

THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH
DECEMBER 8 2024 | SECOND SUNDAY OF
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Continuing Pope Francis' Encyclical: *Dilexit Nos – He Loved Us...on the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

Saint John Henry Newman took as his motto the phrase *Cor ad cor loquitur*, since, beyond all our thoughts and ideas, **the Lord saves us by speaking to our hearts from his Sacred Heart.** This realization led him, the distinguished intellectual, to recognize that his deepest encounter with himself and with the Lord came not from his reading or reflection, but **from his prayerful dialogue, heart to heart, with Christ, alive and present.** It was in the Eucharist that Newman encountered the living heart of Jesus, capable of setting us free, giving meaning to each moment of our lives, and bestowing true peace...

27. Before the heart of Jesus, living and present, our mind, enlightened by the Spirit, grows in the understanding of his words and our will is moved to put them into practice... Hearing and tasting the Lord, and paying him due honour, however, is a matter of the heart. **Only the heart is capable of setting our other powers and passions, and our entire person, in a stance of reverence and loving obedience before the Lord.**

THE WORLD CAN CHANGE, BEGINNING WITH THE HEART

28. It is only **by starting from the heart** that our communities will succeed in uniting and reconciling differing minds and wills, so that the Spirit can guide us in unity as brothers and sisters. Reconciliation and peace are also born of the heart. The heart of Christ is "ecstasy", openness, gift and encounter. In that heart, we learn to relate to one another in wholesome and happy ways, and to build up in this world God's kingdom of love and justice. **Our hearts, united with the heart of Christ, are capable of working this social miracle.**

29. Taking the heart seriously, then, has consequences for society as a whole. The Second Vatican Council teaches that, **"every one of us needs a change of heart;** we must set our gaze on the whole world and look to those tasks we can all perform together in order to bring about the betterment of our race". For **"the imbalances affecting the world today are in fact a symptom of a deeper imbalance rooted in the human heart"**. [21] In pondering the tragedies afflicting our world, the Council urges us to return to the heart. It explains that human beings "by their interior life, transcend the entire material universe; they experience this deep interiority **when they enter into their own heart, where God, who probes the heart, awaits them,** and where they decide their own destiny in the sight of God".

30. This in no way implies an undue reliance on our own abilities. Let us never forget that our hearts **are not self-sufficient, but frail and wounded.** The Second Vatican Council points out that "the ferment of the Gospel has aroused and continues to arouse in human hearts an unquenchable thirst for human dignity". Yet to live in accordance with this dignity, it is not enough to know the Gospel or to carry out mechanically its demands. **We need the help of God's love.** Let us turn, then, to the heart of Christ, that core of his being, which is **a blazing furnace of divine and human love** and the most sublime fulfilment to which humanity can aspire. There, in that heart, we truly come at last to know ourselves and we learn how to love.

31. In the end, that Sacred Heart is the unifying principle of all reality, since **"Christ is the heart of the world, and the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection is the centre of history, which, because of him, is a history of salvation.**



THIS WEEK



SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch, Morning Tea
3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass
5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 9 DECEMBER – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:00am Mass
6:00pm Adoration/Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER – ST DAMASUS I NO 9:00am Mass

10:00am Funeral Mass – Fr Terry Bowman msc

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

5:00pm Holy Hour/Adoration/Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER – ST LUCY

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER – ST JOHN OF THE CROSS

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

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 6:00pm (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

Saturday 5:30-6.00pm
Sunday 5.30-6.00pm
Thursday 5:00pm-6pm

ROSARY

First Saturday before 6.00pm Mass

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING

Baruch 5: 1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3: 1-6

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

MAINTENANCE:

Sacristies cleaned of black mould – (Thanks Stephen Chiew).
Roof to be fixed before Christmas.
Finalising stained glass contract.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Tom Carlton, Bernard Fonti, Alice Gatt, Bob Brenac, Katerina Gazzance, Tony Khoshendro, Peter Haylen, Selina Fung, Faalele Jane Reekers, Wong Chung Hua, Rinda Wijaja Suparto, Anna Vigliante, John Stuart Park, Kim Michelle Pastor, Nyauw Kim Tjin, Cendrati Kurniawan (*mother of Henny Wong*), Shona Kaiwai, Grace Provino, Hima, Margaret McShane, Evelyn Marquez, Maria & Ivan Zic, Grace Veronica, Amina Chahrouk, Salvatore Messina, Elisabetta Nesci, Umberto Vaccarella, A.L., Xavier Stratton, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family, Gavin Robertson, Chris (*Cindy's husband*), Manuel Mouco, Eva (*Nicole's mum*), Paul Galea, Lynne Chaundhuri

