



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - Year A -

31 May 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

Blest be God the Father,
and the only Begotten Son of
God and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has show us his
merciful love.



First Reading:

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)

Blest your glorious holy name (R.)

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)

3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

Second Reading:

2 Cor 13:11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Jn 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Communion Antiphon:

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeff Miller SDB
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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

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

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 Community Leader: Sr Edna Mary McDonald

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School
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Emmaus Catholic College
 Principal: Mrs Gabriela Osterlund Phone: 9670 4588
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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 30 May 6:00pm Allan Mundala

Sun 31 May TRINITY SUNDAY
 7:30am Manolo Labrin
 9:00am Maxwell Haines
 10:30am Jessica Jose
 5:30pm Pro Populo

Mon 1 June ST JUSTIN
 6:30am Sr M Rebecca
 9:00am Grga Vulic
 7:00pm Soriano Family

Tue 2 June Ss. MARCELLINUS & PETER
 6:30am David Finn
 9:00am Bernard & Margaret Prendergast
 7:00pm Keorattano Luangrathrajasombat

Wed 3 June Ss. CHARLES LWANGA & CO.
 6:30am Secondiano, Pascale, Ganino
 9:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 7:00pm Ernesto & Nancy Cunanan

Thu 4 June
 6:30am Feliciano & Manuela Alegrada
 9:00am Leslie & Unah Saynes
 7:00pm Fr Joseph Huong (Birthday)

Fri 5 June ST BONIFACE
 6:30am Olivia Blazic
 9:00am Loretta & Charlie Dimech
 7:00pm Dante Trini

Sat 6 June ST NORBERT
 8:00am Sr M Rebecca



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

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 Jeronic, Chito Redoblado, Vicky Xerri, Linda Weightman, Norma O'Sullivan, Peter Gatchalian, Maria Maciejewska, Janene Martin, Maria Rohrlach, Theresa Menezes.

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

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:** 10000329

ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Catholic Church

First Collection (previous weekend) \$1406.95

Second Collection (previous weekend) \$1624.10

Tap & Go Donations \$2030

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.

**Pro-life rally outside NSW parliament:
2 June 2026**



A pro-life rally is to be held outside NSW Parliament House at 6pm on June 2 in support of a bill banning the practice of sex-selective abortion.

A show of significant numbers will greatly help this cause as we advocate for the protection of all unborn children and particularly our baby girls who are especially vulnerable. They have no voice but ours. Please do all you can to attend and bring others with you. This will be a family friendly event. More information can be found at: <https://www.drjoannahowe.com.au/sydneyrallyforlife2026>

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 BINGO



Saturday 20 June, 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



GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

“Can't any of you stay awake with me for just one hour? Mathew 26:40

4 June 2026. Come join us.

Thursday 7:30pm, in the church.

**Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession:
4 June 2026**

This year, for the Feast of Corpus Christi the Diocese of Parramatta and the Maronite Eparchy are coming together for a vibrant Eucharistic Procession from Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral to St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 4 June at 6pm. If you would like to get involved or learn more information about the event, contact Fr Tom Green, Assistant Parish Priest at Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.

Parish Council Nominations

Four 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. **Due Date 21 June 26**

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.



**FIRST FRIDAY
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

5th June 2026 after the 7pm Mass



MARY'S CAFÉ

Refreshments served after 9:00am and 10:30am Mass on Sundays (weather permitting), Church Café. All Welcome

WANTED

UTE and Driver for a couple of hours, twice a month to take the bottles and cans to Vinnies, Penrith. If you can help, phone Denis: 0459 185 517.

Free Legal Clinic – Catholic Care, Emerton

Catholic Care offers free weekly legal advice every **Thursday from 11am at 11 Emert Parade, Emerton.** Bookings are recommended – call 8843 2500.



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

**Mr & Mrs Dalaney
8 Lindbridge Pl, St Marys**

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

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. 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 suggested 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.

For more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

COMING EVENTS:

31 May: Trinity Sunday

Diocese of Paramatta 40th Anniversary, Mass at 2pm

30-31 May: First Communions

1 June: Catechist Meeting, 10am

9 & 11 June: **1st Reconciliation** Parent Info night, Church, 7:30pm

29 June: Pilgrimage to Goulburn

MASS TIMES:

Monday - Friday: 6:30am, 9am, 7:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am, 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

REVERENCE AND PARTICIPATION AT MASS

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Communion Rite begins with the communal praying of the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is, incidentally, the only part of the Mass where the congregation pray aloud with the priest while he is adopting the *orans* posture, ie: with hands extended and palms facing up/out. For this and other reasons since the 1970s, many Catholic communities have witnessed the anomaly of congregants spontaneously adopting the *orans* posture during the Lord's Prayer at Mass. The Church teaches that "in the eucharistic celebration, deacons and lay persons are not permitted to offer prayers (especially the eucharistic prayer) or to perform actions which are proper to the celebrating priest" (*Code of Canon Law, 907*); the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* is clear that adopting the *orans* posture during Mass is an action proper to the celebrating priest alone, and only in certain instances, to concelebrating priests. It is the Church's will that "liturgical actions must always clearly manifest the unity of the People of God as a structured communion," and for this reason "every effort must be made to avoid even the appearance of confusion which can spring from anomalous liturgical practices" (*Ecclesiae de Mysterio, art.6*).

I don't presume that anybody has anything but good intentions by holding out their hands during the Lord's Prayer, and that they've most likely seen others doing it and thought it a humble and innocent gesture; but the truth is, it is as inappropriate for the congregation to mimic the priest's *orans* posture during the Lord's Prayer as it would be to mimic him at any other time during the Mass, so this practice should be avoided. The same principle applies to holding hands, or any other gestures not instructed in the Missal; as we've said earlier, the word *liturgy* literally means "a work of the people," so any impulse to personalise the liturgy or "make it one's own" is, by definition, disruptive to the liturgy.

After praying the Lord's Prayer, the Rite of Peace follows, "by which the Church asks for peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, n.82*). The sign of peace should not become a moment of distraction; the purpose is not to get the attention of everyone in the church, but "that each person offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest and in a sober manner" (*GIRM, n.82*) - it is sufficient to offer a small gesture (eg: a bow, a handshake, or the word "peace") to those either side of you, and those in front and behind you.

Then comes the Fractioning Rite, during which the priest breaks the Eucharistic Bread and reunites a fraction of it with the Precious Blood (signifying Jesus' living Body) while the *Lamb of God* is sung or recited. It is up to the priest, or a cantor whom he has specifically appointed, to initiate the *Lamb of God* (*GIRM n.83*).

"The priest next shows the faithful the Eucharistic Bread... and invites them to the banquet of Christ. Along with the faithful, he then makes an act of humility using the prescribed words taken from the Gospels" (*GIRM, n.84*), after which all proceed to Communion.

I hope we can all appreciate that the reverent reception of Communion deserves a whole reflection unto itself, which we shall present next week.

Yours faithfully,
Fr. Jeff