



Our Lady of the Rosary

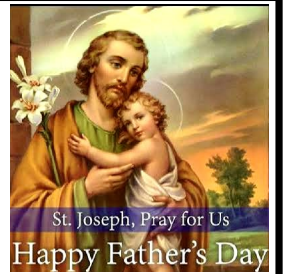
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TWENTY - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 6 September 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord
with your merciful love.

First Reading:

Ez 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Responsorial Psalm:

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading:

Rom 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments:

You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Mt 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven.

For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



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, Michelle, Diane, Josephine 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, 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 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, 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 5 Sept	ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA 6:00pm George Laffrey
Sun 6 Sept	23rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 7:30am Pro Populo 9:00am Kevin Dench 10:30am Joseph Casha, Carmelo Danastas 5:30pm Frank Colantine
Mon 7 Sept	BL. AKOJZIJE STEPINAC 6:30am Teresa Vella 9:00am Loyda Berbosio and Family 7:00pm Euphrasia and Ratnam
Tue 8 Sept	BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY BVM 6:30am Leo and Theresa Pereira 9:00am Lawrence Labayo 7:00pm Paul Evers
Wed 9 Sept	ST PETER CLAVER 6:30am Johann and Tamika 9:00am Joso Rogic 7:00pm Julie and Victor Sequeira
Thu 10 Sept	6:30am Mary Ann Patrick 9:00am Karina Pinto Da Rosario 7:00pm Anton Concepcion
Fri 11 Sept	6:30am Felix and Rosa Gando 9:00am Paul Evers 7:00pm Rommel Samson
Sat 12 Sept	HOLY NAME OF MARY 8:00am Bruce Fernandes

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Deacon Petelo Savea, 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 McIlvenna, 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) \$1609.85
Second Collection (previous weekend) \$2040.25
Tap & Go Donations \$2705.33

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:

5-6 Sept: **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal

9 Sept: Finance Committee Meeting, 7:30pm

11 Sept: Adorers Retreat Evening, Church, 7:30pm

14 Sept: Holy Wounds, Church, 7:30pm

20 Sept: RCIA, 6:40pm (details below)

21 Sept: Bible Study, MacKillop Centre, 7:30pm

28 Sept: Holy Wounds, Church, 7:30pm



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 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.

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



WE WELCOME

Matteo J Licciardello, Charlie Rossi
Graham P Jinks, Jordan Raymond Tonna
into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

PRO-LIFE RALLY: 15 SEPTEMBER 26



A pro-life rally is to be held outside NSW Parliament House **6pm, Tuesday September 15th** in support of banning the practice of late-term abortions and sex-selective abortions.

A show of significant numbers will greatly help this cause as we advocate for the protection of all unborn children, 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/nswrallyforlifeseptember2026>

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** (Swanston St, St Marys)
Steven Buhagiar - 0415600290

OLR BIBLE STUDY: STARTING SOON

Join us for Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
21 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.



Please scan the QR code to register now!

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 paying cash, please reach out to us on

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

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

JP11 Alliance Team

GUARDIAN ADORER RETREAT EVENING FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM - 9:00PM with Fr Jeff Miller SDB



PROGRAM includes: Silent Prayer

Talk 1 - Vera of Jesus

Talk 2 - Living Tabernacles
Benediction.

HOLY SHROUD EXHIBITION

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta is hosting the Holy Shroud Exhibition featuring a life-size replica of the Shroud of Turin.

Sunday 6 – Sunday 13 September 9am – 6pm

From **Thursday 10 – Sunday 13 September**, the exhibition will have extended opening hours from **9:00am – 10:00pm daily** in the Chapel.

Parking available via Victoria Road. All are warmly invited to this special exhibition to learn more about the history and significance of the Shroud of Turin.



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

Mr & Mrs Militano
12 Muscat Pl, Orchard Hills

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

Dear Parishioners,

We wish all our fathers every blessing on this Father Day weekend. May God continue to fill them with all the graces they need to be true signs and bearers of our Heavenly Father's love to their families.

I am pleased to announce the five candidates whom the parish has elected to the Parish Pastoral Council: Jasna Bekic, Alan D'Souza, Gerry Galam, Noemi Santiago, and Veronika Vulcik. We are most grateful to the candidates for accepting their election, as well to all the other candidates who accepted nominations. Thanks also to everyone who supported the discernment process through your prayers and votes.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

This week we look at Pope Leo's final suggestion for practical paths to a civilisation of love: the necessity of diplomacy and multilateralism. He writes:

224. In international relations, dialogue is an irreplaceable diplomatic tool for preventing conflicts and rebuilding bonds of trust. Faced with the impulsive broadcasts, aggressive rhetoric and power politics that characterize our time, "the vocation of diplomacy is to foster dialogue with all parties, including those interlocutors considered less 'convenient' or not considered legitimized to negotiate." Therefore, every ounce of humility and patience should be employed in order to nurture even the faintest signs of goodwill among parties in conflict, so as to advance the process of peace.

225. Cyberspace too has become a battleground. Cyberattacks, data manipulation and campaigns of influence, orchestrated with the help of AI, can destabilize entire countries even before open armed conflict erupts. Moreover, in this area, the attribution of responsibility is often uncertain. When it is unclear who carried out an attack, the risk of disproportionate reaction, miscalculation and escalation increases. For this reason, diplomacy must be capable of operating effectively in this new environment, negotiating shared regulations on the use of digital technologies, in order to protect civilians and the most vulnerable from "invisible" yet real forms of violence.

226. International organizations, particularly the United Nations, are essential instruments for promoting a civilization of love, for they can foster dialogue among nations and promote the peaceful resolution of conflicts, the integral development of peoples, the protection of the most vulnerable, disarmament and the care of creation...

227. In the international context, the Holy See's diplomacy adopts the Gospel's principle of mercy as a concrete criterion for political action. This is one of the ways in which the Holy See places itself at the service of humanity, thereby appealing to consciences in the name of charity and truth, defending the dignity of every person and speaking up on behalf of the poor, migrants and victims of war. In this way, papal diplomacy expresses the catholicity of the Church and contributes to the building of a civilization of love, where even new technologies can be oriented toward the common good.

When entering into dialogue with others, particularly people who hold differing views, Pope Leo urges us to adopt an attitude of humility and patience which appeals to the faintest shred of good will in them. This attitude must be ever more intentional in the online world, where sincerity can easily become lost in translation or drowned out by comments. As Catholics engaging in dialogue, online or otherwise, it is important that we aren't entering in with the intention of winning an argument, at the expense of losing another's confidence. St. Francis de Sales famously claimed that "a spoonful of honey catches more flies than a barrel of vinegar," which is to say that a shred of good will in dialogue will bring about far more resolution than an onslaught of criticisms, no matter how true. St. John Bosco, a true master of winning over the most stubborn hearts, assures us that "without confidence and love, there can be no true education."

Yours faithfully,
Fr. Jeff