

# THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH  
MAY 25 2025 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER | YEAR C

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: AUSTRALIA'S PATRONESS

The history of this title for the Blessed Virgin Mary goes way **back to the 200's**. A **papyrus** was found with a prayer directed to Mary. It is still popularly known as the *Sub Tuum Praesidium* in Latin: **"We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God, despise not our prayers in our necessities, and deliver us from all danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin."** Anyone who has been educated by the **Marist Brothers** in Australia, and probably around the world, would have sung it in Latin at their Masses. I know **Marcellin College, Randwick** still do...and the boys lift the roof with their singing.

Another early prayer was composed by **St John Chrysostom** who died in **407**, having used the title in a homily.

The next major occasion for Mary to be prayed to under this title was at the time of **Battle of Lepanto in 1571** when **Christian forces known as the Holy League – with forces from Spain, the Papal States of Italy and other Italian States, and the navy of Venice - faced off with the Ottoman, Muslim forces intent on conquering Europe.**

France, the Holy Roman Empire and many others had no help to offer the defence of Europe, consumed by internal conflicts between Catholics and Protestants. The feeling of inevitable defeat on the part of the Catholic powers was immense.

As the fleet sailed out, **Pope Pius V ordered the churches of Rome remain open for prayer day and night, encouraging the faithful to petition the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the recitation of the Rosary.** The battle itself was bloody. Some 7,500 Catholic combatants and 20-30,000 Ottoman combatants were killed. **It was a decisive Catholic victory, and the Ottoman fleet was destroyed.** Amid the tragic loss of human life, some good news was that **thousands of Christian slaves, chained below decks as rowers for the Ottoman ships were freed – one of whom was Cervantes, the great Spanish poet of Don Quixote fame.**

Pope Pius V, as witnessed to by his secretary, in Prayer, **three days before the news of the victory arrived in Rome, told his secretary that the Catholic forces had won the battle. The secretary duly noted the day and hour the Pope "knew". And, it corresponded with the victory itself. (Thanks Br Rory for this information.)** Pius V established the feast of **Our Lady of Victory on October 7**, later renamed **Our Lady of the Rosary**, and attributed the victory to Mary's intercession. **Our Lady Help of Christians derives from the same source.**

In our own **Great South Land of the Holy Spirit, Australia**, the Feast by then known also as **Our Lady Help of Christians**, was proclaimed as our Patroness in **the First Provincial Council of Australia in Sydney in 1844.** The Penal Colony of Sydney was only established in 1788. 10% of the convicts were Catholic with many from Ireland or of Irish descent.



## THIS WEEK



"Peace I  
leave with  
you: my  
peace I  
give you."

John 14:27

### SATURDAY 24 MAY

5:00pm-5:30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm winter-time Mass

### SUNDAY 25 MAY

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch + Australia's  
Biggest Morning

3:00pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

### MONDAY 26 MAY – ST PHILIP NERI

9:00am OLR Whole School Mass

6:00pm Adoration/Reconciliation

### WEDNESDAY 28 MAY

9:00am Mass

6:30pm Confirmation

### THURSDAY 29 MAY - ST PAUL VI - POPE

5:00pm Holy Hour/Adoration/Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

### FRIDAY 30 MAY

9:00am Mass – OLR Year 1

### SATURDAY 31 MAY

5:00pm-5:30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm winter-time Mass

### SUNDAY 1 JUNE

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch + Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

*We acknowledge the traditional owners the Gadigal Clans of the Eora Nation,  
who cared for this land for thousands of years and their descendants who have  
maintained these spiritual connections and traditions.*

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**MASS TIMES**

Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun 9:30am, 6pm  
Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm  
Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

**ANointing OF THE SICK**

9:00am Mass First Friday

**RECONCILIATION**

Sat Vigil 5.00pm-5.30pm  
Sun 5:30pm-6:00pm  
Thurs 5:00pm-6pm

**ROSARY**

First Saturday before 6.00pm Mass

**BAPTISMS | WEDDINGS |  
SACRAMENTS | RCIA**

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**RESPONSES**
**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**FIRST READING**

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

O God, let all the nations praise you!

