



Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

FEAST OF ST JOHN BOSCO - Year B -

31 January 2021

Entrance Antiphon:

God gave him wisdom and understanding and a heart as vast as the sand on the seashore.



First Reading: Ezk 34:11-16.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view, so shall I keep my sheep in view.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I shall bring them out of the countries where they are; I shall gather them together from foreign countries and bring them back to their own land. I shall pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in every inhabited place in the land. I shall feed them in good pasturage; the high mountains of Israel will be their grazing ground. There they will rest in good grazing ground; they will browse in rich pastures on the mountains of Israel. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) O, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits **(R.)**

2. He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills, He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion. **(R.)**

3. Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. **(R.)**

4. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him, For he knows how we are formed; he remembers that we are dust. **(R.)**

5. But the kindness of the LORD is from eternity to eternity toward those who fear him, And his justice toward his children's children among those who keep his covenant. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Phil:4:4-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

(continued)

Second Reading: *(continued)*

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The greatest among you must be your servant, says the Lord. Whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Matthew 18:1-5

The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me."

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

Anyone who welcomes one little child like this in my name welcomes me, says the Lord.

IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

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Monday to Friday.**

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 30 Jan

5:30pm Salesian Community

Purposely hidden.

For more information, please contact Parish Office
on (02) 9623 1962

1st and 2nd Collections:

1st Collection: for the support of the Parish Priests

2nd Collection: goes towards the weekly operating budget for the Parish.

We Thankyou for your ongoing support.

If you prefer to donate using ONLINE BANKING, details are as below:

(For 1st Collection) - PASTORAL REVENUE

BSB NO: 067 950
ACCOUNT NO: 00004414
ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Pastoral Revenue

(2nd Collection) - CHURCH PLANNED GIVING

BSB NO: 067 950
ACCOUNT NO: 00222
ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Catholic Church

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands those who are sick

Purposely hidden.

For more information, please contact Parish Office
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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

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

Purposely hidden.

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Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs Boyle
24 Balog St, St Marys.

RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Wednesday: 11:15am - 11:45am. Mass at 12 noon
Saturdays: 9:00am - 10:00am, 5:00pm - 5:30pm

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays: 9:30am - 8:50pm, Church (All welcome)
Friday: 8:30am - 9am

DEVOTIONS

MONTHLY 1st FRIDAY - 1st SATURDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL IN THE CHURCH

Friday 6:00pm - Saturday 7:55am. Mass at 8:00am

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR NOVENA
Every Wednesday 7:30pm - 9:00pm in the church

COMING EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

31 Jan: Feast of Saint John Bosco. Family Day at Don Bosco Youth Centre after 10:30am Mass. (Bookings essential)

7 Feb: Parish Monthly Rosary, Church (after Sunday 5:30pm Mass)

8 Feb: SRE Meeting, 10am, Parish mtg room.

13 Feb: Parish Trivia Night, 7:30pm, Don Bosco.

Parish Office Hours: 9:30am to 12:30pm & 1:30pm to 3:30pm

PARISH MONTHLY ROSARY

Sunday 7th February, after 5:30pm Mass. Rosary prayed for the welfare of Parish Priests and Parishioners.

OLR PARISH CATECHISTS

SRE's please note, the meeting scheduled for 1st February has been postponed to **8th February**. Time of meeting will remain the same.

Maureen Watts-Co-ordinator

Greetings to all Parishioners!

In preparation for the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, the Parish Pastoral Council is organizing a team of volunteers to help plan the Variety Show to be presented on the 18th September 2021. This event will showcase the diversity of talents and interests amongst the parishioners.

To assist in the planning activities, we are seeking volunteers to be part of the committees being formed to help bring this event together.

As volunteers you may be asked to devote a part of your time for weekly/fortnightly planning meetings and to undertake some planning tasks or assignments.

The committees include the following:

- **Program Committee**
- **Tech and Stage Committee**
- **Publicity**
- **Funding and Finance Committee**
- **Physical arrangements**
- **Safety (COVID Safety and General Safety)**
- **Security**

If you are interested, please sign up with your name and contact details in the Registration Sheet placed on the table located in the Church foyer.

If you need more information, please contact Dong Labayo on 0414635883 or Sally Manahan on 0424817988.

FOR SALE:

Double Depth Burial Plot, Pinegrove Memorial Park Calvary 7 section \$7,700 ono. (inc transfer fee).
Mobile: 0408 449 358 / 9636 5965



Dear Parishioners,

TRIVIA 2021 is on again in accordance with COVID guidelines. The same **Sensational FUN** Night and lots of Prizes.

When: Saturday, 13 February 2021

Time: 7.30pm start

Venue: Don Bosco Youth Centre
(there is more room to spread out.)

Cost: Still only \$10/per person

This Trivia will be a little different:

Tables: Only 6 people to a Table.

- ♦ This year the Lucky Dip prizes will replace the \$2 Envelopes.
- ♦ Major Raffle tickets will only be sold on the night due to restrictions.
- ♦ BYO drinks and nibbles, as usual.
- ♦ Please phone Violet on 0418 471 428 for your Table Book of 6 people.



Looking forward to seeing our usual crowd as well as visitors.

