



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 2 August 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading:

Is 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts.

(R.)

Second Reading:

Rom 8:35. 37-39

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ. Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Mt 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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.

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 Director: Fr Joseph Huang SDB

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MASS TIMES

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands

Marilyn 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, 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, Crystal Darcy, Zdravko & Marija Palovic, Evotia Letele, Karen Barret, Josephine Mitchell, Emelita Howlett, Emma Tucker, Allan & Jackie Cullen, Esperanza Mirafeuntes, Fr S.R, Abraham Thomas, Reetahmma Abraham, Sophia Furey, Mhom Samson, Aurora Jimenez, Adam Burton, Arou Akot, Jozef Karkowski, Ronald Manzano, Anna Juresa, Ronnie D'costa, Beatrice Leary, Lorraine Damian, Fr Jepsen B, Monica Thomas, Shuashawnee Hancock, Miloh Molesi, Blanche Jones, Clare LeGrand, Renato Manongdo, Bernard Prendergast, Merwyn D'Souza, Bertha Wetton, Bobby Jose, Edward Sebastiano, Corrine Cedor, Joe Duval, Loyda Cruz.

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 1 Aug ST ALPHONSO LIGOURI
 6:00pm Jessanne Flores

Sun 2 Aug SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
 7:30am Trogavic Family
 9:00am Slavka Kempic
 10:30am Mrs Daisy Peters
 5:30pm Pro Populo

Mon 3 Aug ST DOMINIC
 6:30am Brilly Bulatao
 9:00am Personal Intention
 7:00pm Grguric Family

Tue 4 Aug ST JOHN VIANNEY
 6:30am Peter Meilvenna
 9:00am Steven Blazic
 7:00pm Keiran Aranha

Wed 5 Aug DEDICATION OF ST MARY MAJOR
 6:30am Nicky Mathias
 9:00am Rudolfo Bulatao
 7:00pm Ana Alegrada

Thu 6 Aug TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
 6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Tony Concepcion
 7:00pm Ana Alegrada

Fri 7 Aug
 6:30am Lenin Nunes
 9:00am Caraciola Pinto Da Rosario
 7:00pm Zeljka Delipeter

Sat 8 Aug ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP
 8:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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, Maria Maciejewska, Janene Martin, Maria Rohrlach, Manolo Lobrin, MaryAnn Salazar, Camillo Piccirilli, Jose Maria Pepingco, John Birch, Charlie Buttigieg, Grace Micallef, Stipe Kulas, Josephine Saporita, Antonietta D'Angola, Marija Sterle, Joseph Mazurkiewicz, Verna Venus, Mick Boyle.

Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let your 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) \$1609.40
Second Collection (previous weekend) \$1838.10
Tap & Go Donations \$2361.33

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 towards the Church 2nd collection.
Kindly Select your donation amount \$5, \$10, \$20 or other.

COMING EVENTS:

2 Aug: **Vocations Awareness Week**
Adoration Chapel Recruitment Drive
6 Aug: The Search, Parish Hall 7pm
7 Aug: Stations of the Cross after the 7pm Mass
8 Aug: Bingo (details below)
16 Aug: Charismatic Healing Mass, 2pm
29 Aug: Bethany Pilgrimage (details below)

BINGO BINGO BINGO

Saturday 8th August 2026
7:30pm in the 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



St Carlo Acutis's Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition: 9-23 August

Designed by St Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, this exhibition documents reported Eucharistic miracles from around the world, and it is touring parishes right across our Diocese. Next, it visits **Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill, 9 - 23 August.** entry is free and no bookings are required. To see where the exhibition is heading next across the Diocese, visit parracatholic.org/iec2028/



CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 16th August 26, 2:00 pm Prayer and Praise, 2.30pm Mass, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys.

Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing. All welcome!

BETHANY PILGRIMAGE 2026

All women of the parish are invited to join the **Bethany Pilgrimage** on **Saturday 29 August, 8am-5pm.** \$20pp. We will visit 5 churches while reflecting on the theme of "Totally Yours" **Please note that this years pilgrimage will begin at St Josephs Chaldean Church.*



Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLHVS>



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

Mr & Mrs Aisha Roe
12 Griffith St, St Marys

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION the highest form of prayer

Do you wish to deepen your prayer life?

The same Jesus who taught his disciples how to pray is there to help you as well, and what better place to contemplate Jesus than in his presence?

Of course, one does not need to be engaged in sacramental adoration to have access to Jesus. He is always available to those who come to him in faith.

But the church teaches that the manifestation of Jesus in the Eucharist is "unique" and "in the fullest sense," and therefore worthy of special devotion (CCC, No. 1374).'

Just as his disciples were transformed by being in Jesus' presence, it's impossible to spend an hour with him in Eucharistic adoration and leave the same person we were when we walked in.

So please consider giving it a try, sign up this weekend and commit to just one hour a week.
You have absolutely nothing to lose and a treasure trove of spiritual riches to gain.

ADULT CONFIRMATION 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, 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 on ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.



MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

"Reflect, Renew & Reconnect"

Date: Saturday 5 September 2026, 8:30am-4:30pm

Venue: Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1 Marion St, Blacktown. *Bookings Essential.*

Cost: \$45 per couple (lunch included)

See flyer on Notice board for more information
Register at parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/



CAFÉ IVAN

SOUP KITCHEN KKOTONGNAE & OLR

We welcome our needy neighbours / homeless for a warm meal on **Thursdays 6pm - 7pm,**

Parish Hall - Basement.

(corner of Swanston St & Collins St, St Marys)

For more info, kindly speak to Br James KBJ.

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the parish, I'd like to extend our sincere condolences to Pauline Boyle and family on the death of her husband, Mick, on Friday. Along with Pauline and their children, Mick was heavily involved with the parish for decades, generously sharing his construction skills to help build our Parish hall, among many other works. Details of Mick's funeral will be made available when finalised. May he Rest in Peace.

Magnifica Humanitas

Last week, we introduced Pope Leo's five proposed paths we can all follow for constructing the "civilisation of love" in our modern time. Today, we will reflect upon the first path - the need to disarm words. He writes:

214. The first contribution we can make toward a more humane civilization is to be mindful of our words. "Let us disarm words and we will help to disarm the world."

Words have enormous power, something we experience in our daily interactions; for example, spoken words can change our mood for better or for worse. "Peace begins with each one of us: in the way we look at others, listen to others and speak about others. In this sense, the way we communicate is of fundamental importance: we must say 'no' to the war of words and images, we must reject the paradigm of war." We must all, therefore, examine our conscience regarding the words we use, the prejudices we have and the explicit or implicit aggression that lies within them. We have a real opportunity to contribute to the common good each time we speak the truth, offer wise advice, support those in need of comfort, denounce injustice and give a voice to the voiceless.

Pope Leo urges us to appreciate the tremendous power of our words - spoken, unspoken, or implied - to recreate the world for better or worse. Our Lord assures us that "the good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks" (Lk 6:45). If we want to know what sort of a person we truly are, we need look no further than the words we speak: a kind person speaks kind words; a peaceful person speaks peaceful words; a rude person speaks rude words; an insincere person speaks insincere words.

We should appreciate that no word comes out of our lips by itself; every word we speak is a choice, and every time we speak, we choose the kind of person we want to be. If we want to become the person God wants us to be, we must regularly invoke God's Holy Spirit to place these words on our lips, "for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words" (Rom 8:26).

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Jeff