



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 30 August 2026



Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and
forgiving, full of mercy of all
who call to you.

First Reading:

Jer 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord,
and I have let myself be se-
duced; you have overpowered
me: you were the stronger. I am
a daily laughing-stock, every-
body's butt. Each time I speak
the word, I have to howl and
proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The
word of the Lord has meant
for me insult, derision, all day
long. I used to say, I will not
think about him, I will not speak
in his name any more. Then
there seemed to be a fire burn-
ing in my heart, imprisoned in
my bones. The effort to restrain
it wearied me, I could not bear
it.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for
you I long; for you my soul is
thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry,
weary land without water. **(R.)**

2. So I gaze on you in the
sanctuary to see your strength
and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

(R.)

Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) My soul is thirsting for
you, O Lord my God.**

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my
hands. My soul shall be filled as
with a banquet, my mouth shall
praise you with joy. **(R.)**

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings
I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your
right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading:

Rom 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my broth-
ers, and worship him, I beg you,
in a way that is worthy of think-
ing beings, by offering your liv-
ing bodies as a holy sacrifice,
truly pleasing to God. Do not
model yourselves on the behav-
iour of the world around you,
but let your behaviour change,
modelled by your new mind.
This is the only way to discover
the will of God and know what is
good, what it is that God wants,
what is the perfect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ enlighten the
eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is
the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!



Gospel:

Mt 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to
his disciples that he was des-
tined to go to Jerusalem and
suffer grievously at the hands of
the elders and chief priests and
scribes, to be put to death and
to be raised up on the third day.
Then, taking him aside, Peter
started to remonstrate with him.
'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he
said. 'This must not happen to
you.' But he turned and said to
Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan!
You are an obstacle in my path,
because the way you think is
not God's way but man's.' Then
Jesus said to his disciples, 'If
anyone wants to be a follower of
mine, let him renounce himself
and take up his cross and follow
me. For anyone who wants to
save his life will lose it; but any-
one who loses his life for my
sake will find it. What, then, will
a man gain if he wins the whole
world and ruins his life? Or what
has a man to offer in exchange
for his life? 'For the Son of Man
is going to come in the glory of
his Father with his angels,
and, when he does, he will re-
ward each one according to his
behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness,
Lord, that you keep for those
who fear you.



IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

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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

Margaret Gallagher, Rose Cauci, Emmanuel & Josephine Vella, Maya Glin-ski, 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, Ashton D'Costa, Rolando Aguda, Hugo Labra, Andre Rodriguez, Ginnah Alia, David Freeman, Susie Lipstick, Crystal Darcy, Zdravko & Marija Palovic, Evotia Letele, Karen Barret, Josephine Mitchell, Emelita Howlett, Emma Tucker, Allan & Jackie Cullen, Esperanza Mirafuentes, Fr S.R, Abraham Thomas, Reetahmma Abraham, Sophia Furey, Mhom Samson, Aurora Jimenez, Adam Burton, Arou Akot, Ronald Manzano, Anna Juresa, Ronnie D'costa, Beatrice Leary, Lorraine Damian, Fr Jepser B, Monica Thomas, Shuashawnee Hancock, Miloh Molesi, Blanche Jones, Clare LeGrand, Renato Manongdo, Bernard Prendergast, Merwyn D'Souza, Bertha Wetton, Bobby Jose, Edward Sebastiano, Joe Duval, Loyda Cruz, John Newton, June Dodd, Margaret Lawrence.

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 29 Aug	PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST 6:00pm Susan & Edgar Avila
Sun 30 Aug	22nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 7:30am Pro Populo 9:00am Joseph.Grima 10:30am Peters Family 5:30pm Rachael Guneratne
Mon 31 Aug	6:30am Sarah O'Keeffe 9:00am Dominic Militano 7:00pm Thanksgiving
Tue 1 Sept	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION 6:30am Brian Miller 9:00am John Dimech 7:00pm Suaad & Edmond Jabbour
Wed 2 Sept	6:30am Carmel Jeffrey 9:00am Roko Luketic 7:00pm Janette and Peter Jabbour
Thu 3 Sept	ST GREGORY THE GREAT 6:30am Margaret Lawrence 9:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory 7:00pm Habib & Naziha Maklout
Fri 4 Sept	SPRING EMBER DAY 6:30am Philomena Fernandes 9:00am Laurencio & Maria Jocelyn Labayo 7:00pm Ivan Canic
Sat 5 Sept	ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA 8:00am Personal Intention

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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, Manolo Lobrin, MaryAnn Salazar, Camillo Piccirilli, Jose Maria Pepingco, Charlie Buttigieg, Grace Micallef, Stipe Kulas, Josephine Saporita, Antonietta D'Angola, Marija Sterle, Joseph Mazurkiewicz, Verna Venus, Mick Boyle, Paul Evers, Peter Mellvanna, Corrine Cedor.

Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let your light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

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) \$1163.50
Second Collection (previous weekend) \$1459.70
Tap & Go Donations \$2544

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:

30 Aug: **Social Justice Sunday**
4 Sept: First Friday Holy Wounds Devotion after 7pm Mass.
5-6 Sept: Bishop's Father's Day Appeal
14 Sept: Bible Study, MacKillop Centre, 7:30pm
20 Sept: RCIA, 6:40pm (details below)
24 Oct: JP11 Pro Life Fundraiser Dinner (details below)



BISHOP'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL

Honour a lifetime of faithful service

We give thanks for the fathers, grand-fathers, mentors and spiritual fathers who have guided us with love, wisdom and faith. Among them are our priests, who have devoted their lives to serving God's people. They have celebrated the Sacraments with us, prayed with us, accompanied our families and helped bring us closer to Christ.

