



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A – 18 October 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words, Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading:

Is 45:1.4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.
Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.

O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations:

‘God is king.’ He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading:

1 Thes 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Mt 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’

But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’

They handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.’

The Word of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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 Engele- brecht, Reynaldo Bendaayral, 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, Shuashaw-Hancock, Miloh Molesi, 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 Berbozo, 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 17 Oct ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

6:00pm Jurado & Rubio Family

Sun 18 Oct 29th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Rita & Melywn Rodrigues

9:00am Alfredo, Mario Mangrobang

10:30am OLR Catechist

5:30pm Pro Populo

Mon 19 Oct Ss. JOHN BREBEUF, ISAAC JOQUES

6:30am Avila Siblings

9:00am Stacey Woodland

7:00pm Yolly Buhay, Tashana M

Tue 20 Oct

6:30am Karl Kiseli

9:00am Brian De Souza

7:00pm Beverley Peters

Wed 21 Oct

6:30am Judy Ryan

9:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00pm Monica Kok

Thu 22 Oct ST POPE JOHN PAUL II

6:30am Holy Souls of Priests

9:00am Jeremiah C Labayo

7:00pm Justina M, Ma Socorro Caca

Fri 23 Oct ST JOHN COPISTRANO

6:30am Pirmo & Rita Borjz

9:00am For the Unborn

7:00pm Paul Evers

Sat 24 Oct ST ANTHONY CLARET

8:00am Rita & Melwyn Rodriguez

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)

Second Collection (previous weekend)

Tap & Go Donations **\$2561.33**

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:

18 Oct: **OLR celebrates 70 years of Scripture teaching**
World Mission Day

Charismatic Healing Mass, 2:30pm

23 Oct: Live Christ, Share Christ Formation Night, 7:30pm

24 Oct: JP11 Pro Life Fundraiser Dinner (details below)

24-25 Oct: Catholic Mission Appeal

25 Oct: Pilgrim Mother Apostolate, 11:45am

27 Oct: Confirmation Practice, 7:30pm

26 Oct: Holy Wounds Devotion, Church, 7:30pm

6 Nov: Confirmation Mass, 7pm

20 Nov: Parish Movie Night

21 Nov: OLR Parish 80th Anniversary

22 Nov: Parish BBQ

Invitation to Perpetual Adoration

OLR Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel

open 24 hours, 7 days a week.



[Please consider joining the Roster and commit to just 1 hour a week. Thank you.](#)

ANNUAL PARISH FOOD DRIVE

Next two weekends

25 /26 October and 31 Oct /1 November



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

OLR CELEBRATES 70th ANNIVERSARY of teaching Scripture in our State Schools

This weekend our Parish celebrates

70 years of teaching Catholic

Scripture in our State Schools.



A big Thank you to our many Parishioners who volunteered numerous hours to make God's love known to the children in the state schools.

We pray that this Ministry continues to flourish for years to come.

We hope and pray that we have many more Catechists in the future. God Bless you all.

Maureen Watts - 0405 321 433

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



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

25 OCTOBER 2026

As the Pope's International Mission Agency, Catholic Mission works to support Church run mission programs around the world.

This year, Pope Leo XIV calls us to be One in Christ, United in Mission, to be missionary disciples united in Christ and sent in Love.

In this spirit, we invite parishioners to support children to access education, essential school supplies for effective learning as well as nutritious and hearty meals for these children through the work of Fr Matthew Semba at St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, Malawi.

There will be a third collection Next Sunday. Please be generous. Thank you.



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

4th Sunday of the Month Rosary

When: Sunday, 25 October 2026

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

Venue: MacKillop Centre, Collins St, St Marys.

Followed by a light lunch (provided). ALL WELCOME

Enquiries: Fenina - 0431 867 491



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Date: **Sunday 15 November at 2:30pm**

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

Celebrant: Fr Fernando Montano VG

Couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. Couples and their families are warmly invited to light refreshments in the Cathedral Hall after Mass.

Please register online at: [Diocesan Annual](#)

[Wedding Anniversary Mass \(15 November\)](#) | via email marriage@parracatholic.org or phone 0408 233 478, please include full names, years of marriage and number of family attending.



MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

The next element in Pope Leo's program for today's Christian is "a commitment to building the world for a common good." He writes:

236. The spirituality I wish to commend is that of the "wise architect" who, driven by hope for the Kingdom of God, is committed to building the world for the common good (cf. 1 Cor 3:10). As I mentioned at the beginning of this reflection, the task of building in our time must place our relationship with God at its center. Our rule must be the acceptance of human limitations as a natural and positive reality, and should be characterized by shared responsibility and a language characterized by the Gospel... In this task, we are called to assume an active role, without taking refuge in spiritual sentimentality or retreating into our own little worlds. We must be faithful to the truth, invest in education, cultivate relationships and love justice and peace.

237. Let us remain faithful to the truth! Living amid incessant flows of information, opinions and images, we know how easy it can be to influence decisions and preferences through increasingly sophisticated algorithms. In this context, it is imperative to cultivate hearts that love the truth, prefer what is right despite the most appealing content and pursue wisdom rather than immediate results. We must always keep before us the truth about God and humanity, just as Christ has revealed them to us... Fidelity to the truth requires integrating the possibilities offered by technology within a framework marked by wisdom, which is capable of safeguarding both the dignity of each person and the future of our common home.

238. Let us invest in education, beginning with ourselves! We all need to learn how to engage with the digital world in a human way, as an integral part of our education in the faith and in a life lived according to the Gospel. Indeed, we must consider the digital world as a new continent to be evangelized, one that requires generous missionaries who are mature in the faith. In a particular way, we need adults to rediscover their vocation as artisans of education, prepared to work patiently each day, with the support of extensive and shared educational partnerships. Today, accompanying children and young people in using technology for developing responsible relationships, helping them to recognize the risks and choose what fosters inner freedom, is a concrete form of charity and will safeguard their dignity. Teaching new generations that technological evolution does not follow a predetermined path, but can be guided by personal and collective responsibility, constitutes one of the most valuable services to the common good...

In these passages, Pope Leo takes up the idea of the "digital continent," a term first coined by Benedict XVI in 2009; like the courageous missionaries of old, today's world needs faithful Christians who venture into digital spaces and learn their language and customs in order to evangelise its local inhabitants. Benedict XVI particularly entrusted the youth of his day with this task, due to their affinity with this space as "digital natives;" however, indispensable to this task, as Leo points out, is the role of adults who accompany and guide the youth in this task. Understanding why digital spaces need not follow a predetermined path can really only be appreciated by those who knew the world before they were determined. While today's young people are best equipped to make use of modern technology, we cannot overestimate the wealth of knowledge which comes from having experienced adolescence and adulthood in a pre-internet era. In Pope Leo's program for the digital age, every Christian has a unique and vital contribution to make; let us ask God's Holy Spirit for the wisdom to know what this might be, and the courage to do it.

Let us continue to pray for the good health of Pope Leo as he recovers from his surgery during the week.

Fr. Jeff