DON'T FORGET:

Any unwanted / NEW gifts would be greatly appreciated for our Trivia night.

Please leave at the Parish Office. God bless.

The Trivia Team

Remember: 100's CLUB - FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

The club stopped operating mid 2019, the balance amount of \$2600 with the core group members was handed over to Antonia Militano. This amount provided for artificial and fresh flower arrangements until the end of December 2020. In retrospect, the Core Group Thanks members for making this possible. However, any further Donations can be handed to the Parish Office. *God Bless us all.*

Core Group - Gladys, Antonia, Judy, Grace.

OLR Parish 75th Anniversary Book

If you have not yet collected your copy of the 75th Anniversary Book, please contact the Parish office. *Extra copies are available for \$30.*

If anyone would like to have a copy of the 55th Anniversary Book, a few are available for \$10 at the Parish office.
Beth Mungcal



Year of Saint Joseph

January 30-31 2021:
Feast of Saint John Bosco
75th Anniversary Year

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Feast Day: We celebrate the feast of Saint John Bosco, Don Bosco, Father and Teacher of Youth, founder of the Society of St Francis de Sales (Salesians) and co-founder with Saint Maria Domenica Mazzarello of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters). Happy feast day to all, and especially to our youth.

Farewell and thank you, Father Neil.

Today, Sunday, is Father Neil's last day with us. He moves to Greystanes today. Thank you again, Father Neil, for your contributions to parish life over two years. We wish you every blessing and happiness.

Family Day at Don Bosco today, Sunday: Come after 10:30am Mass and enjoy each other's company, and farewell Fr Neil. With new restrictions rules, we can host 150 people.

Mass times for next weekend: With the 1 person per 4 sq metre rule, the church can take 150 people at each Mass. Masses for next weekend are as follows: Saturday evening 5:30pm, 6:30pm. Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

Coming up:

Friday Feb 5: Church renovation tenders due. God bless.

Fr. Brendan

A Short Biography of St. John Bosco

Born in Castlenuovo d'Asti on August 16, 1815, John was educated in the faith and in living according to the Gospel message by his mother. He was just nine years old when he had a dream, which called him to dedicate himself to the education of young people. While still a boy, he began to entertain his peers with games alternated with work, prayer and religious education.

On becoming a priest (1841), he chose as his life's programme: "Da mihi animas cetera tolle" ("Give me souls, take all the rest" Gen. 14: 21). He began his apostolate among poor young people with the founding of the Oratory, which he placed under the patronage of St. Francis de Sales.

He led young people to meet Christ by means of his educational style and pastoral practice, based on reason, religion and loving kindness (the Preventive System). He led young people to reflect, to meet Christ and their brothers and sisters, to the study of the faith and to apostolic, civil and professional commitment. St. Dominic Savio stands out among the most outstanding fruits of his work.

The source of his indefatigable activity and of the effectiveness of his work was his "constant union with God" and his unlimited confidence in Mary Our Help.

who he considered to be the inspiration and support of his whole work.

He left, as an inheritance for his Salesian sons and daughters, a form of religious life that was simple but founded on solid Christian virtue and on contemplation in action, which may be summed up in the words "work and temperance."

He sought his best collaborators among his young people, thus establishing the Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians). Together with St. Maria Domenica Mazzarello, he founded the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters).

Finally, together with good and hard-working lay men and women, he created the Salesian Cooperators to work alongside him and sustain the education of young people, thus anticipating new forms of apostolate in the Church. In the centenary of his death, which took place on January 31, 1888, Pope John Paul II proclaimed him The Father and Teacher of Youth.

"No one did more in the last century for so many people than Don Bosco, not only by his personal influence but also by the apostolate of his marvelous Sons." - Cardinal Spellman

"The figure of St John Bosco, the friend of youth, continues to exert a fascinating attraction for young people of the most widely differing cultures under heaven. It is true that his educational message needs to be studied at still greater depth, to be adapted and renewed with intelligence and courage, precisely because of changed social, cultural, ecclesial and pastoral contexts. It will be well to keep in mind the new lines of thought and the developments that have taken place in many fields, the signs of the times and the indications of Vatican II. Nevertheless the substance of his teaching remains intact; the unique nature of his spirit, his intuitions, his style, his charisma are unchanged, because they draw their inspiration from the transcendent pedagogy of God."

Pope John Paul II, Iuvenum Patris, 27. 1988

"Don Bosco's example has created a tradition which is one of the most admired and characteristic features of our Society: the Salesian who plays games. On how many occasions have relatives of the boys and other visitors stood in amazement, enraptured and spellbound at the sight of Masters and Assistants running about in the playground, nimble and breathless, making themselves boys with boys and uniting their pupils and themselves in the enjoyment of one common pleasure, in a happy family spirit, which could not fail to impress everyone by its simplicity, charm and eminently educational influence. This is the same spirit that our Holy Founder himself created and wished to be perpetuated in our traditions. Under those conditions, especially, the Salesian's power over the boys in his charge is supreme; following in Don Bosco's footsteps, he is not slow to seize an opportunity of giving a word of advice which, precisely because it is unexpected and above suspicion, goes home, breaks down barriers, and obtains unexpected results."

Fr Peter Ricaldone, "Fidelity to Don Bosco".