After a lifetime of faithful service, many of our senior priests now need practical care and support as they face the challenges of ageing, illness and retirement.

Your generous tax-deductible gift will help care for our retired and unwell priests and ensure they can live with the dignity, care and support they deserve. Please give generously at

parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

Thank you for caring for those who have spent their lives caring for us.

OLR BIBLE STUDY: STARTING SOON

Join us for [Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible](#)

Start Date: 14 September, 7:30pm
will run fortnightly

at MacKillop Centre, 15 Collins St, St Marys

An eight-part Bible study, exploring the great story of salvation history and deepening our understanding of Sacred Scripture and God's plan for His people.

Scan the QR code to register now!



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

Mr & Mrs Frank Campbell
22 Coorlong Place, St Marys

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

BE THE WITNESS - THE MUSICAL

The story of Jesus through the eyes of Peter

10-13 September 2026



Riverside Theatres, Parramatta

Special Parish Group 20+ Offer

Discounted prices. Scan to book your

group. Don't Miss out! Book Now. Limited seats.

Only showing for four days from 10 – 13 September 2026 at the Riverside Theatre, this inspiring production tells the story of Jesus through the eyes of St Peter and the first disciples.

Through beautiful music, powerful storytelling and the talents of a wonderfully diverse local cast, it reminds us that the Gospel is not just a story from the past - it is an invitation for each of us every day.

I had the privilege of attending one of the rehearsals, and I was blown away by the music, the talent and the emotion conveyed from the actors and 60-strong chorus.

In a world longing for hope, meaning and authentic witness, this musical offers a fresh and engaging way to encounter the life of Christ and to reflect on what it means to follow Him.

Whether you are a regular churchgoer, someone searching for meaning, or simply someone who enjoys great theatre, I encourage you to book your tickets now. There are discounts for groups of four or more, and the musical is for everyone over the age of 5. I hope to see you at Riverside Theatre for this special production. Bring your family, invite your friends, and together let us rediscover the joy, hope and transforming love of Christ.

Yours Sincerely in Christ

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

SCHOENSTATT CENTENARY JUBILEE



Sunday 13th September 2026

Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa.

Holy Mass **10am** celebrated by
Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP,
followed by refreshments and program
until 3pm.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

We invite you to an Introductory Information

Session on **Sunday 20 September 2026,**

6:40pm at the **Parish Presbytery.**

Steven Buhagiar - 0415600290

THE ST JOHN PAUL II LIFE ALLIANCE

OLR Parish Pro Life Group

is holding a fundraising dinner on 24th October.

Tickets are available via the QR code below.

alternatively if you want to buy tickets cash

please reach out to us on

st.jp11.lifealliance@gmail.com / text 0404 771 872

It is going to be a fun night, so don't miss out!

JP11 Alliance Team

Dear parishioners,

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

In this week's bulletin we look at the lengthiest of Pope Leo's proposed paths to a civilisation of love: reviving dialogue.

219. In order to build the civilization of love, we must engage in dialogue, for this is the primary means of coexistence between people and nations, and it is the alternative to open conflict. On the eve of the Second World War, Pius XII affirmed that nothing is lost with peace, whereas with war everything can be lost. He insisted that people must return to speaking with one another, because a sincere and persevering dialogue always opens up the possibility of an honorable solution.

220. Indeed, dialogue is an ordinary part of human life and does not only concern relations between States. It involves acquiring an attitude that seeks to forge bonds of fraternity built on listening, an open demeanor, making time for each other and even wasting time together. For if we experience authentic encounters with others, with those who are different, strangers and migrants, it becomes much more difficult even to imagine war.

221. At the political level, there is an urgent need to shift from the "culture of power" to a genuine "culture of negotiation," in which dialogue and diplomacy become the standard means of resolving conflicts...

222. ...War is never inevitable. Weapons can and must be silenced, for they do not resolve problems but only increase them. Those who make history are the peacemakers, not those who sow seeds of suffering. Our neighbors are not first our enemies, but our fellow human beings; not criminals to be hated, but other men and women with whom we can speak. Let us reject the Manichean notions so typical of that mindset of violence that divides the world into those who are good and those who are evil."

223. In rejecting the mindset of violence, interreligious dialogue plays a decisive role, because at the heart of the great spiritual paths lies a message of peace. Whereas those who use the name of God to legitimize terrorism, violence or war betray his true nature, for to fight in the name of religion means attacking religion itself. The "spirit of Assisi," evoked by Saint John Paul II and carried forward by Pope Francis — for example, through his dialogue with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar — shows that believers can draw upon the most authentic sources of their particular spiritual traditions, where there is no room for "sanctified hatred."

In these passages, I am particularly taken by Pope Leo's insight that dialogue unfolds in stages, and often begins with what can look like "wasting time together." Indeed, Pope Francis once affectionately referred to Eucharistic Adoration - the most perfect means of dialogue with God - as "wasting time before the tabernacle." We may have family or friends who we struggle to connect with due to their resentment or rejection of faith, and anyone associated with it. We may have an urgent desire to lead them to the faith through dialogue, but fear causing an argument or alienating them further. Pope Leo encourages us that dialogue doesn't need to begin with awkward conversations or hard truths; it can begin with a walk by the river, a coffee down the street, watching a movie, playing a video game - any activity which needs no agenda other than time in each other's company. Of course, all activity requires balance lest we go wasting *too much* time together, but we can have great confidence that any wholesome activity which helps to build trust or establish a friendly rapport is a step towards opening the heart, and is time well spent.

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Jeff