



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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TWENTY - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 4 October 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven, you are the Lord of all.

First Reading : [Is 5:1-7](#)

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm :

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

Responsorial Psalm :

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

2. Then why have you broken down its walls?

It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Second Reading: [Phil 4:6-9](#)

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL : [Mt 21:33-43](#)

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable.

There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul who seeks him.



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 Mirafuentes, 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, Elisapeta Salale.

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 3 Oct 6:00pm Brian Doherty

Sun 4 Oct 27th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
 7:30am Caterina Cerkenik
 9:00am Sommy Abraham
 10:30am Mareta Penesse
 5:30pm Anthony Calleja

Mon 5 Oct ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA
 6:30am Sr Josephine M
 9:00am Harris Therese Martin
 7:00pm Luigi Taiarol

Tue 6 Oct ST BRUNO
 6:30am Eileen Morrow
 9:00am Pablo De Silva
 7:00pm Enrique Snr, Gloria Joves

Wed 7 Oct OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
 6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Mr Hare
 7:00pm Richard Devonshire

Thu 8 Oct
 6:30am Leo and Theresa Pereira
 9:00am Vella Family
 7:00pm Camacho Family

Fri 9 Oct ST DENIS & CO, ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
 6:30am Lumena Pinto Da Rosario
 9:00am Kit Hare
 7:00pm Paul Evers

Sat 10 Oct 8:00am Denis Collins



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 Jeronice, 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, Sian Martin.

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)

Second Collection (previous weekend)

Tap & Go Donations

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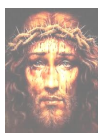
Collections are no longer conducted during weekend Masses. A collection box is located at the back left of the church on weekends only.

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:

- 4 Oct: Daylight Saving begins
- 7 Oct: **Our Lady Of The Rosary Feast Day** (details below)
- 12 Oct: Catechist Meeting, 10am
- 13 Oct: Berrima Pilgrimage (details below)
- 17 Oct: BINGO
- 18 Oct: OLR celebrates 70 years of Scripture teaching
Charismatic Healing Mass, 2:30pm
- 24 Oct: JP11 Pro Life Fundraiser Dinner (details below)
- 26 Oct: Holy Wounds Devotion
- 20 Nov: Parish Movie Night
- 21 Nov: OLR Parish celebrates it's 80th Anniversary
- 22 Nov: Parish BBQ



HOLY WOUNDS OF JESUS DEVOTIONS

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

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FEAST DAY

7 October 2026

Please join us on this day to celebrate our Parish Feast Day. Triduum Masses.

Mon 7:00pm Mass celebrated by Fr Pawel Barszczewski OP
Tues 7:00pm Mass celebrated by Fr Chris Caruana OP.
Wed 7:00pm Feast day Mass celebrated by Fr Jeff Miller SDB

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



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.

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.

Invitation to Perpetual Adoration

OLR Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel



open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Please consider being rostered weekly

If you are able to commit to just 1 hour or more a week, we invite you to be part of the Adoration Chapel Roster.

- ♦ Registration forms available in the Chapel.
- ♦ Contact the Parish Office for information.

All Welcome.

ST LUKE'S MASS

For Doctors, Nurses and Medical Professionals

Saturday, 17 October 2026 at 10:30am

St Joseph's Church, 12 Richmond Road, Kingswood
Mass celebrated by **Very Reverend Fernando Montano**
Vicar General of the Diocese of Parramatta.

OLR CELEBRATES 70 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

of teaching Scripture in our State Schools

All Catechists, past and present together with your families are warmly invited to join us at the **9:00am Mass on Sunday 18th October 2026.**

followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall to celebrate this amazing milestone.

Bring a plate to share if you wish.

Maureen Watts - 0405 321 433



CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS - Sunday 18th October 2026

individual prayer for healing, 2:00 pm Prayer and Praise, 2.30pm Mass, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys
Celebrant: Fr Michael Last. All welcome!

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



DON BOSCO YOUTH CENTRE

Is available for private functions / birthdays.

For bookings kindly contact Fr Joseph at the Don Bosco Youth Centre.

CAFÉ IVAN SOUP KITCHEN

hosted by KKOTTONGNAE & OLR

We welcome our needy neighbours and 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 Frs. Bharath and Gersio will be away in Melbourne for their annual retreat. We pray they have a safe journey and a fruitful retreat, and will look forward to having them back with us on Sunday.

Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day

This coming Wednesday, October 7th, is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, our parish's patronal feast. To make the most of this blessed time, we will be celebrating the Feast as a Triduum; on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th we will have a visiting priest from the Dominicans to give a sermon on the Rosary within the 7pm mass - please be prepared for these sermons to run between 15-20 minutes, and for the Mass to be extended accordingly. There will still be the Sacrament of Confession available after Mass.

On Wednesday 7th after the 7pm mass, we will process Our Lady's statue to the front of the church beneath our illuminated Rosary sculpture, for a communal Rosary, followed by supper. This Rosary will be prayed in union with Pope Leo's "One Million Children Praying the Rosary" initiative promoted by Aid to the Church in Need. This year's initiative is inspired by a message Our Lady gave to the young visionaries in Fatima, Portugal: "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph." We welcome you all, especially our children and families, to join in the Pope's special Rosary for peace and unity throughout the world.

Reminder about Blessings during Communion

Last week I mentioned it recently being brought to my attention that the Church does not desire ministers imparting individual blessings during the Communion procession, and presented a number of reasons why such blessings are neither necessary nor appropriate. A reminder, for those in the habit of coming up for a blessing during Communion, or presenting their children for a blessing, to please refrain from doing so from now on; if for whatever reason you are not receiving Communion, you are invited to pray silently in your seat. I understand it may take a while for the message to filter through to everyone, so we will have a few weeks' grace period; however, please be aware that as of the First Sunday of Advent (November 29th) we will strictly refrain from administering blessings during Communion. Anyone coming forward for a blessing from then, or presenting their children for a blessing, will be advised that everyone is receiving a blessing at the end of Mass.

As I've always maintained, the liturgy is not a matter of promoting my or anybody's personal preferences; it is about celebrating the Sacred Mysteries entrusted to us by the Church as faithfully as we practically can. Only good can come for everyone by striving to be more faithful to the Church's expectations.

Magnifica Humanitas

On speaking of the necessary disposition required for promoting a civilisation of love in the age of artificial intelligence, Pope Leo writes:

234. The spirituality that we need is a Eucharistic spirituality, that is, a spirituality of ecclesial unity in love. The Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery reveal God entering into our human condition and transforming it through the gift of himself. This gift remains present and active in the Eucharist, in which the Lord gives himself and gathers the Church together, so that his offering becomes the principle of unity and source of new life. It is from this communion that Christian solidarity also arises, since "union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself." As Saint Augustine explained to the new Christians of his local Church, the bread and wine on the altar are the sacrament of the unity of the faithful in Christ: "What is seen is a mere physical likeness; what is grasped bears spiritual fruit. So now, if you want to understand the body of Christ, listen to the Apostle Paul speaking to the faithful: together you are the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27). If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your sacrament that you receive. You respond 'Amen,' and by responding in this way you assent to it. For you hear the words, 'the Body of Christ' and respond 'Amen.' Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your Amen may be true!" [...to be continued...]

Yours faithfully,
Fr. Jeff