



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

# Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 9 August 2026

### Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor  
ones forever. Arise, O God, and  
defend your cause, and forget not  
the cries of those who seek you.

### First Reading:

**1 Kgs 19:9.11-13**

*Go out and stand on the mountain before  
the Lord God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the  
mountain of God, he went into the  
cave and spent the night in it.  
Then he was told, 'Go out and  
stand on the mountain before the  
Lord.' Then the Lord himself went  
by. There came a mighty wind, so  
strong it tore the mountains and  
shattered the rocks before the  
Lord. But the Lord was not in the  
wind. After the wind came an  
earthquake. But the Lord was not  
in the earthquake. After the earth-  
quake came a fire. But the Lord  
was not in the fire. And after the  
fire there came the sound of a  
gentle breeze. And when Elijah  
heard this, he covered his face  
with his cloak and went out and  
stood at the entrance of the cave.

### The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy  
and love, and grant us your sal-  
vation.**

**1.** I will hear what the Lord God  
has to say, a voice that speaks of  
peace. His help is near for those  
who fear him and his glory will  
dwell in our land. (R.)

**2.** Mercy and faithfulness have  
met; justice and peace have em-  
braced. Faithfulness shall spring  
from the earth and justice look  
down from heaven. (R.)

### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy  
and love, and grant us your  
salvation.**

**3.** The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps.  
(R.)

### Second Reading:

**Rom 9:1-5**

*I would willingly be condemned if it could  
help my people.*

What I want to say is no pretence;  
I say it in union with Christ – it is  
the truth – my conscience in un-  
ion with the Holy Spirit assures  
me of it too. What I want to say is  
this: my sorrow is so great, my  
mental anguish so endless, I  
would willingly be condemned  
and be cut off from Christ if it  
could help my brothers of Israel,  
my own flesh and blood. They  
were adopted as sons, they were  
given the glory and the cove-  
nants; the Law and the ritual  
were drawn up for them, and the  
promises were made to them.  
They are descended from the pa-  
triarchs and from their flesh and  
blood came Christ who is above  
all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

### The Word of the Lord



### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his  
word.

**Alleluia!**



### GOSPEL:

**Mt 14:22-33**

*Command me to come to you over the wa-  
ter.*

Jesus made the disciples get into  
the boat and go on ahead to the  
other side while he would send the  
crowds away. After sending the  
crowds away he went up into the  
hills by himself to pray. When even-  
ing came, he was there alone, while  
the boat, by now far out on the  
lake, was battling with a heavy sea,  
for there was a head-wind. In the  
fourth watch of the night he went  
towards them, walking on the lake,  
and when the disciples saw him  
walking on the lake they were terri-  
fied. 'It is a ghost' they said, and  
cried out in fear. But at once Jesus  
called out to them, saying,  
'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'  
It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,'  
he said 'if it is you, tell me to come  
to you across the water.' 'Come' said  
Jesus. Then Peter got out of the  
boat and started walking towards  
Jesus across the water, but as soon  
as he felt the force of the wind, he  
took fright and began to sink. 'Lord!  
Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out  
his hand at once and held him.  
'Man of little faith,' he said 'why  
did you doubt?' And as they got into  
the boat the wind dropped. The men  
in the boat bowed down before him  
and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of  
God.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

### Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who  
gives you your fill of finest wheat.

# 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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## 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, John Newton.

## 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 8 Aug ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP**  
 6:00pm Zdenka Vidovic

**Sun 9 Aug NINETEETH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**  
 7:30am Pro Populo  
 9:00am Joseph Grima  
 10:30am Slavko Kampic  
 5:30pm Lawry Johnson Labayo

**Mon 10 Aug ST LAWRENCE**  
 6:30am George Vella  
 9:00am Joyce Verri  
 7:00pm Peter Meilvenna

**Tue 11 Aug ST CLARE**  
 6:30am Cherian  
 9:00am Joseph Grima  
 7:00pm Ivo Grubestic

**Wed 12 Aug ST JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL**  
 6:30am Holy Souls  
 9:00am Charly Grima  
 7:00pm Ana Alegrada

**Thu 13 Aug ST HIPPOLYTUS**  
 6:30am Ivan Canic  
 9:00am Guy Denis Farla  
 7:00pm Holy Souls

**Fri 14 Aug ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE**  
 6:30am Austin  
 9:00am Adoration Chapel Adorers  
 7:00pm Assumption Vigil Mass

**Sat 15 Aug ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
 8:00am Joseph Zammit

## 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**

## 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)* \$962.30  
*Second Collection (previous weekend)* \$1112.40  
*Tap & Go Donations* \$2038.33

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.**  
*Kindly Select your donation amount \$5, \$10, \$20 or other.*

