



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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### **Entrance Antiphon:**

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

### **First Reading:**

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

*This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

### **The word of the Lord**

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

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**(R) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. my soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R)**
3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R)**
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R)**

### **Second Reading:**

1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
*All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea, they were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

### **The word of the Lord**



### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**



### **GOS-**

Luke 13:1-9

*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.* Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. no; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the others people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down"'

### **PEL:**

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

### **Communion Antiphon:**

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

# IN OUR PARISH

## PARISH TEAM

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**Salesian Community:** Phone: 9623 1220  
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## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA

Do you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic?  
Please invite them to contact:  
Parish Office on 9623 1962

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the St Vincent de Paul Office beside the Parish Hall.

**Junior Legion of Mary:** meets on Fridays, 5:00pm to 5:45pm in the Parish Hall and Parish Meeting Rooms. *Young people welcome*

**Senior Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. *All Welcome to join.*

**The Cenacle:** Every Thursday after 9am Mass, you are invited to join us to pray the Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests.

**Cuppa and Craft Club:** Thursdays at 9:30am, Parish Hall. Contact Parish Office 9623 1962.

**Computer Class (50 years & over):** 9.30am-11:30am Parish Hall Meeting Room. Please contact Parish Office.

**Rosary Statue:** Mr & Mrs Johnson 234 Shepherd St, St Marys.

**RCIA:** meets Thursdays, 7:30pm, Parish Meeting Room. *Know someone who would like to be a Catholic? New enquirers welcome.*

**Catechists:** Teaching God's Word in our State schools.

Volunteers needed. Contact Maureen Watts 9623 9272.

**Mother's Prayers:** Every Monday, 10am at the Infant School.

**Ladies Auxiliary:** 2nd Mon's, Parish Office Meeting Room, 7:30pm

**Youth Choir:** Choir Practices on the 2nd Sunday of the month, 2.30pm - 4pm. Choir sings at the 9am Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month. *All young people welcome, 6-16 years.*

**OLR-Schoenstatt Pilgrim Mother Apostolate (PMA) Rosary Prayer:** every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month after the 10.30am Mass (11.45am) in the Church. All Welcome!

## MASSES THIS WEEK

Purposely hidden.

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

## 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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### 1st and 2nd 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. Parish weekly running costs approximately \$4000. Last weekend's 2nd Collection \$2395.65  
**We Thankyou for your ongoing support.**

## RECONCILIATION

Every Wednesday: 11:15am - 11:45am.  
Every Saturday: 9:00am - 10:00am, 5:00pm - 5:30pm

### ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday: 11:15am - 11:45am, Mass at 12 noon  
Every Thursday: 9:30am - 6:00pm (after 9:00am Mass)  
Friday: 8:30am - 9:00am, followed by Mass at 9:15am

## Next Sunday's Readings: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Joshua 5:9-12  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:2-7  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Gospel: Luke: 15:18



## COMING EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

- 24 Mar: IMPACT Young Adult Group, Pilgrim Mother Apostolate  
25 Mar: **The Annunciation of the Lord**  
**Mass Times: 6:30am, 9:00am, 7:30pm**  
26 Mar: Legion of Mary, Parish Hall, 6.30pm  
St Vincent De Paul, Parish Hall Mtg Room, 7pm  
27 Mar: Parish Maintenance, Parish House, 6:45am  
Parish Pastoral Council, Parish off. mtg rm, 7:30pm  
29 Mar: Stations of the Cross, 7:30 pm.  
30 Mar: Parish Bingo, Parish Hall, 7:15pm  
2 April Legion of Mary, Parish Hall, 6.30pm  
St Vincent De Paul, Parish Hall Mtg Room, 7pm  
5 April: Stations of the Cross, 7:30 pm.  
10 April: Catechist Meeting, Parish Hall Mtg Room, 12:45pm  
4 May: Senior's Mothers Day Luncheon, Parish Hall  
Parish Dinner Dance, Don Bosco Youth Centre

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Mondays: 8am - 9pm, Adoration Chapel**  
**Tuesdays: 8am - 9pm, Adoration Chapel**  
**Thursdays: 9:30am - 6pm, Church**



## WE WELCOME

Harrison James Kellett, Noah Jay Eckhardt  
Lavaka-Soane-Patita Lasalo,  
Kade Raymond Spiteri, Lexi Olivia Chapman  
**Into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism**

## HOLY SPIRIT PARISH LENTEN MISSION

**Speaker: Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy**

**Date: 2 - 5 April, 2019**

**Time: 10am - 11:30am and 7:30pm - 9:00pm**

All Welcome.