**SECOND READING**

Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23

**ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

John 14: 23-29

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

**OREMUS**

*Let us Pray*

**SICK**

Lily Rose Parks, Bernard Fonti, Alice Gatt, Peter Haylen, Manuel Mouco

**PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL  
CARE/HOMEBOUND**

Tom Carlton, Sr Joan Pender rscj, Frank Mifsud, Margaret Stocker, Jill Rees, John Dorahy, Brenda Longworth, Christine Moyle, Olga Nasser, Maria Pockaj, Lucienne Radzynski, Nicole Chiaradia

**BELOVED DECEASED**

Fr Noel Mansfield msc, Rosaria Ciaglia, Almerinda Da Cruz, Jasinta Sugiyati, Lie Arie Sutiali, Sr Anne McGrath rscj, Pasquale Battista, Fr Michael Fallon msc

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Diamantino Da Cruz, Jack Papallo, Daniel McGaughan, Agnes Smith, Plutarco Cadornigara, Oscar Corpuz, Carlo & Alfredo Pengue, Claire Bowen, Peter Ryan

**NOTE: Saturday Vigil Mass from May 17<sup>th</sup> till end of August – 5:30pm. (Following consultation) PHMSC**

**MAINTENANCE: many leaks in the church this week of heavy rain.**

**WALK WITH CHRIST: OLR Events Team!**

Online preparation:

<https://gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>

**ROSTERS**

24/25 MAY	SATURDAY 5:30PM	SUNDAY 9:30AM	SUNDAY 6PM
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Allen	Arthur Handojo	Handojo Widjaja
<b>Readers</b>	Simona Wong Cathy Shiner	Nani Widarto Billy Siauwidjaja	Natalia Kuirintinus Geraldine Marcellino
<b>E. Ministers</b>	Sr Pauline Richards	Francine Pirola Byron Pirola	Michael Reyes
<b>KidsChurch</b>	Sherly & Sisca		
<b>Counters</b>	Helen Liew, Bob Brenac, Jan Nicholas		
<b>Comm to Sick</b>	Jan Nicholas		
31 MAY/1 JUN	SATURDAY 5:30PM	SUNDAY 9:30AM	SUNDAY 6PM
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Ryan	Danny Tjahjadi	John Allen
<b>Readers</b>	Br Rory Higgins Bernadine Lavender	Kayla Thumwanich Jeff Kildea	Isabel Reyes Patricia Reyes
<b>E. Ministers</b>	Simona Wong	Robyn Kildea Ana Corpuz	Marieann Duncan
<b>KidsChurch</b>	Caroline & Martha		
<b>Counters</b>	Johanna Jahja, Marissa Meyn		
<b>Comm to Sick</b>	Robyn Kildea		

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**Three convict priests also arrived in 1800 sent because of suspicion they were involved in an insurrection in Ireland. One, Fr Dixon, was given a conditional pardon and allowed to celebrate the sacraments in Sydney, Liverpool and Parramatta on successive Sundays beginning in 1803. However, this was revoked after the Irish lead Castle Hill Insurrection in 1804 and all three convict priests were deported.** The next priest to arrive was an **Irish Cistercian, Fr Jeremiah O'Flynn.** However, **he did not have Government permission** and after some hide and seek he was deported but not before he left the Blessed Sacrament with **the Dempsey Family in their house in The Rocks.** Catholics gathered to recite the Rosary there. You may recall that the Stinson family of OLR are direct descendants of this Dempsey family – commemorated last year.

**The first authorised priests, Frs Therry and Connolly, arrived in 1820.** Fr Connolly went immediately to Tasmania, there being a large penal colony, harsh as always, at Port Arthur. And so, our uncertain beginnings were built up to the flourishing Church we see today, and we can thank Our Lady for her protection throughout. A hymn worth recovering is that written by the Australian poet, James McAuley, ***Help of Christians Guard this Land....***

**Prayer from the Mass for the 24 May, Mary, Help of Christians:** "Almighty and ever-living God, who placed the love of Our Lady, Help of Christians in the hearts of those who brought the Catholic faith to these shores, grant, through her intercession, wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens, so that, under her protection, Australia may know harmony, justice and peace. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen"

## MAY 26 - LAUDATO SI'

It's Laudato Si' Week! We're celebrating the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on this planet, "our common home." Laudato Si' says that "Everything is interconnected." This simple truth tells us that our bodies, souls, communities, and ecosystems form one delicate web. To neglect one thread is to weaken the whole. As you go through your day, become more aware of these connections. Practice gratitude for the water you drink, the food you eat, and the people who make your life possible.



**May 26**

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### Did you know?

Pope Francis' ecology encyclical, Laudato Si', turns 10 years old this week. It says that "The earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor." Pope Francis gives voice to a suffering Earth, echoing the biblical image of creation groaning (Rom 8:22). What would it mean to treat the Earth not as a resource, but as a precious creation of God?

