

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - 19th January 2020

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down
before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name,
O Most High!

First Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that
my salvation may reach to the ends of the
earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my
servant, Israel, in whom I shall
be glorified'; I was honoured in
the eyes of the Lord, my God was
my strength. And now the Lord
has spoken, he who formed me
in the womb to be his servant, to
bring Jacob back to him, to gather
Israel to him: 'It is not enough
for you to be my servant, to re-
store the tribes of Jacob and
bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the
nations so that my salvation may
reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to
do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my
mouth, praise of our God. (R.)

2. You do not ask for sacrifice
and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and
victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)



Responsorial Psalm: (contd)

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to
do your will.

3. In the scroll of the book it
stands written that I should do
your will. My God, I delight in your
law in the depth of my heart. (R.)

4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be
an apostle, together with brother
Sosthenes, send greetings to the
church of God in Corinth, to the
holy people of Jesus Christ, who
are called to take their place
among all the saints everywhere
who pray to our Lord Jesus
Christ; for he is their Lord no less
than ours. May God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ send
you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord



Gospel Acclamation:

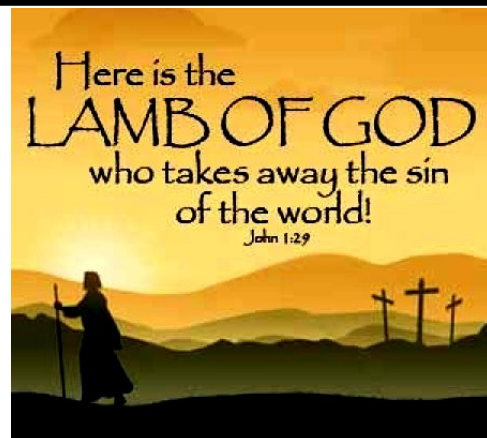
Jn 1:14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh
and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted
him to become the children
of God.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL: Jn 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the
sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards
him, John said, 'Look, there is
the lamb of God that takes away
the sin of the world. This is the
one I spoke of when I said:

A man is coming after me who
ranks before me because he
existed before me. I did not know
him myself, and yet it was to re-
veal him to Israel that I came
baptising with water.' John also
declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming
down on him from heaven like a
dove and resting on him. I did
not know him myself, but he who
sent me to baptise with water
had said to me, "The man on
whom you see the Spirit come
down and rest is the one who is
going to baptise with the Holy
Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am
the witness that he is the
Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table
before me, and how precious
is the chalice that
quenches my thirst.

IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Brendan Murphy SDB
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**For Enquiries Please Phone The Parish Office
between 9:30am - 12:30pm & 1:30pm - 3:30pm, Mon-Fri**

Salesian Community: Phone: 9623 1220
Rector: Fr John Walenciej SDB

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Director: Fr John Walenciej SDB

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School

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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 Butterfield, 17 Coona St, Colyton

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!

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.

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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 \$3442.60

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, Thursday, Friday : 8am - 9pm

Wednesday: 11:15am - 11:45am. Mass at 12 noon

Next Sunday's Readings:

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 26:1, 4, 13-14

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23



COMING EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

14 Jan: Legion of Mary, Parish Hall, 6.30pm
 St Vincent De Paul, Parish Hall Mtg Room, 7pm
 16 Jan: Parish Hall Management Mtg, Parish Hall, 7:30pm
 17 Jan: Junior Legion of Mary, Parish Hall Mtg Rm, 5pm
 18 Jan: Working Bee
 22 Jan: Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Off. Mtg Rm, 7:30pm
 26 Jan: **Australia Day. Bush Fire Appeal at all Masses.**
 Pilgrim Mother Apostolate Rosary, 11:45am
 30 Jan: Pre-Baptism Programme, Church, 7:30pm
 31 Jan: St John Bosco Feast Day. Mass at 6pm
 9 Feb: Alpha Training

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ADORATION CHAPEL



Weekly Adoration Times:

Monday	8am - 9pm
Tuesday	8am - 9pm
Thursday	8am - 9pm
Friday	8am - 9pm

ALL WELCOME

ROSTERS

Acolytes, Special Ministers of Communion and Lectors please note the new Rosters are available this weekend.

Thank you. Primie Sumampong

PARISH MARIAN YEAR JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2020

This is in preparation for the 75th Anniversary of OLR Church.

Parish Monthly Rosary: held on the 7th of each month. For the welfare of our Parish.

Mary Help of Christians Novena: from the 16th to 24th of the month a time of family prayer. Please come with your families

All prayers will be held in the Marian Chapel at the front of the Church.

Please come and fill the chapel.

DON BOSCO - FEAST DAY

FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2020

All Parishioners are invited for Mass at 6pm. Join us for cake and ice-cream after the Mass at the Don Bosco Youth Centre.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Our Altar has been beautifully adorned with flowers this year through the kind generosity of our Parishioners. Our sincere thanks to each of you for your donations. If you wish to make donations for the flowers, please put in an envelope with your name and hand in to the Parish office during office hours. Jesus bless you.



ALPHA TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOP

9 FEBRUARY 2020



Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm

Place: Institute of Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown.
 Lunch & Refreshments provided.

