THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH MARCH 2 2025 | EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME | YEAR C

LENT: Lent comes from an old English word for "lengthen", because at that time in the Northern Hemisphere Winter is on the way out and the first signs of Spring are on the way in with the days beginning to *lengthen*. All this is seen as the promise of the Resurrection of Jesus, the Light of the World, coming at Easter tide in the first days of Spring: all pointing to new life in nature as Spring rises.

Our personal and communal Journey to Easter is a journey into our own hearts to find what needs to be healed, forgiven, redeemed, enlightened, made new. The ashes of Ash Wednesday remind us of our mortality, that our life will end, and the need, each day, each moment, to always strive to live worthy of our life in Christ. We bear his name, his very presence within us: called, as a consequence, to be his hands, voice, ears, eyes and heart in our world. This moves the Church to reach out to the poor and suffering, the lonely and overlooked of this world, whom God never over-looks. Is there a more beautiful vocation?

In a world that so pushes consumerism, as if having more will somehow make us more happy, more fulfilled, the Liturgy of Lent calls us to focus on **our being**, who we are, the kind of person we have become and who we are called to be by Jesus. Our journey to Easter is a journey in company with Jesus as we follow day by day his personal journey through death to the resurrection. His journey is our journey, for he communicates his life to us and journeys with us. So, we move from ashes, dead things, signs of our own mortality and need for renewal of life, to the renewal of our Baptismal Covenant with reception of the Eucharist at Easter; and then we journey on to the fire of the New Life of the Spirit of the Risen Lord at Pentecost.

This is a liturgical pilgrimage of 90 beautiful days. Integral to that journey is the Sacrament of Reconciliation – which will be available at the normal times and before and after each Mass on weekends and weekdays from now till Holy Week. (PS I may look as though I am asleep – but I am actually praying – but feel free to "awaken me" if you wish to go to Confession.) Peter Hearn MSC

Lenten DAYS OF PENANCE: a reminder from Archbishop Anthony.

- 1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, must be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.
- 2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following: (a) **prayer** for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary. (b) **self-denial** for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television. (c) **helping others** for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened. **Give to Project Compassion.**

PASCHAL PRECEPT: Every Catholic of appropriate age is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 5th March, and Trinity Sunday, 15th June, 2025 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.



THIS WEEK



SATURDAY 1 MARCH

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

SUNDAY 2 MARCH

9:30am Confirmation Commitment Mass

+ KidsChurch, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass 5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 3 MARCH - ST KATHARINE DREXEL

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration/Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH

9:00am Mass with OLR School 6:00pm Mass

8:00pm Indonesian Mass

ASH WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY 6 MARCH

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

FRIDAY 7 MARCH - STS PERPETUA AND FELICITY

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 8 MARCH - ST JOHN OF GOD

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

SUNDAY 9 MARCH - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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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

BAPTISMS | WEDDINGS | SACRAMENTS | RCIA

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING

Sirach 27: 4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6: 39-45

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.



ASH WEDNESDAY

5th March 2025 Masses: 9:00am & 6:00pm

Simona Wong

Johanna Jahja, Marissa Meyn

Lil & Sherly

Trish Veness

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, Frank Mifsud, Margaret Stocker, Jill Rees, John Dorahy, Brenda Longworth, Christine Moyle, Olga Nasser, Maria Pockaj, Lucienne Radzyminski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Ena Delaney, Helena Adamek-Zychowicz (mother of Anna Jordan), Br Reg Pritchard msc, Kathleen Cullen, Fr Chris Murphy msc

ANNIVERSARIES

Aurelio Coelho, Grasinda Rodrigues,
Jack Papallo, Anthony Jahja, John Sutton,
Madeline Rowley, Tom Simpson, Betty
Mansfield, Kevin McGregor, Vince Sarkis Hage,
Carlo & Alfredo Pengue, Marko Matic,
Ruza Studenovic, Ana Gamulin, Simon
Tresoglavic, Sr Margaret McKay rscj,
Lynette Marie Allen, Barbara Zakrzewski,
Fr Adrian Meaney msc, Br Barney Delaney msc
Philomena McGrath Morgan

SACRAMENTAL DATES

12 and 19 November 6.30pm

Confirmation: Sacrament Administered Wednesday - 28 May 6.30pm
First Holy Communion: Enrolment: 6 August, 6.30pm Church; Masses 9.30am Sunday 14 and 21 September First Reconciliation: Enrolment: 17 September; Sacrament conferred:

ROSTERS

E. Ministers

KidsChurch

Comm to Sick

Counters

1/2 MARCH	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Ryan	Yosep Rizal	Danny Tjahjadi
Readers	Br Rory Higgins	Nani Widarto	Alice Beaver
	Bernadine Lavender	Ana Corpuz	Erin Beaver
		P of F - OLR Year 6	
E. Ministers	Joyance Jo	Margaret Rigotti	Michael Reyes
		Roy Rigotti	
KidsChurch	ME & Arty		
Counters	Robyn Kildea, Jan Nicholas, Bob Brenac		
Comm to Sick	Robyn Kildea		
8/9 MARCH	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Allen	Arthur Handojo	Briant Koh
Readers	Jorence Jo	Roy Rigotti	Natalia Kuirintinus
	Joyance Jo	Ross Martin	Marissa Meyn

Trish Veness

Amalia Iovanella

Patricia Reyes

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Of Note: Ramadan began Friday evening. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community. Ramadan begins and ends with the appearance of the crescent moon. It is celebrated as the month during which Muhammad received the initial revelations of the Quran, the holy book for Muslims. The *Fast* during Ramadan means not eating or drinking between sunrise and sunset.

FOLLOWING UP: FIRE WARDENS FROM LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN

If you would like to know how to operate an extinguisher – let me know after any of the Masses this weekend. I will take it for granted that Acolytes will be happy to learn how to do this. We have a qualified Fire Fighter prepared to come and train us at a mutually acceptable time.

Peter Hearn msc.

FOLLOW UP: FIRST AID QUALIFIED PEOPLE

Please see me after the Masses this weekend if you have this current qualification. We just need to know what Mass you mostly attend. Peter Hearn msc

MAINTENANCE:

We are progressing through items listed in a very comprehensive audit done in 2018 for a 10 year plan.

Next up: Painting windows etc in Office, MSC Residence and Rosary Room. Stained glass windows - repairs to be started soon. PHMSC







HOLY HOURS

Join us for Adoration **Monday 3rd March 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. **5.30pm 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 for more information. All parishioners welcomed to attend any or all of the sessions.

PARISH COLLECTIONS 22/23 FEB

First Collection
Second Collection
Envelope Collection

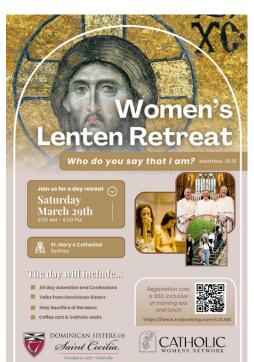
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\$1.482

\$5,245

\$767





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 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5810. 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.



PROJECTCOMPASSION

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 1ST AND 2ND OF MARCH 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable. Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need.



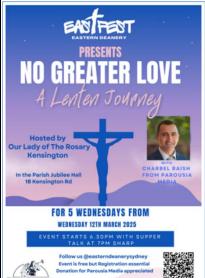


Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. **Or online at**: caritas.org.au/project-compassion **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413 Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

ST PATRICK'S FEAST DAY MASS - ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Bishop Terry Brady, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus warmly invites you to the celebration of the St Patrick's Feast Day Mass. Monday, 17th March 2025 at 10:00am | St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. No allocated seating or reservations are required.



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