



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 20 September 26

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people,
says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any
distress, I will hear them, and
I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading:

Is 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to
be found, call to him while he is
still near. Let the wicked man
abandon his way, the evil man his
thoughts. Let him turn back to the
Lord who will take pity on him, to
our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your
thoughts, my ways not your ways
– it is the Lord who speaks. Yes,
the heavens are as high above
earth as my ways are above your
ways, my thoughts above your
thoughts.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

*(R.) The Lord is near to all
who call him.*

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be
praised, his greatness
cannot be measured. *(R.)*

2. 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.)*

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

Second Reading:

Phil 1:20-24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body,
whether by my life or by my death.
Life to me, of course, is Christ,
but then death would bring me
something more; but then again,
if living in this body means doing
work which is having good results
– I do not know what I should
choose. I am caught in this dilem-
ma: I want to be gone and be with
Christ, which would be very much
the better, but for me to stay alive
in this body is a more urgent need
for your sake. Avoid anything in
your everyday lives that would be
unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Mt 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples:
‘The kingdom of heaven is like a
landowner going out at daybreak
to hire workers for his vineyard.
He made an agreement with the
workers for one denarius a day,
and sent them to his vineyard.
Going out at about the third hour
he saw others standing idle in the
market place and said to them,
“You go to my vineyard too and I
will give you a fair wage.” So they
went. At about the sixth hour and
again at about the ninth hour, he
went out and did the same. Then
at about the eleventh hour he
went out and found more men

standing round, and he said to
them, “Why have you been stand-
ing here idle all day?”

“Because no one has hired us”
they answered. He said to them,
“You go into my vineyard too.” In
the evening, the owner of the
vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call
the workers and pay them their
wages, starting with the last arri-
vals and ending with the first.” So
those who were hired at about
the eleventh hour came forward
and received one denarius each.
When the first came, they ex-
pected to get more, but they too
received one denarius each. They
took it, but grumbled at the land-
owner. “The men who came last”
they said “have done only one
hour, and you have treated them
the same as us, though we have
done a heavy day’s work in all the
heat.” He answered one of them
and said, “My friend, I am not be-
ing unjust to you; did we not agree
on one denarius? Take your earn-
ings and go. I choose to pay the
last-comer as much as I pay you.
Have I no right to do what I like
with my own? Why be envious be-
cause I am generous?” Thus the
last will be first, and the first,
last.’

The Gospel of the Lord



Communion Antiphon:

You have laid down your
precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping
your statutes.



IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeff Miller SDB
 Assistant Priest: Fr. Gersio Amaral SDB
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Enquiries: Please phone the Parish Office between
 9:30am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 3:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Salesian Community: Phone: 9623 1220

Don Bosco Youth Centre: Phone: 9623 0450
 Director: Fr Joseph Huong SDB

Salesian Sisters:
 Community Leader: Sr Edna Mary McDonald

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 Principal: Mrs Gabriela Osterlund Phone: 9670 4588
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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 Engele-
 brecht, 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 Mirafeutes, Fr S.R,
 Abraham Thomas, Reetahmma Abraham, Sophia Furey, Aurora Jimenez,
 Adam Burton, Arou Akot, Ronald Manzano, Anna Juresa, Ronnie D'costa,
 Beatrice Leary, Lorraine Damian, Fr Jepsen B, Monica Thomas, Shuashaw-
 nee Hancock, Miloh Moles, 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, Jennifer Kohn.

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 19 Sept ST JANUARIUS
 6:00pm Roland Peters

Sun 20 Sept 25th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
 7:30am Emelin, Ligure, Beatrice
 9:00am Xavier Vella and Family
 10:30am Jeron Jose
 5:30pm Pro Populo

Mon 21 Sept ST MATTHEW
 6:30am Karla Siljeg and Family
 9:00am Matija Mihajl
 7:00pm Simon Testa

Tue 22 Sept BL. JOSEPH CATASANZ & CO.
 6:30am Niranjan
 9:00am Angelo Vella
 7:00pm Simon Testa

Wed 23 Sept ST PADRE PIO
 6:30am Peter Delange
 9:00am Odile Fernandes
 7:00pm Simon Testa

Thu 24 Sept
 6:30am Patricia and Thomas Duvier
 9:00am Rose Lukey
 7:00pm Guillermo Mangrobang

Fri 25 Sept
 6:30am Rueben Bulatao
 9:00am Suzana Stajceviski
 7:00pm Paul Evers

Sat 26 Sept Ss. COSMAS & DAMIAN
 8:00am Trevor and Natalie Correy

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Br Rey Pongo, Tony Martin, Patricia Armstrong, Chito Redoblado, Rom-
 mel Samson, Peter Gatchalianm, Manolo Lobrin, Iluminada Jurado,
 Mhom Samson, Stephen Neville, Raymond Clarke, Sarafino Enadid, Felicia
 Sisinni, Eileen Morrow, Vincent Leary, Pellegrino Penna, Lucija Jeroncic,
 Vicky Xerri, Linda Weightman, Norma O'Sullivan, Maria Maciejewska,
 Janene Martin, Maria Rohrlach, Theresa Menezes, MaryAnn Salazar, Ca-
 millo Piccirilli, Jose Maria Pepingco, Charlie Buttigieg, Grace Micallef,
 Stipe Kulas, Josephine Saporita, Antonietta D'Angola, Marija Sterle, Jo-
 seph Mazurkiewicz, Verna Venus, Mick Boyle, Paul Evers, Peter McIlvenna,
 Corrine Cedor., Richard Devonshire, Jacob Pereira, Kathleen Dal-Seno.

