


Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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80 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A – 8 November 2026

### Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help,
O Lord.

### First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

***Wisdom is found by those who look for it.***

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

**The Word of the Lord**

### Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

**1.** O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

**2.** So I gaze on you in the sanctuary. to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

**3.** So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

### Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

**4.** On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

### Second Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

***Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.***

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

**The Word of the Lord**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL:

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

***Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.***

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

**The Word of the Lord**

### Communion Antiphon:

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.

# IN OUR PARISH

## PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeff Miller SDB
Assistant Priest: Fr. Gersio Amaral 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 Huong SDB

**Salesian Sisters**:
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## 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 7 Nov**
6:00pm Erlina Augustine

**Sun 8 Nov** 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30am Giuseppe & Giuseppina
9:00am Leonila & Rogelio Varca
10:30am Antonia Oliverio
5:30pm Pro Populo

**Mon 9 Nov** DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA
6:30am Leo & Theresa Pereira
9:00am Amanda Jabbour
7:00pm Libin Dhanya

**Tue 10 Nov** ST LEO THE GREAT
6:30am Elizabeth Burke
9:00am Ruby Molejona
7:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wed 11 Nov** ST MARTIN OF TOURS
6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
9:00am Anton Vukelic
7:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Thu 12 Nov** ST JOSAPHAT
6:30am Annie Molejona
9:00am Teresita Carey, Enzo Di Corrado
7:00pm Serge Nalletamby

**Fri 13 Nov**
6:30am Personal Intention
9:00am Queenie & Ruben Joseph
7:00pm Camillo PIccirilli

**Sat 14 Nov** BL MAGDALENA MORANO
8:00am Ruth Borcas

## 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 Lipstack, Crystal Darcy, Zdravko & Marija Palovic, Evotia Letele, Karen Barret, Josephine Mitchell, Emelita Howlett, 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 Jepser 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 Berboso, Elisapneta Salale, Marica Rubelj, Julien Christopher.

## PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

**Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially**
Iluminada 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, Camillo Piccirilli, Jose Maria Pepingco, Charlie Buttigieg, Grace Micallef, Stipe Kulas, Josephine Saporita, Antonietta D'Angola. Marija Sterle, Joseph Mazurkiewic, Verna Venus, Mick Boyle, Paul Evers, Peter Mcllvenna, Corrine Cedor, Richard Devonshire, Jacob Pereira, Kathleen Dal-Seno Jennifer Kohn, Zenia Obedencia, Peter Durik, Sian Martin, Michael Paulo, Teresa Piccirilli, Josephine Vella, Jennifer Kohn, Vladmir Sestic, Francisca Theissen.

**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

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| *First Collection (previous weekend)* | $1366 |
| *Second Collection (previous* weekend) | $1373.60 |
| *Tap & Go Donations* | $2794.33 |

**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:

9 Nov: Holy Wounds, Church, 7:30pm
11 Nov: Finance Committee Meeting
15 Nov: Bishop's Christmas Appeal
16 Nov: Catechist meeting, 10am
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 Feast Day
**Parish 80th Anniversary** – Morning Tea
26 Nov: Red November Mass, 7pm
28 Nov: Advent Retreat (details below)
5-6 Dec: St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal
15 Dec: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, 7:30pm
20 Dec: Carols by Candlelight, Mackillop Centre, 7:30pm

## 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.*

## "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.
*KIndly collect your tickets from the Parish office.*
***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

## IMMACULATE MARY STATUE



Mrs Rayella Haines
32A 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.*

## 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 Christian brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith.
**Join us in celebrating a special Mass for the persecuted Church.**
**Thursday, 26 November at 7:00pm**

## 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.

**ST. PADRE PIO'S DAY:** 23rd of every month
**Monday 23 November, 11am.**
Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Mass in honour of St Padre Pio followed by a Blessing with St Padre Pio's first-class relic. *All are welcome.*

## Bishop's Christmas Good Works Appeal

Help a young mother break the cycle of violence and homelessness. This Christmas, embrace the spirit of the Nativity story. Let the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, inspire us to reach out to those in need - especially vulnerable homeless women and children.
Your tax-deductible gift this Christmas can provide young mothers and their children with secure shelter, nourishing food, and the support they need to build a strong family life and a hopeful future. Thank you for your generosity, Christian kindness and compassion.
*Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code on the poster in the Church.*

Dear Parishioners,

Last week I mentioned that Fr. Gersio's placement at St Marys would be finishing shortly, as he is required back in East Timor. Fr. Gersio's final Mass in the parish will be at 10:30am next Sunday, November 15th, before he returns to East Timor in the following days. We invite you to join us for a cuppa after the 10:30am Mass, to farewell Fr. Gersio and thank him for his brief but blessed time with us.

In the past few weeks, there has been a noticeable reduction in people presenting themselves and their children for blessings during the Communion procession, for which I'm very grateful. At this stage, it will be helpful to reiterate **why we will no longer be bestowing blessings during Communion as of Advent this year** (November 29th):

- *The Church asks us not to*. The *GIRM* (*n.86)* explains that the purpose of joining the Communion procession is to receive Communion - not to opt for our own private ritual.
- *It devalues the Blessed Sacrament.* Opting for a blessing in place of receiving Communion treats a blessing like a valid substitute or a consolation prize for those who, for whatever reason, are unable to receive. This couldn't be further from the truth. There is simply no equivalence between receiving a blessing and consuming the Body of Christ.
- *It is entirely unnecessary*. Everyone in the congregation is blessed by the Priest at the final dismissal - there is no 'extra blessedness' for doubling up during Communion.
- *It is distracting*. People approaching non-ordained ministers for blessings are inevitably directed to cut in front of people who are trying to focus on receiving Communion.
- *It runs the risk of desecration*. Sending up anyone and everyone in the Communion procession and expecting the minister to guess who is and isn't receiving Communion exposes the Blessed Sacrament to being consumed by people who are not suitably prepared or disposed to do so.

The reason I've allowed these eight weeks' notice is to allow everyone to become aware of the expectation before it comes into effect. Especially for young children, I hope parents would make the most of these last three weeks to wean them off the expectation of a blessing during Communion.

## FROM THE SUGGESTIONS BOX: QUESTIONS ABOUT CONFESSION

**How often *must* we go?**

If, and only *if*, Catholics have mortal sin on their conscience, they are obliged to confess these *at least* once a year *(Canon 989)*. The logic behind this obligation is that Catholics are also obliged to receive Communion *at least* once a year at Easter time *(CCC#2042)*, and they must be in a state of grace to do so (have no unconfessed mortal sin on their conscience).

**How often *should* we go?**

I would agree with St. John Bosco who said: "Whoever thinks a little about their soul goes to confession once a month; whoever wants to save their soul, but does not feel too strongly about it, goes every fortnight; whoever wants to reach perfection, however, should go every week."

**Do we need to mention all our sins at once?**

If they are mortal sins, yes. If a penitent *knowingly* withholds a mortal sin during confession, then the entire confession is invalid, and none of the sins they confessed are absolved *(CCC#1456)*. If they genuinely forget a mortal sin, they must simply bring this to their next confession.

**If we sincerely repent to God, can our sins be forgiven outside of Confession?**

In danger of death, "perfect contrition," which is sincere repentance which arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, can obtain the forgiveness of all sins - even mortal sins - from God, anywhere, anytime. However, having perfect contrition also presumes that a person is committed to confessing their sins to a priest as soon as practically possible *(CCC#1452)*.

Yours faithfully,
Fr. Jeff