brief periods of silent meditation, especially after the homily, that we have ceased taking up collections during the Mass. We should also resist the urge to peruse the bulletin during these times, unless, of course, we are following the readings.

After the homily and reflection, we recite the Creed then proceed to the Universal Prayer, also called the Prayer of the Faithful. It is worth highlighting that it is called the Prayer of the Faithful, not the Prayers of the Faithful; while the Universal Prayer contains multiple petitions, it is meant to constitute a single, united act of prayer for the needs of the Church and the salvation of the world. For this reason, the proper response to each petition is "Lord, hear our prayer," not "Lord, hear our prayers."

### **NEXT WEEK: THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Yours faithfully,  
Fr. Jeff