



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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All Saints Day



ALL SAINTS DAY – Year A –

1 November 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angel's rejoice and praise the Son of God.

First Reading: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R.)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL: Mt 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Word of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



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

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, 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 Jepser B, Monica Thomas, Shuashaw-Hancock, Miloh Molesi, Blanche Jones, Clare LeGrand, Renato Manongo, 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, Elisapneta Salale, Marica Rubelj, Julien Christopher.

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 31 Oct

6:00pm Lobrin Family

Sun 1 Nov ALL SAINTS DAY

7:30am Avila, Rubio, Jurrado Family

9:00am Peter Durik

10:30am Domingo, Santiago, Antonia S

5:30pm Pro Populo

Mon 2 Nov ALL SOULS DAY

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

9:00am Deceased Parishioners

7:00pm Peter Durik

Tue 3 Nov ST MARTIN DE PORRES

6:30am Barnabe & Gloria Pamgaling

9:00am Maximo Sunio

7:00pm Libin & Dhanya

Wed 4 Nov ST CHARLES BORROMEO

6:30am Locke Family

9:00am Herceg Family

7:00pm Mariano Dioscoro

Thu 5 Nov

6:30am Holy Souls of Priests

9:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00pm Puritta Salusada

Fri 6 Nov

6:30am Personal Intention

9:00am Gerardo Gaudiosi

7:00pm Confirmation Candidates

Sat 7 Nov

8:00am Antonia Militano

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, 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, 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) \$1214.90

Second Collection (previous weekend) \$1576,10

Tap & Go Donations \$2022.33

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:

2 Nov: Bible Study
6 Nov: **Confirmation Mass, 7:00pm** (No Stations of the Cross)
9 Nov: Holy Wounds, Church, 7:30pm
Catechist meeting, 10am
11 Nov: Finance Committee Meeting
16 Nov: Bible Study
20 Nov: **Parish 80th Anniversary - Movie Night**
21 Nov: Parish Bingo (details below)
OLR Parish 80th Celebration - FESTA
22 Nov: Christ the King
Parish 80th Anniversary – BBQ
26 Nov: **Red November Mass, 7pm**
28 Nov: Advent Retreat (details below)
5-6 Dec: St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

OLR PARISH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

31 October / 1 November 2026

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

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 (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. Cost: Free

Where: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Kingswood

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](#) phone 0408 233 478 email marriage@parracatholic.org.

Please include full names, years of marriage and number of family attending.



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

**Mrs Margaret Hopkinson
28 Mitchell St, St Marys**

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.**

Eucharistic Adoration is spending time with Jesus Christ who is truly present, Body, Blood and Soul in the Holy Eucharist.



You can sign up any time. An hour that fits you well will help you keep your commitment.
Contact the Parish office on 9623 1962.

"A FATHER'S HEART"

The Miracles of St. Joseph Today

Friday, 20 November at 7.30pm, Free admission.

Experience a moving documentary-film featuring the powerful testimonies of ordinary people, all graced through the intercession of our spiritual father.

Registrations are essential. Limited seats so please contact the Parish office for your ticket.

Tickets must be presented upon entry.

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 contact the Parish office for consideration. Thank you.

See 80th Anniversary celebrations on the notice board

BINGO BINGO BINGO

Saturday 21 November 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

RED NOVEMBER:

Pray - Support - Act.

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to remember and pray for our brothers and sisters suffering for their faith. Join us in celebrating a special Mass for the persecuted Church.

When: Thursday, 26 November at 7:00 PM

Learn More: Visit www.rednovember.org

OLR PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

Join us on for Adoration, Holy Mass and 2 Talks by Guest Speaker Charbel Raish as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Saturday 28th November 2026

9am to 12-30pm at

Winbourne Centre, Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa.

All are welcome.

Dear Parishioners,

For the past year, Fr. Gersio has been "on-loan" to the Australia-Pacific Salesians from his native East Timor, who have since decided his services are required back home. As such, Fr. Gersio will be returning to East Timor in the near future - we will advise of a formal farewell when the date is confirmed. On behalf of the parish, I'd like to extend our sincere gratitude to Fr. Gersio for his generous service and warm friendship this year. We wish Fr. Gersio every blessing and success in his new ministry, and assure him of our ongoing prayers and support.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

Pope Leo concludes his program for Christian life, and his whole encyclical, with an appeal to "praying in union with the Blessed Virgin Mary." He writes:

243. After having considered faith, which contemplates the Father's loving plan; love, which unites us in one ecclesial body; and hope, which sustains our actions in the world, the fourth pillar of this program for Christian life is prayer. Mary's song accompanies our commitment. Before Elizabeth who announces to her that she has become the mother of the Lord, Mary bursts into a hymn of praise and joy. Her soul magnifies the Lord, and her spirit rejoices in God her Savior, for he chose a young, poor and humble girl for his plan of salvation. Mary suddenly sees all of history through the lens of this revelation. Nothing has changed around her... Yet, everything has changed within her, and this allows her to see what is invisible. God has already shown the strength of his arm; he has already scattered the proud, cast down the mighty, lifted up the lowly, filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty-handed...

244. The Blessed Virgin Mary not only teaches us to recognize God's invisible work, but also directs our gaze to "the points at which humanity is broken and the world becomes distorted: the contrast between the humble and the powerful, the poor and the rich, the satiated and the hungry," teaching us "to look at the world from a lower position: through the eyes of those who suffer rather than the mighty; to view history through the eyes of the little ones, rather than through the perspective of the powerful; to interpret the events of history from the viewpoint of the widow, the orphan, the stranger, the wounded child, the exile and the fugitive." The Blessed Virgin thus becomes "poet and prophetess of Redemption," because on her lips is proclaimed "the strongest and most innovative hymn ever articulated, the Magnificat...

245. With the same faith as Mary, let us become "weavers of hope" in our world, sharing who we are and what we have, so that the presence of Jesus may grow among us and his Kingdom take shape. In the humble fidelity of daily life, even the era of AI can become a time in which the Holy Spirit brings about the civilization of love in our lives. Indeed, the Lord continues to make all things new and offers every era the possibility of becoming part of salvation history in the light of the Incarnation. I entrust our desire to the Mother of Christ, to the Woman of the Magnificat, that she may guide our steps through this time of change and preserve in each of us true faith in the Gospel, so that we may bear witness to the grandeur of humanity, in which God has made his dwelling.

These closing sentiments from Pope Leo encourage us that, like Mary - by God's grace - we need not wait for the world to change in order to experience God's civilisation of love. The more we unite ourselves to Jesus through Marian prayer, the more we see the world as Mary does: as a place where the civilisation of love - the Kingdom of Heaven - can already dwell within us. Far from resigning us to complacency, arriving at such a revelation fills us with the most sincere and potent motivation for leading others to do the same. The surest way of realising God's civilization of love in the world is to realise it within ourselves, and the simplest way of achieving this is through praying in union with Mary.

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Jeff