



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B -

7 February 2021

Entrance Antiphon:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'how slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **(R.)**

2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **(R.)**

3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **(R.)**

Second Reading:

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Mk 1:29-39



He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Brendan Murphy SDB
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**Enquiries: Please phone the Parish Office
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Monday to Friday.**

Salesian Community: Phone: 9623 1220
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Don Bosco Youth Centre: Phone: 9623 0450
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MASSES THIS WEEK

Purposely hidden.

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

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

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**

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

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

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Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs Newton
3 Margaret St, St Marys.

Holy Family Adoration Chapel

may be used with social distancing and no more than
four persons in the chapel at any one time.

It is important to record your details.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR NOVENA


Every Wednesday 7:30pm - 9:00pm in the church

COMING EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

7 Feb: Parish Monthly Rosary, Church (this Sunday after the 5:30pm Mass). All are welcome
8 Feb: SRE Meeting, Parish mtg room.
13 Feb: Parish Trivia Night, 7:30pm, Don Bosco.
17 Feb: ASH Wednesday
Mass times: 6:30am, 12pm, 7:30pm
24 Feb: Parish Pastoral Council, 7:30pm, PO Mtg Rm

Parish Office Hours: 9:30am to 12:30pm and
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.

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.*



BOTTLES & CANS FUNDRAISER

A Big Thank you to all who have supported our fundraising efforts by donating bottles & cans.

*We raised \$325 in January, very pleasing result.
Please DO NOT crush the cans as the return code cannot be scanned.*

Keep them coming..... Denis Collins & Team



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.

All money raised from this fundraising event will go towards our Church Refurbishment.

God bless.

The Trivia Team

CATECHISTS (SCRIPTURE TEACHERS)

urgently needed. If you have a 2 hours a week, please contact Maureen Watts on 0405 321 433.

PARISH OFFICE FIT-OUT

Any parishioner that knows or works in this industry and would be interested in giving suggestions / quotes to re-fit the parish office, kindly contact the us on 9623 1962, Tuesday to Friday during office hours.

Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. If you can help with food donations or running a food drive, kindly contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome on office@houseofwelcome.com.au or

**February 6-7 2021:
5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
75th Anniversary Year**

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to Father Tulia SDB, with us from Melbourne for a couple of weeks.

Thank you: We had a wonderful celebration last Sunday at the Youth Centre for the feast of Saint John Bosco, a 75th Anniversary event and an opportunity to farewell Father Neil.

Thank you to all who made it such an enjoyable event: in particular to the Youth Centre staff and helpers who worked so hard to prepare the Centre, the great hospitality team of providers and servers, the generous parishioners who brought food to share, Gerard Jansen and those others who entertained us with music, and our Parish Council members who organised and compered the event.

Happy Feast Day: Monday February 8 is the feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita. Happy feast day to all in our Sudanese community. Some may know that the new Australian Catholic University campus at Blacktown has been named in honour of Saint Bakhita.

Ash Wednesday February 19.

This Wednesday week, February 19, is Ash Wednesday. If you have any palms from last Palm Sunday, please bring them to the office..

Ash Wednesday Mass times: 6:30am, 12 noon, 7:30pm.
It would be good to book for the Ash Wednesday Masses. The 7:30pm Mass is likely to be booked out.

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:

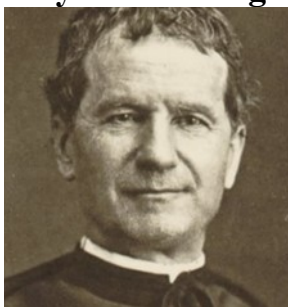
Wed Feb 19: Ash Wednesday.

Masses 6:30am, 12 noon, 7:30pm.

God bless.

Fr. Brendan

How St. John Bosco's life was saved by a mysterious dog



As the saint walked home a dog would show up and frequently chase away criminals.

The work of St. John Bosco reforming young boys wasn't highly regarded by many and in fact, Bosco's life was openly threatened on multiple occasions.

To protect Bosco, God sent to him a dog to keep him company on his lonely walks home.

This is narrated in the 19th-century book *Life of Don Bosco*.

One night returning home later than usual and feeling vague apprehension [Bosco] saw a dog approach and felt alarmed, but the animal gently wagged his tail and turning, walked beside Don Bosco, who caressed him. All fear vanished. The dog escorted Don Bosco to the Oratory but refused to enter. Whenever he was late in coming home, on one side "il Grigio," the grey [dog], appeared.

The dog not only accompanied Bosco, but also chased away criminals who tried to kill Bosco.

On [one] occasion Grigio defended Don Bosco from a formidable band of paid assassins. When at midnight passing through the Place Milan...he observed a man follow, armed with a large cudgel and hastened with the hope of reaching the Oratory safely. He was already at the top of the declivity when lower down he saw a group of men, then he waited for the one behind, whom he threw down. His comrades surrounded Don Bosco with raised sticks, the faithful Grigio appeared, beside his protégé, snarling and springing about in such fury that the wretches terrified besought Don Bosco to quiet the dog and vanished in the darkness. Don Bosco's faithful four-footed guardian escorted him to the door of the Oratory.

This happened on multiple occasions, but the mysterious dog never stayed long at the Oratory, only appearing when Bosco needed him.

Where the dog came from remains a mystery, and some believe it may have been Bosco's guardian angel in disguise.

Philip Kosloski, *Aleteia*, 31/1/21

Pope establishes World Day of Grandparent and Elderly



After praying the midday Angelus on January 31, Pope Francis announced that he is establishing a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

This day will be celebrated throughout the Church every year on the fourth Sunday in July, he said This date places it close to the July 26 feast of Sts. Joachim and Ann, the parents of Mary, and thus the grandparents of Jesus.