## OUR BINGO NIGHT SATURDAY 30th MARCH

Remember all money raised goes direct to Orphanages in Timor Leste. They are doing it tough! Another 10 or 15 players would help a lot.

**6:45pm onwards Sale of Sausage Sandwiches**

**7:30pm Bingo Begins**

**Raffle 6 prizes During the night.**

**Bring a Friend.**

*Thank you. Dennis Collins.*



## Seniors Mother's Day Luncheon

***KEEP THE DATE FREE***

**Saturday 4 May, 10:30 - 2:00pm**



## 4th Dinner Dance Fundraising Night

All Funds raised are going to the Church Refurbishing

When: Saturday May 4, 2019

Time: 6.00 pm - 11.00 pm

Where: Don Bosco Youth Centre, Mamre Rd and Swanston Street, St. Marys

\$30 per person to be prepaid by 21 April 2019

Tickets will be on SALE after each Mass from mid March!  
**Strictly No Alcohol**

## BAKE - A - WISH

Afternoon tea Bake Sale. We are inviting Family, friends and the local community to our sweet-filled Bake-A-Wish event! We have set a goal to raise \$2500 which will be donated directly to Make-A-Wish Foundation.

When: **Saturday March 30, 2019**

Time: **12 Noon - 3:00pm**

Address: OLR Parish Hall, 28 Swanston St.

Entry: Gold coin donation

*For more information, contact Maricar on 0410 465 858*

## GRIEF TO GRACE

### Healing the Wounds of Abuse

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse.

**The retreat will be held May 26 – 31 2019.**

To request an application contact Anne by emailing [in-fo@griefftograceaus.org.au](mailto:in-fo@griefftograceaus.org.au) or phone 0478599241. For more information visit [www.griefftograce.org](http://www.griefftograce.org)

## OUR LADY of the ROSARY SCHOOL



We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2020. Please come into the school office and collect an enrolment pack. If you would like a tour of the school, please contact the office on 8856 8301 and make an appointment. There are still limited places in some grades for 2019 enrolments.

## Men's Lenten Retreat Day—Notre Dame Broadway.

On Saturday, April 13 from 9am to 4pm. The day will include Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, lunch and afternoon tea, and inspiring talks from three speakers. The retreat will take place at The University of Notre Dame Australia on Broadway campus. Event is free, registration essential:  
[Sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au](mailto:Sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au) or (02) 8204 4189 or [Trybooking.com/475522](http://Trybooking.com/475522)

## Bishop Vincent's Statement on the Christchurch Attack

Bishop Vincent has issued a statement on the Christchurch attack. The statement can be found here:  
[catholicoutlook.org/christchurchattack](http://catholicoutlook.org/christchurchattack)



## St Marys Gardens Nursing Home

Sun 24 Mar: Jasna Bekic, Leon Ross.

Sun 31 Mar: Phillip S, Gliceria F, Joseph B.

March 23-24 2019: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners,

**Welcome, Father Neil:** A very warm welcome to newly-arrived Father Neil Kumar SDB, who has come to assist in our parish. Thank you for coming to us, Father Neil. You are most welcome.

**Condolences:** We offer our condolences to Marieta, Sheena and Jeremy Coutinho on the recent death of husband and father, Sarto. May he rest in peace.

**Annunciation of the Lord:** Tomorrow, Monday, we celebrate the great feast of the Incarnation, the Annunciation of the Lord. Masses are at 6:30am, 9am and 7:30pm.

