

Entrusted to the

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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Salesians of Don Bosco

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Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading Isaiah 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**

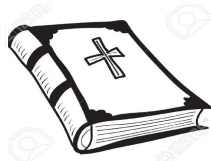
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Heb 12:5-7,11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord



Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**



GOSPEL: Lk 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

The Gospel of the Lord



Communion Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

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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: Mrs Marcy Perrera, 52 Mamre Rd, 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: On Mondays, 10am at the MacKillop Centre.

Ladies Auxiliary: Interested in joining? Contact Parish Off.

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.

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

MASSSES 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.

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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:

1st Collection: for the support of the Parish Priests.
2nd Collection: goes towards the weekly operating budget for the Parish. Parish weekly running costs approximately \$4000. Last weekend's 2nd Collection

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

Monday & Tuesday : In the Adoration Chapel, 8am-9pm
Wednesday: 11:15am - 11:45am, Mass at 12 noon
Thursday: 9:30am - 6:00pm (after 9:00am Mass)
Friday: 8:30am - 9:00am, followed by Mass at 9:15am

Next Sunday's Readings: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67:4-7, 10-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews: 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14



COMING EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

25 Aug: Pilgrim Apostolate Rosary, Church, 11:45am
27 Aug: Legion of Mary, Parish Hall, 6:30pm
St Vincent De Paul, Parish Hall Mtg Room, 7pm
28 Aug: Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Off Mtg Rm 7:30pm
7 Sept: Reflection, 2pm-4pm, Parish Hall. All Welcome.
21 Sept: Parish Bingo.
25 Sep: Parish Finance Committee, Parish House, 7:30pm
5-6 Oct: Parish Garage Sale.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays: 8am - 9pm, Adoration Chapel

Tuesdays: 8am - 9pm, Adoration Chapel

Thursdays: 9:30am - 6pm, Church

ALL WELCOME



BISHOP'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL

The Bishop's Collection Appeal for Sick and Retired priests will be held at all Masses, 31 August - 1 Sept.

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy*, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. If you wish you can make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details so receipts can be sent, which we usually do in January.

'Faith in Marriage' Seminar

This Annual Seminar will be held on

Date: Friday 30th August 2019

Guest Speaker: American Catholic Deacon Harold Burke Sivvers

Topic: 'Building Strong Marriages'.

All are welcome to attend this free event to be held at the St Paul's Catholic College Hall at 198 Old Prospect Rd Greystanes, parking in grounds of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, follow signs to Hall.



THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Formation on how to pray with the Word of God.

All parishioners are invited to attend this Reflection.

Speaker: Sr Malou Tibayan - Verbum Dei Missionary

Date: **Saturday 7 September 2019**

Time: **2pm - 4pm**

Venue: **OLR Parish Hall. ALL WELCOME**

(Your Donations will help the Missionary work of Sr Malou)



GRAVE FOR SALE AT KEMPS CREEK

ST Marks \$3800. If interested, please call 0477 081 947.

WE WELCOME



Zara Rose Rubelj, Leo Simmons, Gabriele Damian
Vincenzo Serratore-Howe
Into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of

Christmas Gifts for Poor Children in Sri Lanka



The Social Justice Commission is launching the annual appeal to provide Christmas gifts to some of the most disadvantaged children including those in Orphanages, Plantations, children of Prisoner's and victims' of the 30 year civil war in the North and East of Sri Lanka.

Each child receives a gift pack without discrimination of religion or ethnic background, which includes a new set of clothes, underwear, school stationery, toiletry items (soap, toothpaste, tooth brush, hand towel), a toy and a bag of sweets.

There is an urgent need for NEW: **T-Shirts (sizes S&M), Socks (white) Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, and toothbrush), Caps and Large Combs for girls and School Items.**

Your gift to any one of these children will bring them inexpressible joy this Christmas.

Your gifts will need to be placed in the box in the foyer on 7th 8th 14th and 15th September 2019 at the weekend Masses

For more information contact Lorenz 0426 399 502

Go out into the Deep Becoming the Community Christ Calls Us to Be

"Do not be afraid to convey the Gospel in new ways and launch into the deep."

That was one of the messages Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, shared at the inaugural Diocesan Forum on Saturday 13 July. The forum called diocesan representatives to respond to the signs of the times as we listen to what the Spirit is saying through our own communities and through the Plenary Council process.

View the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, reports from the forum data and images from the day here: www.parracatholic.org/forum2019.

Further opportunities will invite us all to engage in deanery and diocesan initiatives coming out of the forum as we continue to go out into the deep to become the community Christ calls us to be.



PARISH GARAGE SALE

Our first Annual (we hope) Garage Sale will be held on the **weekend of 5th & 6th October this year.**

What saleable goods do you have? *Any queries, please call Denis on 9670 1987 or Rayella on 0411 237 699*

All proceeds from sale will go towards the Church Roof Fund. Please Help. Thank you.

OLR PARISH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

If you would like to contribute an article to the 4th Edition of the Parish Newsletter, please email it to Fenina on mafenina@bigpond.com on or before

Monday, 16th September 2019. Please limit your article to a max of 500 words to allow graphics / photographs.