## COMING EVENTS:

8 Aug: Bingo (details below)  
10 Aug Holy Wounds 7:30pm  
12 Aug Finance Committee Meeting  
13 Aug Parish Youth Group  
15 & 16 Aug Parish Council Elections  
16 Aug: Charismatic Healing Mass, 2pm  
29 Aug: Bethany Pilgrimage (details below)



### WE WELCOME

Sadie Rose Montgomery  
into our Parish Family through the  
Sacrament of Baptism

## BINGO BINGO BINGO

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://parracatholic.org/iec2028/)



### CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Stephen Buhagiar**  
**87 Adelaide St Oxley Park**

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

## Parish Youth Group Is Back

From this coming **Thursday 13th August**, our parish young adult leaders will be reviving the parish youth group. The youth group is open to young people from grade Prep to Year 9, and will run fortnightly from 6pm-8pm in the upper room at Don Bosco Youth Centre. The evening will include: prayer, faith presentations and discussion, games and other group activities for the different age brackets. A light supper will also be provided. Please arrive at the Mamre Rd entrance of Don Bosco Youth Centre by 6pm to begin on time.

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Parish Council Elections will be held at all Masses on **15 & 16 August**. All parishioners aged **18 years and over** are invited to vote. Each eligible voter will receive **one ballot paper** before Mass. Once completed, please fold your ballot paper and place it in one of the **three sealed ballot boxes** provided—**two at the back of the church and one near the side entrance**. Thank you for participating in this important process, and please keep our nominees and the election in your prayers.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> August.

For more information, please contact the Office for Worship on [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto: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.

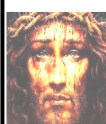
Cost: \$45 per couple (lunch included)

**See flyer on Notice board for more information**

Register at [parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/](http://parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/)



## DEVOTION TO THE HOLY WOUNDS OF JESUS



2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month.

Next one on **Mon 10 Aug 2026, 7:30pm**  
in the Church.

Dear Parishioners,

We begin this bulletin with a heartfelt thanks to the 80 parishioners who graciously answered the call last weekend to take up a vital role in our parish's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration ministry. This ministry is not only the driving force behind all the good work in our parish, but a source of innumerable blessings for the adorers themselves, their families, and the wider community.

This coming Saturday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into Heaven. This Solemnity is one of the only two Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics living in Australia (along with Christmas Day), meaning all Catholics are obliged to honour this day by attending mass. Neglecting to do so without an extraordinary reason would constitute grave sin. To assist with this, in addition to the regular Saturday 8am mass, **there will be an extra mass at 10:30am**. You will also be able to fulfill this obligation by attending the Saturday evening vigil, however this will not double-up as fulfilling your Sunday obligation - you would still be obliged to attend either a second Saturday vigil, or a mass on Sunday, to fulfill your regular Sunday obligation.

### ***Magnifica Humanitas***

This week, we reflect on Pope Leo's second path to creating a civilisation of love: building peace through justice. He writes:

215. All of us, at every level, can contribute to building the foundation of peace, which is justice. We do not merely seek any kind of peace — such as an absence of conflict at any cost — but instead, the true peace born of justice. “There exists a very close connection between the justice of the individual and the peace of everyone” [St. John Paul II]. Commenting on the psalm verse “justice and peace have embraced” ( *Ps* 84:11), Saint Augustine wrote: “There is no one who shuns the desire for peace, yet not everyone is willing to practice justice... But perform the works of justice, keeping in mind that justice and peace have embraced; they are not at odds with one another. Why do you set yourself against justice? Here, for example, is justice telling you not to steal, but you pay no heed; not to commit adultery, and you turn a deaf ear; not to do to others what you would not want done to yourself; not to say about your neighbour the things you would not want said about yourself... Do you therefore wish to attain peace? Then practice justice!” Let us never grow weary of seeking justice!

The opening line of the UNESCO constitutions asserts "that since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed." If we substituted "minds" with "hearts" we would draw quite closely to what Pope Leo is proposing in this paragraph - that wars begin in our hearts long before they exist between nations. If, as we reflected last week, the words we say shape the kind of people we want to become, similarly, the actions we perform shape the kind of world we want to live in. We can never have peace with each other if we are not at peace within ourselves, and we will never have peace within ourselves if our actions are not in harmony with God. If we find ourselves at odds with the world, society, parish, or family we live in, our most sincere course is to consider what actions of ours are at odds with God, and strive to overcome them. In doing so, Pope Leo encourages with words echoing those of St. Paul: brothers and sisters, never grow weary of doing what is right (2 Thess 3:13).

To read ***MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS*** in full, please scan the QR code:



Yours faithfully,

Fr. Jeff