



Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

# Our Lady of the Rosary

## Catholic Church

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### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B - 14 February 2021

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my strong-  
hold! Lead me, guide me,

#### **First Reading:** Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

#### **The Word of the Lord**

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

**(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

1. Happy the man  
whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom  
the Lord imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

2. By now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R.)

#### **Second Reading:**

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

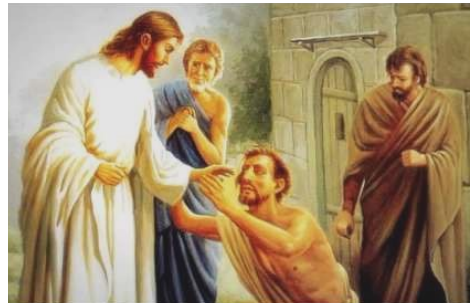
Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jew or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ

#### **The Word of the Lord**



#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has  
appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!



#### **GOSPEL:**

Mk 1:40-45

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

#### **The Gospel of the Lord**

#### **Communion Antiphon:**

They ate and had their fill,  
and what they craved  
the Lord gave them;  
they were not disappointed  
in what they craved.

# IN OUR PARISH

## PARISH TEAM

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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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## MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 13 Feb

Purposely hidden.

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

## **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection:** for the support of the Parish Priests

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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on (02) 9623 1962

## **PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

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

Purposely hidden.

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## **Rosary Statue**

Mrs M Mihalt  
114 Canberra St, Oxley Park

## **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

## **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

## **COMING EVENTS FOR THE DIARY**

17 Feb: ASH Wednesday

Mass times: 6:30am, 12pm, 7:30pm

20-21 Feb: Masses for next weekend are as follows:

**Saturday evening 6:00pm.**

**Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 5:30pm**

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



### **Charismatic Healing Mass.**

Mass, followed by prayer for healing.

Celebrant: Fr. Fr Ken Barker MGL,

Sunday 14 February, 2pm. All welcome

**St Nicholas of Myra Church, Penrith**

Please register by texting 0410 475 734 and provide your Name and Phone Number for COVID.

## **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. Your help will be much appreciated.

## **BOTTLES & CANS FUNDRAISER**

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



***Please DO NOT crush the cans as the return code cannot be scanned.***

*Keep them coming.....*

*Denis Collins & Team*

## **CATECHISTS** **(SCRIPTURE TEACHERS)**

We are in urgent need of Scripture teachers to teach the faith in our public schools .

If you have 2 hours a week to spare, we will be very grateful. Training will be provided.

Kindly contact Maureen Watts on 0405 321 433 (SRE Co-ordinator).



## **DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA**

### **Positions Vacant**

• Natural Family Planning Educator (Casual) –  
**Applications close 19 February 2021**

• Social Justice Coordinator

**Applications close 5pm 22 February 2021**

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## **Greetings to all Parishioners!**

In preparation for the 75<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## **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

[office@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au)

JRS [amelia.savage@jrs.org.au](mailto:amelia.savage@jrs.org.au)

## **Welcome to The Well**

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*.

In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities.

Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)



**Year of Saint Joseph**  
**February 13-14 2021:**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year**

*Dear Parishioners,*

**Ash Wednesday** is this Wednesday, February 17. Masses are at 6:30am, 12 noon and 7:30pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. According to Vatican directive, ashes are to be distributed by sprinkling on the head in silence.

**Project Compassion** materials are available in the foyer.

**New Lunar Year:** Happy New Year to Father Leo and to all parishioners celebrating the Lunar New Year in these days.

**New Covid restriction arrangements**

Mass numbers are limited to 300 (1 person per 2 sq m). There is no need to book, but attendance must be recorded, either on the attendance sheet or using the QR code at the church entrance, using your mobile phone. Mask wearing is recommended but no longer mandatory.

**Stations of the Cross** will be on each Friday evening during Lent. When church renovations begin, Stations will be held at the MacKillop Centre beginning at 7:00pm. In the meantime, they will be in **the church at 7:30pm, beginning this Friday evening.**

**Prayer opportunities:**

February 16-24: Monthly novena to Mary Help of Christians.

February 18: Cloak of St Joseph 30-day 'novena' to conclude on March 19, feast of St Joseph. See Dennis for details. Novena available in foyer.

February 19-March: 33 Days to Consecration to Our Lady. Starting 7:30pm, MacKillop Centre, this Friday evening. See details in foyer or see Steven.

**Thank you:** to the Trivia Committee for all the preparatory work for another Trivia Night.

**Mass times for next weekend:** Masses for next weekend are as follows:

**Saturday evening 6:00pm.**

**Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 5:30pm**

**Coming up:**

Tues Feb 16: Mary Help of Christians novena.

Wed Feb 17: Ash Wednesday.

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

Thursday Feb 18: St Joseph 30 day novena.

Friday Feb 19: 33 Days to Consecration to Our Lady.  
Stations of the Cross.

**No more news** yet on renovation tenders.

God bless.

Fr. Brendan

**This Lent, take a 40-day virtual pilgrimage  
through the Holy Land**

**The "Pilgrimage in Faith" will take attendees  
through 40 Holy Land sites in 40 days.**

A trio of Catholic groups has organized an extensive 40-day virtual Lenten pilgrimage through the Holy Land. The program, called "Pilgrimage in Faith," begins on Ash Wednesday (February 17) and will culminate in an Easter Sunday reflection on the journey. The whole pilgrimage is free to attend, but virtual pilgrims must register for the event on the Magdala website.

CNA reports that this virtual pilgrimage comes thanks to the Pontifical Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center, Terra Sancta Mexico, and Magdala. This is the second year that the three organizations have come together to hold a virtual pilgrimage. The previous incarnation was held in October 2020.

The 2021 "Pilgrimage in Faith" will draw together three aspects of the faith: The Creed, Lent, and the Holy Land. The Creed, referring to the Apostle's Creed, is a meditation on what makes us Catholic.

**From Magdala:**

The Creed is who I am, my true essence, capturing the total dynamic of my life, divinely loved from creation, to death, to everlasting life in the communion of redeemed humanity, sharing in the everlasting infinite joy of the Trinity; this is a 'Pilgrimage in Faith.'

Reflections and holy sites

With regard to Lent, the pilgrimage offers meditations on liturgical texts to guide pilgrims through a renewed "turning toward God" in trust. This, Magdala writes, is reflective of the same way God turns towards each of us with an outstretched hand. The "Pilgrimage in Faith" will offer meditations on the scriptures each day of Lent, to keep the faithful engaged throughout the solemn season.

Last but certainly not least is the Holy Land, the prime attraction of the "Pilgrimage in Faith." The program will take attendees to various sites that "capture the revelation Abraham experienced" during his own travels in the promised land. Each day the virtual event will bring pilgrims to a different site of biblical relevance. The sites, they note, are chosen to illuminate the meditations on the Creed.

The "Pilgrimage in Faith" is set to be a fun, educational, and faith-entrenching journey that will last for the entirety of Lent. Those who take part in the journey will be treated to a soundtrack composed by the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi and the RC Music Collective. In addition, participants will all be entered into a raffle to be held on Easter Sunday, which will send several gifts to some participants.

The whole affair is set to kick off with two days of introductory videos on February 15, before the pilgrimage formally begins on Ash Wednesday.

**To register:** <https://email.magdala.org/t/y-A8FB705AFC30D5E02540EF23F30FEDED>

*J-P Mauro – Aleteia, 11/2/21*

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