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Sr Joan Pender, Frank Mifsud, Margaret Stocker, Terrence Hertford, Brian Beaver, Rose Kelter, Sebastiano Gentile, Robert Preece, Gai Tyne, Gina Vizacos, John Dorahy, William Van Burke, Brenda Longworth, Christine Moyle, Olga Nasser, Fr Chris Murphy msc, Jill Rees, Sayde Harb, Maria Pockaj, Lucienne Radzysinski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Fr Terry Bowman msc, Fr Paul Guy msc, Robert Joseph Baker

ANNIVERSARIES

Br James Maher msc, Jack Papallo, Carlo and Alfredo Pengue

ROSTERS

7/8 DEC	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Allen	Yosep Rizal	Gunawan Gunawan
Readers	Simona Wong Br Rory Higgins	Nani Widarto Billy Siauwidjaja	Alice Beavis Erin Beavis
E. Ministers	Shilla Azalea	Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti	Marieann Duncan
KidsChurch	Lily & Eka		
Counters	Inge Sutanto, Johanna Jahja		
Comm to Sick	Jan Nicholas		
14/15 DEC	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	Yosep Rizal	Handojo Widjaja
Readers	Sr Helen Hearne Bernadine Lavender	Toni McGuinness Rob McGuinness	Isabel Reyes Natalia Kuirintinus
E. Ministers	Alice Mouco	Kayla Thumwanich Andreas Johan	Geraldine Marcellino
KidsChurch	Caroline & Henny Wong		
Counters	Selvi Ung, Jan Nicholas		
Comm to Sick	Robyn Kildea		

Terry Bowman, in his local context – the township of Koroit (an Aboriginal Name – meaning is obscure) in Western Victoria. Many of you will have at least heard of, perhaps even travelled the “Great Ocean Road” along the South-Western coast of Victoria, famous for the “12 Apostles”. Koroit is about 35km further on towards the South Australian Border. The Western District of Victoria is a very expansive volcanic plane with numerous volcanoes. **Koroit is situated along the rim of Tower Hill, a now extinct volcano.** The town’s population has remained largely static around 1,600 people.

Koroit is inextricably connected to its **Irish heritage**. Each year it has a well-attended, and well-lubricated, **Irish Festival** – hence Terry’s love of music and conviviality fits perfectly with the local culture. **Koroit is one of the few places in Australia where Irish people fleeing the terrible Famines which afflicted the country, especially 1848-52, migrated** as assisted labourers. During the Famine over a million Irish died of starvation, (even as the country was exporting food to England which brutally ruled the country), and two or so millions more migrated to the more reachable England, Canada and the USA. Well into the 1950s one could detect **the influence of Irish accents among the people of Koroit**. They worked at what they knew best: agriculture, and the fertile volcanic soil around Koroit saw quite small land holdings produce huge quantities of potatoes and other vegetables, together with dairy herds. **Horse racing** was also synonymous **with Koroit’s Irish culture**, as was Catholicism.

Catholics were the dominant faith. It is seen in the number of schools associated with the quite small **parish of Infant Jesus of Koroit**: four primary schools – three of which were in small villages within a few miles of Koroit itself, and one in the town which also had a secondary school. All were conducted by the **Sisters of the Good Samaritan**, “Good Sams” to the locals. In fact, vocations were plentiful to that Order: I believe over 60 women from Koroit Parish entered the Good Sams alone, with others entering other orders of Sisters. Quite a few local men became diocesan priests. **The MSC who established a boarding school in Hamilton about 50 miles from Koroit** attracted men from towns all around the area to their community as well. Terry being one, myself from the next town, (once known as Belfast, soon changed, I imagine from the sheer weight of Catholics in the area, to Port Fairy, named after a ship which plied those waters), and Tim Brennan (now Superior of the Kensington Monastery) from Terang. We latter two mentioned were raised, at least initially, in that very Irish profession of Hoteliers. To add true weight to **our Catholic credentials, Mary Mackillop taught at Portland, the next town on from Port Fairy**, before beginning her famous “Brown Joey” Sisters in an obscure town in South Australia’s wine growing district – **Penola**.