## HOLY HOURS

Join us for Adoration **Monday 26 May 6-7pm** (call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour) and Thursdays before 6:00pm Mass. **Reconciliation is available.**

## PETER TO ROT CELEBRATIONS 2025

**Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kensington**  
**6th July 2025 at 11.30am**

Celebrating 80 years of his death and 30 years of beatification and anticipation of canonization in September 2025.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with providing morning tea after the 9:30am Sunday Mass. If you're available to help once a month please contact the parish office.

## FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Please join us at OLR Church on the **first Saturday of each month** for the "5 first Saturdays Devotion" associated with Our Lady of Fatima. **5.30pm Rosary with confessions available followed by 6pm Mass.**

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**First Friday Masses with anointing of the Sick at 9am, also at the Thursday evening Mass the day before the First Friday. PHMSC**

## CATHOLIC JOURNEY

Are you or someone you know interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Our parish offers RCIA for adults. Please contact us on 9663 1070 or at [olrkensoevangelise@gmail.com](mailto:olrkensoevangelise@gmail.com) for more information. All parishioners welcomed to attend any or all of the sessions.

## PARISH COLLECTIONS 17/18 MAY

First Collection	\$1,776
Second Collection	\$827
Envelope Collection	\$9,680
(Above includes online direct donations)	

**Stained-Glass Window Repairs so far \$2,700 (Aim: \$12,000)**



**PAROUSIA**  **EASTFEST**  
EASTERN DEANERY  
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**WHY BE CATHOLIC?**  
How to defend your faith

**TRENT HORN**  
CATHOLIC APOLOGIST AND  
AUTHOR FROM USA  
PRESENTER AT THE  
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS



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NORTH BONDI BEACH

**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
MASS AT 7PM  
TALK 7.30PM  
FOLLOWED BY  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

MORE INFO  
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EVENT IS FREE  
BUT REGO  
ESSENTIAL



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BALL COURTS OPPOSITE THE  
CHURCH



**DATE:** 01 JUNE 2025

**VENUE:** ST JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC  
PARISH, 46 WARATAH RD, ENGADINE

**THE PROGRAM:**

12.30PM - 1.30PM	WELCOME, FELLOWSHIP & SAUSAGE SIZZLE
1.30PM - 4.30PM	WORSHIP & ADORATION
5.00PM - 6.00PM	CHARISMATIC MASS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN 5-14YRS.

KINDLY REGISTER FOR CATERING PURPOSES (FREE ADMISSION)  
BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR CLICKING THE [LINK](#).



## A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at on 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES AT OLR

### JOIN THE FUN AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

OLR offers four engaging youth activities for children to participate in:

- **Kids Church:** A welcoming space for younger children to learn during 9.30am Sunday Family Mass
- **Altar Serving:** be part of team that helps during Mass and special celebrations
- **Youth Group:** Join us for fun and activities that help you grow in faith
- **Kids Choir:** enjoy singing together once a month as part of our choir



For more information, visit the  
**Parish Noticeboard** outside the  
front of the church or email  
[parishoffice@olrkensington.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@olrkensington.org.au)



JOIN US TO GROW IN FAITH, SERVICE, AND COMMUNITY!

## SEARCH ME AND KNOW MY HEART: RETREAT FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

If you serve in your parish liturgical life in any capacity (acolytes, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, ushers, collectors, etc), and especially if you serve behind the scenes, this retreat is for you. Includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, talks by the Dominican Sisters, fellowship and discussion. Hosted by the Sydney Liturgy Office.

**DATE:** Saturday 7 June 2025 | **TIME:** 9:30am - 4:00 pm  
**VENUE:** St Martha's, 38 Renwick St Leichhardt  
**COST:** \$20 (includes morning tea and lunch)

## SEASONS OF RENEWAL – CORPUS CHRISTI

Join us online as we explore practical ideas to assist your parish in preparing for Corpus Christi and the Walk with Christ. The workshop covers tips for creatively considering how your parish might make the most of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi to evangelise, including practical preparation, promotion, and invitation. All welcome!

**DATE:** Monday 26 May 2025  
**TIME:** 7:30pm - 8:30pm  
**MODE:** Online via Zoom  
Register at  
<https://gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>



OLR Parishioners are invited to join the "Walk with Christ" pilgrimage to St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 22 June.

**Meeting time:** 2:00 pm (The procession will begin at 2:30pm)

**Meeting Point:** In front of United Overseas Bank (UOB) building, 32 Martin Place  
Look for our OLR banner.

[Click here/scan for meeting point location.](#)