Registrations and Further Information:

Pastoral Planning office:

lisa.bright@parracatholic.org. Phone: 8838 3497

Alpha in a Catholic context:

Lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au

OLR PARISH CUPPA & CRAFT CLUB



Cuppa and Craft Club begins on
Thursday 6th February 2020

9.30am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall

Ladies you may be new in the Parish or recently retired and are interested in knitting, crocheting or other crafts. **Come and join us.**

OLR PARISH COMPUTER CLASSES

Start Date: 6 February, 2020

Venue: Parish Hall Meeting Room

Basic Class: 9.30am – 11.30am



(pre requisite for Advanced Class - basic knowledge of MS Windows). Contact the Parish Office for bookings.



PARISH BINGO

Thank you to all who have offered to help to run our Bingo Nights. We need 2 more helpers. Contact the Parish office 9623 1962 or Denis on 9670 1987 if you are able to assist. All proceeds go towards the two girls orphanages.

First Bingo Night - Saturday 15th February 2020

OUR 21st....YES, 21st!! TRIVIA NIGHT
will be on 29th FEBRUARY 2020!

Tables of 10 players at \$10 per person.



We will also be having a raffle with great prizes to be won. Tickets for tables and also our raffle will be sold at all Masses in the next few weeks, the date will be in the bulletin.

Get your family and friends together, come along and support our Parish fundraiser while also enjoying what is always a fun night!

As Christmas has come and gone.... if you have any unwanted and/or new gifts that we could use for prizes, can you please drop them off at the Parish Office or alternatively, we will come and collect them from your home.

If you need items to be picked up, **please call Joe & Sue Bradley on 0414762878 or 0417278361.**

Thank you.... Trivia Team.



St Marys Gardens Nursing Home

Sun 19 Jan: Steve Buhagiar

Sun 26 Jan: Janet Weinert, Stacia Cunningham

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time *Parish Marian Year*

Dear Parishioners,

Bushfire Appeal next weekend: The Australian Catholic Bishops have asked that there be a special collection at all weekend Masses on January 25-26 for victims of the bushfires.

Alpha seminar Feb 9: We intend to establish the Alpha programme in our parish this year. It is an excellent introduction to Christianity, a proclamation of the Gospel, to seekers. There is a training seminar on Sunday Feb 9 at Blacktown. If you would like to be part of this initiative, please leave your name at the office.

Some 2020 anniversaries:

140th anniversary of OLR Primary School (Jan 5 1880)
200th anniversary of arrival of Fr John Therry. (May 3)
200th anniversary of Catholic education in Australia.
75th anniversary of end of World War II.

Coming up:

Jan 25-26: Bushfire collections. Australia Day.
Word of God Sunday.
Sun Feb 9: Alpha seminar, Blacktown.
Tues Feb 11: 1st Communion Parent Night 7:30pm
Thurs Feb 13: 1st Communion Parent Night 7:30pm.
February: Visit of relics of Saints Louis & Zelie Martin and of St Therese of Lisieux, their daughter.
Wed Feb 26: Ash Wednesday.
Sat Feb 29: Trivia Night

Baptism facts: Do you know yours?

Your baptismal anniversary is an important event to celebrate year after year. Here's how to prepare.

As the Church celebrates the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, it gives believers an opportunity to pause and remember their own baptisms.

The majority of Catholics have no memories of their baptism, and that's because they were baptized as infants. For some though, the memory is strong, as they were baptized as an adult after going through the RCIA process. Regardless of age, what do you know about your baptism?

Let's pause and remember the facts of our own baptism: the where, when, and who of our baptism.

Where were you baptized?

The church of your baptism is important. In the Catholic Church, when you get ordained or married, you need to contact the parish of baptism and have them issue a new baptismal certificate with notations. The parish keeps a baptismal register and updates it with notifications when an individual receives significant sacraments and, where applicable, an annulment.

The church of your baptism probably had some significance in your family's life. It could be the church

where one of your parents grew up in or the local parish in the community you were raised.

When's the last time you visited the church where you were baptized? Does it still exist? Maybe it's time to make a visit and remember the sacramental grace bestowed on you that day.

When were you baptized?

The date of one's baptism is also significant. Some religious communities of monks and nuns don't even celebrate a person's birthday, and instead celebrate their anniversary of baptism. It's such an important date because it was on that day we became adopted children of God, claimed for Christ Jesus, and washed clean of original sin.

Do you know the date of your baptism? Have you ever celebrated it? If not, find out, and plan to do something special on that day, like a religious pilgrimage, going to Mass, or celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Who baptized you?

Were you baptized by a deacon, priest, bishop, or, by some rare chance, the pope? You may have been baptized by a lay person, too, in an emergency situation, if it was in the hospital.

Find out who baptized you. Pray for them. Write them a note thanking them, or if you are brave enough, go and visit them.

Who are your godparents?

Hopefully you can readily answer that question because they have played an active role in your life. If not, that can encourage you, if you are a godparent, to be a better godparent to your godchild than they were to you. Godparents should be a part of the child's life, especially in their spiritual life.

Pray for your godparents, and if it has been a while since you contacted them, send them a message letting them know you are thinking of them.

How will you remember your baptism?

- Each time you go into a church and bless yourself with holy water, you have an opportunity to remember your baptism.

- The very fact we call ourselves Christians is a reminder to us of who we are as baptized children of God.

- Besides remembering the facts of your baptism, consider renewing your baptismal promises to reject Satan and his empty promises on a weekly basis. This spiritual practice could be something you undertake as a family prayer at the beginning of each week.

- Bless yourself with holy water before retiring for the night.

These are simple ways for us to always remember our baptism. And perhaps the best thing we can do, is strive to live up to the words that the Father says of Jesus: This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased. Live a life pleasing to God each day as His beloved son or daughter.

Fr. Edward Looney | Jan 08, 2020