



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A – 11 October 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading:

Is 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading:

Phil 4:12-14,19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Reading: Mt 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:

'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a

feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Word of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



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.

Salesian Community: Phone: 9623 1220

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

Salesian Sisters:
 Community Leader: Sr Edna Mary McDonald

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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 Bendaayral, Vanessa Trujillo, Renee
 Azzopardi, Juliet Lee, Ashton D'Costa, Rolando Aguda, Hugo Labra,
 Andre Rodriguez, Ginnah Alia, David Freeman, Susie Lipstack, 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, Shuashaw- nee Hancock, Miloh Moleli,
 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 Berbosio, 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 10 Oct 6:00pm Butch & Beth Alcantara

Sun 11 Oct **28th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**
 7:30am Jennifer Kohn
 9:00am Malcolm Howse
 10:30am Larry Labayo
 5:30pm Pro Populo

Mon 12 Oct **ST CARLO**
 6:30am Raphael Ryan
 9:00am Gloria & Tony
 7:00pm Edwarda & Carlo Rufo

Tue 13 Oct **BLESSED ALEXANDRINA DE COSTA**
 6:30am Mathias Family
 9:00am Norman Gabriel
 7:00pm Camillo Piccirilli

Wed 14 Oct **ST CALLISTUS I**
 6:30am Sharon Sequeira
 9:00am Johnny Moody
 7:00pm Jennifer Kohn

Thu 15 Oct **ST TERESA OF AVILA**
 6:30am Simon Carrington
 9:00am Cyril & Constance Wijeratne
 7:00pm HSC Students

Fri 16 Oct **ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE**
 6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Ivan Canic
 7:00pm Paul Evers

Sat 17 Oct **ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH**
 8:00am Sian Martin

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Tony Martin, Patricia Armstrong, Chito Redoblado, Rom- mel Samson,
 Peter Gatchalianm, Manolo Lobrin, Iuminada 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 Mellvanna,
 Corrine Cedor., Richard Devonshire, Jacob Pereira, Kathleen Dal-Seno
 Jennifer Kohn, Zenia Obedencia, Peter Durik, Sian Martin, Michael Paulo

Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let your light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

1st and 2nd Collections:

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) \$1290

Second Collection (previous weekend) \$1098.40

Tap & Go Donations \$2403.66

Collections are no longer conducted during weekend Masses. A collection box is located at the back 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:

12 Oct: Catechist Meeting, 10am
 Holy Wounds Devotion, Church, 7:30pm
 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 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

OLR PILGRIMAGE

Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Berrima

Tuesday 13 October 2026

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

The Coach will leave at 8am sharp.

We have a few seats left on the bus. If interested
 contact **Denis Collins 0459 185 517**

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



ST LUKE'S MASS

For Doctors, Nurses and Medical Professionals

Saturday, 17 October 2026 at 10:30am

St Joseph's Church, Kingswood

Mass celebrated by **Very Reverend Fernando Montano** *Vicar General of 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

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



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.



CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 18th October 2026

2:00 pm Prayer and Praise, 2.30pm Mass

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys

Celebrant: Fr Michael Last.

All are welcome!



Date: **Friday 23 October 2026**, OLR Parish Hall
 Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm, soon after the 7pm Mass
 Speaker: Tomasz Juszca - *Founder of Donum Ministry*
 Talk: Love & Responsibility in your Marriage.
 Contact Alan D'souza - 0436 308 178

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, text 0404 771 872

or reach out to us on

st.jp11.lifealliance@gmail.com /

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 we celebrated a most blessed triduum culminating in our parish feast day on October 7th. Many thanks to all those who assisted with organising the liturgies and celebrations, and the hundreds of parishioners who came to support our visiting priests, and to join in the outdoor family Rosary for our parish and Pope's intentions.

Another heads-up for parents regarding the cessation of Communion blessings from November 29; as your children's primary educators in the matters of faith, it might be helpful for you to explain to them ahead of November 29 that they will not, in fact, be missing out on their blessing at Mass, but that we are now saving it until the end.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

On the Eucharistic spirituality required for building the Christian civilisation of love, Pope Leo continues:

234. ...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. 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!"

235. The "Amen" that we say in the liturgy, the Body we eat and the Blood we drink shape our entire lives. The Eucharist "is an extremely personal encounter with the Lord and yet never simply an act of individual piety." In the Eucharist we find a visible manifestation of the reality that we "are the Church of Christ, his members, his body. We are brothers and sisters in him. And in Christ, though many and diverse, we are one - *In Illo uno unum*." The Eucharist opens us to justice and sharing, with a preferential concern for those who are burdened by poverty or marginalization. And while new economic and technological networks can generate exclusion, isolation and dependencies, the Church — nourished by the Eucharist — is called to make visible a different paradigm, one that preserves human connections, gives a voice to the invisible and ensures that processes are aimed at respecting people's dignity.

Pope Leo reminds us that the Eucharist is not simply a sacred Sunday souvenir, but a commitment. This is why we say "Amen," and not "thankyou..." when the minister presents the Body of Christ to us. St. Paul also instructs us that "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. [Therefore] Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves" (1 Cor 11:27-29). To commune with the Body of Christ unworthily and without proper discernment is not only a matter of receiving in a state of mortal sin; it is also receiving without a sincere commitment to become what we are consuming - the Body of Christ. Our aim, as the Pope says, is to gradually allow the Eucharist to shape our entire lives, nourishing our spiritual growth as people of justice, mercy, and humility. The more frequently we are able to partake of the Blessed Sacrament, and to bask in its rays, the more quickly we will grow.

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Jeff