



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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TWENTY - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 27 September 26

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading:

Ez 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

Responsorial Psalm:

3. The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading:

Phil 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Mt 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



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

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 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, Shuashawnee 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, Loida Berbos.

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 26 Sept Ss COSMAS & DAMIAN
 6:00pm Jamie Edwards & Yvonne Cuschieri

Sun 27 Sept 26th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
 7:30am Susan Avila & Siblings
 9:00am Pearl & Cyril Heldt
 10:30am Constantine Martin
 5:30pm Pro Populo

Mon 28 Sept ST WENCESLAUS ST LORENZO RUIZ & CO
 6:30am Mary Cortis
 9:00am Michael Delange
 7:00pm Josefino Mateo

Tue 29 Sept Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL
 6:30am Melissa Devonshire
 9:00am Rosabella Lazaroo
 7:00pm Adhikari Family

Wed 30 Sept ST JEROME
 6:30am Unborn
 9:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 7:00pm Ambrosio Saleaad Joves

Thu 01 Oct ST THERESE OF LISIEUX
 6:30am Holy Souls
 9:00am Iluminada Jurado
 7:00pm Catherina Cerkvenik

Fri 02 Oct GUARDIAN ANGELS
 6:30am Holy Souls
 9:00am Paddy Martin
 7:00pm Paul Evers & Holy Souls

Sat 03 Oct
 8:00am Pirmo & Rita Borjz

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, Rommel 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, 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, Jacob Pereira, Kathleen Dal-Seno, Jennifer Kohn, Zenia Obedencia, Peter Durik

Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let your

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) \$
Second Collection (previous weekend) \$
Tap & Go Donations \$2368.66

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:

27 Sept: Schoenstatt couples Group Orientation Day
28 Sept: Holy Wounds Devotion, Church, 7:30pm
2 Oct: First Friday Stations of the Cross
3 Oct: Five First Saturday Devotions
7 Oct: Our Lady Of The Rosary Feast Day
12 Oct: Catechist Meeting, 10am
13 Oct: Berrima Pilgrimage
17 Oct: BINGO
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



SCHOENSTATT Couples Group ORIENTATION DAY SUNDAY 27th

September 1:30pm to 3:30pm
**Joseph Kentenich House
Hall**

230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa 2745 NSW
Registration Free
Afternoon Tea Provided



FIRST FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

2nd October 2026 after the 7pm Mass

Five First Saturdays Devotion

Saturday 3rd October 2026

*7am Adoration, Confession, Rosary
followed by 8am Mass.*

All welcome for reparation to Our Lady.



BINGO BINGO BINGO

Saturday 17th October 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



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

**The statue will remain in the church during
October, the month of the Holy Rosary.**

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

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.*

ST LUKE'S MASS

For Doctors, Nurses and Medical Professionals

Saturday: 17 October 2026

Time: 10.30am

Address: St Joseph Church

12 Richmond Road Kingswood NSW 2747

The Mass will be celebrated by Very Reverend

Fernando Montano

Vicar General of the Diocese of Parramatta

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 /
homeless 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

This week we pause our reflection Pope Leo's first encyclical to give some updates on the parish.

Firstly, this weekend the Salesians at St Marys are most blessed to be visited by Fr. Fidel Orendain, the Salesian Congregation's General Councillor for Social Communications. Fr. Fidel is conducting the six-yearly Extraordinary Visitation of all the Salesian communities in our province on behalf of our Rector Major, Fr. Fabio Attard - the 11th successor of Saint John Bosco. We joyfully welcome Fr. Fidel among us, and will look forward to seeing him at our morning masses over the next few days.

This year, our parish is celebrating its 80th anniversary. We will be commemorating this milestone with a weekend of events near the end of November. The first event will be a family film night held in the parish hall on Friday, 20th November. The second, main event, will be a parish festa celebrated at the MacKillop centre on Saturday the 21st, with lunch and various activities. If you would be interested in running a food stall, produce/craft stall, or activity/entertainment on the day, please email your proposal with the subject 'Parish festa' to secretaryolrchurch@iinet.net.au for consideration. There will also be a special morning tea after all the masses on Sunday, 22nd.

Finally, it was recently brought to my attention by the Vicar General that it is not appropriate for us to be administering blessings during the Communion Rite. The practice of requesting a blessing during Communion, much like holding out one's hands during the Lord's Prayer, is a practice which is neither endorsed or desired by the Church, and has spontaneously infiltrated the liturgy during the past 50 years. There are a number of reasons why blessings during Communion are not appropriate:

- Firstly, the entire congregation receives an equal and adequate blessing from the priest during the Final Dismissal, so any pretense of an 'extra blessing' during Communion is neither necessary nor efficacious.
- Secondly, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* explains that the act of joining the Communion procession is precisely for that purpose - to receive Communion, not to receive a blessing.
- Thirdly, since lay ministers are strictly forbidden to administer blessings during Mass, it causes significant disruption to the minister, and other communicants, to redirect people seeking a blessing to the priest.
- Fourthly, young children and non-Catholics are often inadequately prepared by their families/friends to demonstrate that they aren't receiving Communion, and are accidentally administered the Blessed Sacrament without the necessary disposition.

Only good can come from taking the Church's expectations towards liturgy more seriously, so in light of this revelation, we will be ceasing the practice of administering blessings during Communion in the near future. I understand this is a long-standing practice which may take the community a number of weeks to fully phase out; if you are in the habit of approaching for a blessing during Communion, or bringing forward your children for a blessing, I would encourage you to please refrain from this immediately. **As of the first Sunday of Advent this year (29th November 2026) there will be strictly no blessings administered during Communion.**

People will naturally ask: "What do we do, then, if we aren't in a state to receive Communion?" Quite simply, if you are not receiving Communion for whatever reason, you are invited to remain seated during the Communion Rite. This includes children who are not old enough to receive Communion. If it is absolutely necessary for parents to bring forth babies and infants with them in the Communion procession, they should not be presented for a blessing.

While many people may lament the ceasing of what they see as a 'nice' part of Mass, I am confident that the more faithfully we try to celebrate these Sacred Mysteries entrusted to us, the more blessed we will all be.

Yours faithfully,
Fr. Jeff