



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 28 June 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading:

2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'Then what can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

(R.)

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**



Second Reading:

Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL:

Mt 10:37-42

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

O Bless the Lord, my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name.



IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeff Miller SDB
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MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 6:30am, 9am, 7:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am, 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands

Marilyn Villamor, Margaret Gallagher, 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, Fr Bob Bossini, Dexter Assey, Peyton Daley, Mario Cauchi, Robert Engelebrecht, Reynaldo Bendayral, Vanessa Trujillo, Renee Azzopardi, Juliet Lee, Margaret Lawrence, 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 Mirafeuntes, Fr S.R, Abraham Thomas, Reetahmma Abraham, Sophia Furey, Mhom Samson, Aurora Jimenez, Adam Burton, Annabelle Rego, Arou Akot, Jozef Karkowski, Ronald Manzano, Anna Juresa, Ronnie D'costa, Beatrice Leary, Lorraine Damian, Fr J B, Monica Thomas, Shuashawnee Hancock, Miloh Molesi, Blanche Jones, Clare LeGrand, Renato Manongdo, Bernard Prendergast, Merwyn D'Souza, Bertha Wetton.

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 27 June **ST CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA**

6:00pm Susan Avila and siblings

Sun 28 June **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30am Manolo Lobrin

9:00am Carmelo Danastas

10:30am Antoni Szpiczakowski

5:30pm Pro Populo

Mon 29 June **Ss PETER & PAUL**

6:30am Sr M Rebecca

9:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00pm Fermin D'Almeida

Tue 30 June **ROMAN PROTOMARTYS**

6:30am Ivan Jela and Jacquie Delipeter

9:00am Rubio & Jurado Families

7:00pm Ivan Canic

Wed 1 July

6:30am

9:00am Sr Regina

7:00pm Special Intention

Thu 2 July

6:30am Angelo & Emma Zuleni

9:00am Bridget Reid

7:00pm Anton and Mary Vincent

Fri 3 July **ST THOMAS**

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

9:00am Jannik Mathias

7:00pm Patrick Reid

Sat 4 July **ST ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL**

8:00am Caraciolo Pinto Do Rosario

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Serge Nalletamby, Peter Aquilina, Angela Barca, Victoria Borg, Deacon Petelo Savea, Andrew Vaessen, Milly Martin, Alicia Bulatao, Pasquale Bellino, Br Rey Pongo, Tony Martin, Patricia Armstrong, Stephen Neville, Raymond Clarke, Sarafino Enadid, Felicia Sisinni, Eileen Morrow, Vincent Leary, Pellegrino Penna, Lucija Jeroncic, Chito Redoblado, Vicky Xerri, Linda Weightman, Norma O'Sullivan, Peter Gatchalian, Maria Maciejewska, Janene Martin, Maria Rohrlach, Theresa Menezes, Manolo Lobrin, MaryAnn Salazar, Camillo Piccirilli, Jose Maria Pepingco, Charlie Buttigieg, Grace Micallef.

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

1st and 2nd Collections:

We 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

\$2900

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

COMING EVENTS:

28 June: Pilgrim Mother Apostolate Rosary, 11:45am
28 June: Peter's Pence Collection
29 June: Pilgrimage to Goulburn (*details below*)
2 July: Garden of Gethsemane
3 July: First Friday Stations of the Cross
13 July - 22 July: OLR Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
18-19 July: St Vincent De Paul winter appeal

COME JOIN US!

Pilgrim Mother Apostolate Rosary

Sunday, 28th June 2026
11:45am (after 10:30am Mass),
McKillop Centre, Collins St. All are Welcome.
Followed by a light lunch (provided).
Enquiries: Fenina - 0431 867 491



PETER'S PENCE Collection

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held on Sunday 28 June 2026.

The collection, usually held around the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, supports the Pope's mission; which extends throughout the entire world from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace and brotherhood among peoples. Every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world.

Please donate generously.

Pilgrimage to Goulburn - 29 June 2026

Monday 29th of June

The Coach will depart from the front of the church after the 9:00am Mass (**9:40am**) to arrive in Goulburn at 12pm. Guided tour of the Cathedral 12:30pm. After which BYO picnic lunch or have lunch at any of the nice café's across the street. The coach will leave Goulburn around 3:30pm.