**Lent Stations of the Cross** Friday evening 7:30pm.

**Holy Land pilgrimage:** All applications received (41) have been accepted. Magi director Rajesh will finalise the list at the beginning of April.

**Bingo next Saturday:** Come along, bring a friend, for an enjoyable night and an excellent cause.

**Church refurbishment and fundraising:** The architect's planning continues... Thank you to all who have been and are fundraising.

**Cans and Bottles:** If you don't need them yourself, save your 10cent deposit cans and bottles, and bring them to the presbytery back yard; leave them just inside the gate, and we can return them to raise roof funds. Thanks.

**Coming up:**

**Mon March 25:** Annunciation of the Lord.

Masses 6:30am, 9am, 7:30pm.

**Wed March 27:** Parish Pastoral Council.

**Thurs March 28:** Pre-baptism preparation.

**Sat March 30:** Bingo.

**Wed April 3:** Men of St Joseph. All welcome.

**Sat-Sun April 6-7:** End Daylight Saving.

**Sunday April 7:** Parish Rosary decade.

**Mon April 8:** Ladies Auxiliary. All welcome.

**Wed April 10:** Parish Finance Committee.

**Sat April 13:** Working bee; tidy up for Easter.

**Tues April 16:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation.

**Wed April 17:** Chrism Mass, St Pat's Cathedral.

**Thurs April 18:** 7:30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper.

**Fri April 19:** Good Friday: 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

**Sat April 20:** Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 8pm.

**Sun April 21:** Easter Sunday: No 5:30pm Mass.

**Wed April 24:** Parish Pastoral Council.

**Thurs April 25:** Pre-baptism preparation.

**Fri April 26:** Vocations Hour, OLR.

**Sun April 28:** Divine Mercy Sunday. 3pm Mass.

**Sat May 4:** Seniors Mother Day Luncheon.

Parish Dinner Dance.

**Sat May 25:** St Mary's Cathedral pilgrimage.

God bless.

Fr Brendan

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The present Church crisis and Mary



**Does the Mother of Jesus have any relevance to the present Church crisis?**

Mary brings the Divine Redeemer into the world by an obedient *fiat* [*'Let it be done'*]. She does so with an

obedient faith... Saint John Paul II confirmed that before and beyond the Petrine model of the Church is the Marian model...

Mary was superior to Peter in knowledge of the Gospel, wisdom in its application, and purity in its lived expression. How then would Mary respond to Peter's authority? In spite of her superiority to Peter in most every conceivable measure, Mary responded to Peter's office of authority with the same obedient *fiat*. For Mary saw Jesus in Peter, and thus continually gave the obedience to her Son's Vicar that which she gave to her Son...

It may appear "unscientific" and "non-pragmatic," that the foundational solution to the present crisis is spiritual and interior... Mary sees everyone—bishop, priest, religious, layperson—as her little child in true need of the ongoing interior conversion which alone can make the external living of the Gospel, obediently, chastely, and joyfully, possible in our times. Our Lady, with a unique and personal maternal solicitude, encourages each of us, in the quiet of our hearts, towards a greater generosity of time in Adoration of her Eucharistic Son, in the praying of her Rosary, in the reception of the Sacraments, in obedience to her son's Vicar—and in whatever way we personally can better "do whatever he tells you" (cf. Jn 2:5).

Let us entrust the critical need for thorough purification of the Church to the Church's Mother, that she may guide the Vicar of Christ and the People of God, unified in obedience and solidarity, through the necessary cleansing that will courageously recover the purity, obedience, and love reflective of the true Body of Christ.

Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology, Franciscan University of Steubenville

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"Thomas More is more important at this moment than at any moment since his death, even perhaps the great moment of his dying; but he is not quite so important as he will be in about a hundred years' time. He may come to be counted the greatest Englishman, or at least the greatest historical character in English history. For he was above all things historic; he represented at once a type, a turning point and an ultimate destiny. If there had not happened to be that particular man at that particular moment, the whole of history would have been different."

G.K. Chesterton, "A Turning Point in History," 1929; quoted in Chaput, *Render unto Caesar*, p.158

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