Thank you and God bless, Parish Editorial Committee



St Marys Gardens Nursing Home

Sun 25 August: Philip S, Gliceria F, Joseph B
Sun 1 September: Steve Buhagiar, Kevin Brady.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 24-25 2019: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Dear Parishioners,

Condolences: We offer our condolences to Kevin Armstrong on the death of his sister Pearl, and to Wilfred Peters on the death of his brother Bruno this week. May they rest in peace. Let us also pray for former deputy Prime Minister Tim Fischer who died this week.

Please continue to pray for the preservation of the rights of the unborn child in the state of New South Wales. Thank you to all who attended the Tuesday night Parliament House rally, who prayed again at the parish chapel 48 hour vigil, and who have been praying at home for this intention.

Fathers Day Appeal: Next Sunday, Fathers Day, we have our annual Fathers Day Appeal to support our sick and retired diocesan clergy.

Sister Malou Tibayan visit: Come to the parish hall on Saturday week, September 7 2-4pm, to hear Verbum Dei Missionary, Sister Malou Tibayan, on “How to Pray with the Word of God.”

Coming up:

Sun Sept 1: Fathers Day. Fathers Day Appeal for retired diocesan clergy.

Sat Sept 7, 2-4pm Parish Hall: Sister Malou Tibayan, Formation on how to pray with the Word of God.

Sun Sept 8: Fr Neil’s 10th anniversary of ordination.

Sept 19-22: Fr Sean Hogan SDB visit.

Sun Oct 13: Global Rosary.

Oct 13-28: Parish Holy Land pilgrimage.

Oct 19: Chesterton Society Conference, Campion College, Toongabbie: Catholic principles of social justice.

Nov 24: Christ the King: Walk with Christ, Martin Place. 2:30pm

God bless.

Fr Brendan

Former prisoner from China has helped hundreds become Catholic

It’s almost as if Teresa Liu is making up for lost time.

Liu is an 86-year-old Catholic woman in Sydney, Australia who has guided hundreds of ethnic Chinese into the faith, years after spending a significant part of her youth in a communist Chinese prison.

Liu had an evangelistic spirit from a young age. As a young woman, she joined the Catholic organization the Legion of Mary in her native Guangzhou (Canton), in southern China. The group, which operates worldwide, seeks to spread the Catholic faith. She had also been discerning a religious vocation with the Carmelite nuns.

Two events interrupted the life she had envisioned for herself. If she was uncertain whether God wanted her to be a consecrated religious, she seems to have found an answer when John Bosco Liu came into her life. “He told her that he loved her,” according to a profile of her written for Catholic News Service.

But their plans to marry were interrupted as well, because of their membership in the Legion of Mary, considered an “anti-revolutionary” organization.

It was the late 1950s, and the communist rulers of the People’s Republic of China were exerting more and more control over religion. They set up an alternative to the Catholic Church in order to neutralize the influence and control over segments of the population by a foreign power—the Vatican. The Legion of Mary itself was seen as a “anti-revolutionary” organization, and Teresa and John Bosco’s membership earned them prison sentences. They also refused to join the state-established Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association.

Teresa never had a trial, but ended up serving 20 years. John Bosco was behind bars for 22. The two lovebirds actually spent some of their time in the same prison in Guangzhou. But if they dared to speak or show signs of affection, it could lead to severe punishment. Teresa herself was kept in solitary confinement for several long periods—once for seven months.

She knew, however, that she was never alone. Christ was with her. Though they could not attend any kind of religious service while in prison, of course, Teresa maintained her life of prayer in secret. Once she was able to lie down to sleep at night, she would pray the Rosary, for example.

“I felt very close to God at that time because in my heart I said, ‘Jesus, now I have nothing but you. Don’t let me leave you,’” she told CNS.

She finally was released in 1977, in the wake of China’s often-violent Cultural Revolution and a new opening to the West. She and John Bosco were married in 1979 and moved to Australia the following year. But John lived only for 10 more years. He had a massive heart attack one day at Mass, just after receiving Communion.

Teresa carried on, catechizing new immigrants from her native land. Providing them one-on-one faith formation in their own language — Cantonese or Mandarin — she has guided hundreds into the Catholic Church, her pastor, Fr. Janusz Bieniek, pastor and a member of the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel, said. “She is very supportive of all initiatives in the parish, especially the work of evangelization with people from China who are thinking of becoming Christian,” said Fr. Bieniek, himself an immigrant, from Poland. “She gathers them, talks to them, personally keeps contact with them and encourages them.”

Recently, Liu was invested as a dame in the Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great in recognition of her “outstanding commitment to faith” demonstrated “through her Christian outreach to and conversion of many people in the Archdiocese of Sydney.” Investiture in the order is the highest honor the Church bestows on lay people and is given in recognition of extraordinary service to the Church, CNS explained.

“She is a very credible witness to the faith and at the same time very quiet and unassuming,” he said. “People know about her past, her experiences and sufferings, but she doesn’t boast about this. She ... never has any kind of talk about revenge or hatred. She has no anger, so that makes a very big impression on people.” Liu said she has forgiven her captors, saying they were just doing their job. “They also are victims of the communist system,” she said.

She urged prayers for China, saying the situation for the faithful now is in some ways worse than it was for the Catholics of the 1950s. “They want to destroy every religion,” she said

John Burger | Aug 01, 2019