The cost for the day is \$40 which includes the cost of coach hire and the Cathedral tour.

GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

"Can't any of you stay awake with me for just one hour? Mathew 26:40

2 July, 2026. Come join us.

Thursday 7:30pm, in the church.



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

Mrs Theresa Piccirilli
25 Saddington St, St Marysxaq

If you would like the Rosary Statue in your home for a week, kindly contact Mr & Mrs Johnson 0404 028 823.



PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

First Reconciliation Enrolments are now due and will close by 3 July 2026.

For more information, please contact the Parish office during office hours Monday to Friday.

Eucharist28 Update – Hearts Set Ablaze!

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28')

will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, a transformative moment for our nation.

For more information/regular updates, please register on the website: eucharist28.org

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

18-19 July to raise awareness and funds to support struggling, local families in need. A member will speak at each Mass and a bucket collection will be held outside afterwards. We are also seeking new members especially young adults of the Parish. Feel free to contact us through the Parish office or any Conference member if you might be interested. Any donation is greatly appreciated and receipts are available.

Last year's Appeal raised \$5,504.

Thank you. Peter Morgan 0417 403 248

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

As part of our preparation for Eucharist28, visit the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition and discover extraordinary accounts of Christ's presence in the Eucharist from around the world.



Learn more about these remarkable miracles and seek the intercession of St Carlo Acutis.

13–22 July Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Viewing: 10:00am – 4:00pm daily Parish Hall (corner of Swanston and Collin St).

THE SEARCH IS BACK!

What are you searching for?

Join us for *The Search*, an engaging and inspiring series from the

Augustine Institute hosted by Chris Stefanick.

Through powerful videos and meaningful discussion, we will explore life's biggest questions about happiness, purpose, faith, and the person of Jesus Christ. Whether you are a committed Catholic, returning to the faith, or simply curious, all are welcome.

Starting: Friday 31 July **Time:** 7:00pm

Venue: OLOR Parish Hall, St Marys

To register, simply scan the QR code below.

"Seek and you will find." (Matthew 7:7)



Dear Parishioners,

I will be away in Mulgoa this week for annual retreat, and will be back on Saturday evening - I leave you in the most capable hands of Frs. Joseph, Gersio and Bharath!

Parish Council Election

One of the great blessings to our parish is the willingness of so many people to share their gifts in service of the Church. The Parish Council plays an important role in assisting the Parish Priest in discerning the pastoral needs of the parish, fostering parish life, and helping our community grow in faith, unity and mission.

I would like to sincerely thank all parishioners who participated in the nomination process. Following the close of nominations, all nomination forms were carefully reviewed and scrutinised in accordance with the election guidelines. After this process, a total of 15 eligible candidates have been confirmed. I am very grateful to each of them for their willingness to offer their time, talents and experience in service of our parish community.

The Parish Council elections will be held next weekend, **4th and 5th July**, following all Masses. There are 5 positions to be filled on the Parish Council.

Voting Instructions:

- Please place a tick (☐) beside up to 5 candidates of your choice.
- You may vote for between 1 - 5 candidates.
- Ballot papers with more than 5 selections will be deemed invalid and will not be counted.
- Volunteers will distribute ballot papers containing the names of all candidates.
- Please return your completed ballot paper before leaving the church on the same day. Ballot papers cannot be accepted after the conclusion of that day's Masses.
- After making your selections, please place your completed ballot paper in the ballot box provided.

The five candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be recommended for appointment to the Parish Council. As Parish Priest, I retain the responsibility of ensuring that the Parish Council is constituted in a manner that best serves the pastoral needs of the parish. In exceptional circumstances, I may exercise my discretion to appoint an alternative candidate from among the nominated candidates if I believe it is necessary for the good of the parish and the effective functioning of the Parish Council. I encourage all parishioners to participate in this important process prayerfully and thoughtfully. As you cast your vote, I ask that you seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in choosing those who will best serve our parish community in the years ahead.

Thank you for your continued support, generosity and commitment to our parish family. Let us continue to pray for all our candidates and for God's blessing upon our parish.

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Jeff