The Koroit Irish Festival has kept Irish music, dance and culture well and truly alive. They have a *Danny Boy* competition, and in the recent past, while there was a strong sense of fun, conversation and humour, there was an undertone of the sadness communicated through the Irish songs still sung: ***Danny Boy* epitomising the sense of loss and sorrow not too far beneath the Irish collective memory.** Two famous authors lived at least part of their lives in Koroit: **Henry Handel Richardson** (*Fortunes of Richard Mahoney*). She had an intense dislike of Koroit. Novelist **Frank Hardy** spent his early years there. He wrote *Power Without Glory* exposing corruption in the racing and gambling industry with some connections to Catholic figures of note. Frank outgrew his Catholicism becoming an ardent Communist. **I highly recommend a road trip to this beautiful part of our Planet. PHMSC**



**Infant Jesus Church, Koroit.
Terry was Baptised and Ordained**



**“Good Sams” Convent, Koroit.
(Now, unfortunately, a restaurant.)**



**Tower Hill, Volcano
along the rim of which
Koroit is built.**

FUNERAL FR TERRY BOWMAN MSC



Sharing of Memories:

Sacred Heart Monastery Chapel
Tuesday 10th December - 6:30pm

Funeral:

Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 11th December - 10am
(NO 9.00AM MASS)

Parking on the Monastery Oval,
enter from Tunstall Ave.

CHRISTMAS STALL SR DUCHESNE - OLSH

Dear Fr Peter and Our Lady of the Rosary Parishioners,

I thank you sincerely for letting me recently hold a Christmas Stall in your parish. You will be pleased to know and I am astounded that the grand total raised was **\$2,638.20**. This will be a tremendous boost to the sisters’ work in the mission, in providing care and a home for these orphans, who stay at the orphanage until they turn 18. They then move onto a job or higher education. Again, my very sincere thanks for this generous effort. I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and every joy and blessing for the new year.

Take care,
Sr Duchesne Lavin fdnsc

HOLY HOURS

Join us for Adoration **Monday 9th December
6pm-7pm** (*call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour*) and Thursdays before 6:00pm Mass.
Reconciliation is available.

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. **5.00pm**
Rosary with confessions available | 5.30pm Mass.

PARISH COLLECTIONS 31 NOV/1 DEC

First Collection	\$1,137
Second Collection	\$747
Envelope Collection	\$530

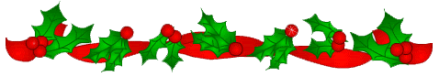


2024 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Christmas Eve, Tues 24 Dec
5:30pm - Carols
6:00pm - Family Mass
NO LATE NIGHT MASS

Christmas Day, Wed 25 Dec
9:30am - Family Mass
6:00pm – Mass



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 9390 5810 Or

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrant: The Second Advent Candle is lit in honour of Bethlehem, the town in which Christ was born. It is also known as the Peace Candle. (The candle is lit as the following is said.)



The Prophet Isaiah referred to the one who was to come as “the Prince of Peace”, while the Prophet Micah prophesied that it would be in “Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah that the promised liberator would be born.”

Let us pray that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with joy.

Lord Jesus, remove the things that hinder us from receiving you with joy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are our hope and our peace.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, lead us to purity of heart and mind this Advent.

Lord, have mercy.

DAILY EXAMEN

St Ignatius of Loyola, to give him his full title, was the founder of the Jesuit Order (1534 – the very year King Henry VIII in England was finishing his ‘work’ of extinguishing the monasteries and convents of England.) Ignatius began a great change from the existing religious order structures which were required to meet eight times daily “in choir” to sing the Psalms and Hymns known now as the Prayer of the Church. (This Prayer is extended now, in part or whole, to all Catholics.) The Jesuits were to be highly mobile, and needed a strong spirituality to persevere on mission and to be fruitful in that mission. **Ignatius formed them to be “contemplatives in action”**. As well as their obligation to the eight times a day Prayer of the Church in private and the Eucharist, he insisted that they make a daily “examen” of their life. This practice became part of the daily “rule” of many religious communities of men and women founded after the Jesuits, including the MSC. The *Examen* is recommended for all who desire to be close to Jesus in their life – lay or religious. There are five steps, usually moved through at the close of the day:

1. Place yourself in the Presence of God – Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit.
2. Call to mind what you are most grateful for over the past day; dwell on the memories, enjoy them, and THANK God.
3. Review the day, hour by hour, to see where you encountered God – in people, places, things. This will make up most of the prayer time whose purpose is to deepen awareness of the graces received.
4. Call to mind any failures, any sins committed during the day, and see what can be done to repair what was broken, and anything you could have handled better. Ask God for forgiveness.
5. Close by asking God for the grace to find God the next day.

Most people live very busy lives – this simple five step prayer activity can help us slow down, become more aware of the Presence of God in even the smallest of encounters. It helps us see and seek God’s guidance before, during and after decisions we make, to guide us in our responses to people and events in our lives. PHMSC