



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A – 25 October 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading: Ex 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt.

You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in?

If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my Saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)



Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Thes 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

JESUS REPLIED: "LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." MATTHEW 22:37-39

GOSPEL: Mt 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Word of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.



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, 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 Mirafeuntes, 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 Molese, 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, Elisapneta 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 24 Oct ST ANTHONY CLARET

6:00pm Roland Peters

Sun 25 Oct 30th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Susan Avila and siblings
 9:00am Walter Valenton, Frederico
 10:30am Flora Bedrijo
 5:30pm Pro Populo

Mon 26 Oct

6:30am Michael Paulo
 9:00am Carmel Kok
 7:00pm Kerry Childs

Tue 27 Oct

6:30am Shaymalee
 9:00am David Rodrigues
 7:00pm Libin & Dhanya

Wed 28 Oct Ss SIMON & JUDE

6:30am Gerald & Norma O'Sullivan
 9:00am Herceg Family
 7:00pm Friends of Suffering Souls

Thu 29 Oct BI MICHAEL RUA

6:30am Holy Souls of Priests
 9:00am Peter Durik
 7:00pm Carol Kok

Fri 30 Oct

6:30am Freddie Mathias
 9:00am Natalie Kay Correy
 7:00pm Paul Evers

Sat 31 Oct

8:00am Jerome Peters

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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 Jeronic, 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, Jo- seph Mazurkiewicz, Verna Venus, Mick Boyle, Paul Evers, Peter Mclvenna, Corrine Cedor., Richard Devonshire, Jacob Pereira, Kathleen Dal-Seno Jennifer Kohn, Zenia Obedencia, Peter Durik, Sian Martin, Michael Paulo, Teresa Piccirilli.

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) \$1352.35

Second Collection (previous weekend) \$1592.70

Tap & Go Donations \$2481.33

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:

24-25 Oct: **Catholic Mission Appeal**
25 Oct: Pilgrim Mother Apostolate, 11:45am
26 Oct: Holy Wounds Devotion, Church, 7:30pm
27 Oct: Confirmation Practice, 7:30pm
6 Nov: Confirmation Mass, 7:00pm
9 Nov: Catechist meeting, 10am
20 Nov: **Parish 80th Celebration - Movie Night**
21 Nov: **OLR Parish 80th Anniversary - FESTA**
22 Nov: **Parish 80th Celebration - BBQ**
28 Nov: Advent Retreat



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
This Sunday. Please be generous.
Thank you.**



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



ANNUAL PARISH FOOD DRIVE

This weekend and next

25 /26 October and 31 Oct /1 November

*your food donation goes directly to some of the
most vulnerable people in our community.*



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 joining the Roster and
commit to just 1 hour a week.

Thank you.

THE MONDAY TABLE

Ages 16-21

Food, films, and real conversations.

Whatever you believe—or don't—there's a chair pulled out for you at *The Monday Table*.

Running over seven Monday evenings, this Sycamore series offers young people (ages 16-21) a relaxed space to explore faith, share ideas, and ask the big questions. Each night features a short film, honest discussion, and free food.

No pressure, no commitment, no judgment.

When: Mondays 6:00pm – 8:30 pm

2 November – 14 December

Where: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Kingswood

Cost: Free

Enrol / Info: Scan the QR code on the flyer or visit
sycamore-kingswood.web.app

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 \(15 November\)](http://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.



PARISH FESTA

Saturday, 21st November 9am - 3pm

at the MacKillop Centre, Collins St, St Marys.

If you would like to propose a food/produce stall or activity for the day, please email

secretaryolrchurch@iinet.net.au

for consideration. Thank you.

OLR PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday 28th November 2026

**9am to 12-30pm at Winbourne Centre,
Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa.**

Kindly check the poster on Church notice board for more details. Thank you.

Denis Collins 0459 185 517

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the parish, I wish to extend our condolences to Gianrocco Piccirilli and family upon the death of his mother, Teresa, on Tuesday. Teresa and her husband Camillo, who passed away four months ago, have offered most generous support to the parish for many years. Teresa's funeral will be held in this church at 10:30am on Thursday, 29th of October. May she rest in peace.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

Continuing with last week's theme of "building the world for a common good," Pope Leo writes:

239. Let us cultivate relationships! In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness. The digital culture multiplies connections and offers new opportunities for interaction; yet, the human heart retains an irrevocable need for genuine closeness. I invite everyone to cherish places and times where physical presence remains crucial, such as shared meals, Christian community gatherings, time spent with the lonely and serving the poor. These are signs of a humanity that continues to believe that every person's body is a dwelling place of God and a temple of the Holy Spirit. It is precisely this covenant between glory and fragility that becomes the criterion for evaluating the anthropological models offered by contemporary culture.

240. Let us love justice and peace! The same technologies that facilitate communication and access to resources can also support models that exploit the most vulnerable, create new forms of slavery and derive profit from conflict. Every technical or economic decision should include spiritual discernment and be an opportunity for assessing whether the advances in AI are promoting justice and participation or concentrating wealth and power in the hands of a select few...

241. As we look to the future, I would like to recall the image of Nehemiah whom we chose as our companion and guide at the outset. Nehemiah heard the cry of a devastated city, brought that pain to prayer, discerned before God, asked for help, received permission to return, organized the work, confronted internal and external resistance and rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem with the assistance of the people, brick by brick. In this era of digital transformation, I see in him a striking parable of our own vocation, which is not to be passive spectators of social and cultural fractures, nor mere commentators on what is crumbling, but men and women prepared to enter the construction sites of history — research laboratories, technology companies, schools, the media, institutions and local communities — in order to rebuild what has collapsed and protect what is threatened. Like Nehemiah, we too are called to unite listening and courage, prayer and responsibility, so that, even when a technocratic mentality or partisan interests seem to prevail, the human city may become a more fitting place to live.

242. ...The city is a new Eden, with its living water offered to the thirsty, and its tree of life whose leaves "are for the healing of the nations" (Rev 22:2). As we await its fulfillment, this vision is set before us as an encouragement — a call to overcome our divisions and to work together — for this is the way of Jesus Christ, yesterday, today and forever.

Pope Leo reminds us that, while the capabilities of technology are forever evolving, the needs of the human heart are not. God has created each one of us, without exception, for perfect communion with God and each other in heaven, and as this Sunday's Gospel teaches us, our love for God is inseparable from our love for each other. As the Word became flesh to perfectly mediate God's communion with humanity, so true communion among human beings can only take place "in the flesh" - no amount of digital interaction can ever fulfil the human need for love and communion. While, for most of us, a degree of digital interaction will be inevitable whilst living "in the world," we may be certain that our true fulfillment will never be brought about by purely digital interactions with other people, let alone with chat bots and simulated relationships. Let's strive to ensure that the most significant relationships in our lives are always with those around us, in the flesh.

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Jeff