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) \$1347.90
Second Collection (previous weekend) \$1556.80
Tap & Go Donations \$3232.66

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:

20 Sept: RCIA, 6:40pm, Parish Presbytery (Swanston St)
21 Sept: Bible Study, MacKillop Centre, 7:30pm
28 Sept: Holy Wounds Devotion, Church, 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

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

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!**



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

DONATIONS FOR CHILDREN IN SRI LANKA

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

The collection box will be in the church foyer until Sunday, 27 September. Thank you.

Lorensz - 0426399502



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

Ms. Lanie Cruz

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



OLR - BEE HIVE HONEY

Honey for sale after all Masses next weekend **26 & 27 September 2026**,

Only while stock lasts. \$10 per jar (cash only)

100% pure honey from our very own backyard Beehive with all it's natural goodness.

COME JOIN US!

Pilgrim Mother Apostolate

When: Sunday, 27th September 2026

Time: 11:45am (after 10:30am Mass)

Venue: MacKillop Centre, Collins St, St Marys.

Followed by a light lunch (provided). **ALL WELCOME**

Fenina - 0431 867 491



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FEAST DAY

7 October 2026

Please join us on this day to celebrate our Parish Feast Day at the 7pm Mass.

The Statue of Our Lady will process out after the Mass, where we will pray the Rosary under the illuminated Rosary beads on the front wall.

This Rosary will be offered for the Parish, our Priests and Parishioners, followed by supper.

Denis Collins - 0459 185 517



OLR PILGRIMAGE

Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Berrima

Tuesday 13 October 2026

The Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun.

Cost: \$30 per person

Please meet in front of the Church by 7:45am.

The Coach will leave at 8am sharp.

Please bring your own lunch / drinks.

For Bookings contact the Parish Office. Payment to be made no later than Friday 9 October. Thank you.

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

CAFÉ IVAN

SOUP KITCHEN KKOTTONGNAE & OLR

We welcome our needy neighbours / home-less 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

Last Friday evening, I was delighted to see over 150 parishioners attend our retreat on the life of Salesian Servant of God, Vera Grita (1923-1969), and the Work of the Living Tabernacles which Our Lord entrusted to the Salesians through her. There will be more information about the Work of the Living Tabernacles, and how we might be involved, coming soon. This Work is the natural extension of our parish's vital Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration ministry, and can only serve to strengthen the reign of the Eucharistic Jesus within our hearts and our community.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

Pope Leo assures us that an authentic civilisation of love can only be built by those who sincerely and ardently seek to co-operate with God. He proposes a program for establishing ourselves more firmly in God's will, founded on an appreciation that The Word became flesh. I have abridged the paragraphs to fit this page:

230. Our world is filled with attempts to seize control of markets and spheres of influence, often shrouded in reassuring rhetoric and seductive ideologies. Yet our hearts yearn for an approach that is wise and benevolent, akin to that which Mary praises in her Magnificat, when she proclaims that God's mercy extends in every generation to those who fear him. This plan of mercy continues to unfold throughout history today, even amid the rapid and unsettling changes brought by algorithms and global networks, and it becomes a compass in the digital era for living our lives according to the Gospel.

231. At the heart of everything is the mystery of the Incarnation, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. The flesh of the Son, poor and vulnerable, evokes the flesh of so many brothers and sisters stripped of their dignity and reduced to silence. Through the Lord's closeness, the gift of peace enters into the world in a paradoxical way. It does so through the power to become children of God, and is awakened when we allow ourselves to be moved by the tears of the little ones, the fragility of the elderly, the silence of victims and the struggle of those who fight against the evil they do not wish to commit...

232. In the promises of transhumanism and some post-humanist currents of thought, which seek an enhanced and almost disembodied humanity, we recognize a yearning that is of concern to us, namely the need for a fuller life, less exposed to limitations and suffering. Yet the Incarnation opens a different pathway. On the one hand, old and new ideologies alike urge humanity to overcome limitations through technology, and to rise above others by asserting dominance. Contrary to this, the mystery of the Son of God entering into our human condition promises something quite different... He takes upon himself our weakness and transforms it into a setting for salvation. There is no moment or human situation that is not worthy of God...

233. For this reason, as a believer among believers, I invite everyone to contemplate, in the face of the Son of God, the grandeur of humanity that shines a light also on the era of AI. In Christ, we are called to cooperate in the work of creation, rather than be disinterested observers of technological processes that limit our freedom and responsibility. The dignity inscribed in each of us by the Holy Spirit can also be seen in our capacity to reflect critically, choose and love freely, and form authentic relationships. No computational system, however sophisticated, can create a heart that gives itself, or a conscience that discerns good from evil. Even when machines excel in efficiency, a human face that asks to be gazed upon remains the center of our history. This human face is the fullness toward which history is moving...

Yours faithfully,
Fr. Jeff