



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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TWENTY - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 13 September 26

Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord,
to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First Reading:

Sir 27:30-28:7

**Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray,
your sins will be forgiven.**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. **(R.)**

Responsorial Psalm:

3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to
our sins nor repay us according
to our faults **(R.)**

4. For as the heavens are high above
the earth so strong is his love for
those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

Second Reading:

Rom 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Mt 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said,
'Lord, how often must I forgive my
brother if he wrongs me? As often as
seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not
seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven
times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven
may be compared to a king who de-
cided to settle his accounts with his
servants. When the reckoning began,
they brought him a man who owed ten
thousand talents; but he had no

means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in
the shadow of your wings.



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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Don Bosco Youth Centre: Phone: 9623 0450
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 Community Leader: Sr Edna Mary McDonald

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School
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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

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 Engebrecht, 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 Molese, 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, J & S Reed,.

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 12 Sept HOLY NAME OF MARY
 6:00pm Silva Family

Sun 13 Sept 24th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
 7:30am Pro Populo
 9:00am Pat & Phillip McGrath
 10:30am Camillo Piccirilli
 5:30pm Sikani Tafil Taateo

Mon 14 Sept EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
 6:30am Sr Josephine
 9:00am Adoration Chapel Adorers
 7:00pm Theresammah

Tue 15 Sept OUR LADY OF SORROWS
 6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Cyril and Constance Wijeratne
 7:00pm Michael Boyle

Wed 16 Sept Ss. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN
 6:30am Johann Mathias
 9:00am Ron Hopkinson
 7:00pm Cathy & Greg Barlow

Thu 17 Sept ST ROBERT BELLARMINE, ST HILDEGARD
 6:30am Sina Carvalho, Tina Fernandes
 9:00am Rochelle & Rainer Berbozo
 7:00pm Patricia Gallagher

Fri 18 Sept
 6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Mladen Adzic
 7:00pm Paul Evers

Sat 19 Sept ST JANUARIUS
 8:00am Lucija Jeronic

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Milly Martin, Alicia Bulatao, Br Rey Pongo, Tony Martin, Patricia Armstrong, Stephen Neville, Raymond Clarke, Sarafino Enadid, Felicia Sissini, Eileen Morrow, Vincent Leary, Pellegrino Penna, Lucija Jeronic, Chito Redoblado, Vicky Xerri, Linda Weightman, Norma O'Sullivan, Rommel Samson, Iluminada Jurado, 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., Richard Devonshire.

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) \$1541.75

Second Collection (previous weekend) \$1663.55

Tap & Go Donations \$3069.66

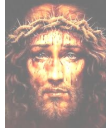
Collections are no longer conducted during weekend Masses. A collection box is located at the back left of the church on weekends only.

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:

13 Sept: **Safeguarding Sunday**
14 Sept: Holy Wounds, Church, 7:30pm
20 Sept: RCIA, 6:40pm (details below)
21 Sept: Bible Study, MacKillop Centre, 7:30pm
12 Oct: Catechist Meeting, 10am
13 Oct: Berrima Pilgrimage
18 Oct: OLR 70 year Celebration of Scripture teaching
24 Oct: JP11 Pro Life Fundraiser Dinner (details below)



HOLY WOUNDS OF JESUS DEVOTIONS

14 September 2026, 7:30pm in Church
held every 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month



WE WELCOME

*Alec Azevedo, Theodore R Shimazaki
Justin D Apap, , Chisimdi D Nwaigwe*
**into our Parish Family through the
Sacrament of Baptism.**

Safeguarding Sunday - 13 September

The Diocese of Parramatta renews its commitment to building a culture of care, vigilance and accountability, where the safety, wellbeing and dignity of children and vulnerable adults is a priority.

**This year the theme for Safeguarding Sunday is
"Love Protects".**

Support Counsellor: lorena.portocarrero@parracatholic.org
Or visit parracatholic.org/safeguarding/healing-and-support

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](https://www.drjoannahowe.com.au/nswrallyforlifeseptember2026)



Date: **Friday 25 September 2026**, OLR Parish Hall
Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm, soon after the 7pm Mass
Speaker: Marsha O'Meara
Talk: The Love of the Father

Contact Alan D'souza - 0436 308 178

Collection of the following new school stationery for Sri Lankan children living in poverty.

*A4 size Exercise Books (96 pages or 120 pages), Coloured
Pencil, Pens, HB Lead Pencils and Sharpeners.*

Donations may be placed in the collection box provided
in the church foyer **until Sunday, 27 September.**

Lorensz - 0426399502

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 Sa-
cred Scripture and God's plan for His
people. **Please scan the QR code to register now!**



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

Mr & Mrs Sequeira
39 Marsden St, St Marys

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

BERRIMA PILGRIMAGE

Tuesday 13 October 2026

The Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun.

Cost: \$30 per person

We kindly request you to be here at 7:45am,
as the Coach will depart from the front of the Church
at 8am sharp. Please be on time.

Bring your own lunch, drinks, a hat, cardigan
in case it gets cold. Payment to be made at the Parish
Office no later than Friday 9 October. Thank you.

Denis Collins - 0459185517

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.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

Having presented his five daily and public avenues for building a 'civilisation of love' (the need to disarm words; building peace through justice; adopting the perspective of victims; cultivating a healthy realism; and reviving dialogue and multilateralism), Pope Leo adds:

228. These avenues for exercising responsibility are sustained by prayer, and in turn nourish prayer. Indeed, for each of us, peace primarily comes “from God, God who loves us all, unconditionally.” It is a gift given by Jesus to his disciples on the day of Easter: “Peace be with you! It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering.” With these words, I greeted the Church and the world on the day of my election to the See of Peter. I wish to repeat them now, and to invite everyone to pray for this gift. Let us never tire of praying for peace and of committing ourselves to achieving it in our relationships and in society.

Pope Leo reminds us that carrying out God's work cannot be done without God's help, which can only be obtained through prayer. To be sure, whatever we are doing with our lives - however impressively - if we are not praying, it won't be God's work we are doing. Prayer is to the soul what a power cord is to an appliance: if it's not connected, it won't turn on. The Pope concludes his encyclical by proposing a tried and true program for staying connected to God. He writes:

229. “Let each builder choose with care how to build” (*1 Cor 3:10*). With these words, Saint Paul encouraged the Christians of Corinth to preserve unity. Dear brothers and sisters, we have reflected on the world we are building, and we asked ourselves what it means to safeguard the human person in the era of artificial intelligence. At the end of this reflection, I would like to propose a sober yet demanding program of Christian life with which we can navigate this epochal change in the light of the Gospel. This avenue emerges through contemplating God's plan, living ecclesial unity by partaking of the Eucharist, building a world centered on the common good, and praying in union with the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We will unpack this program in the coming bulletins.

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Jeff