

THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH
OCTOBER 26 2025 | THIRTIETH
SUNDAY IN ORD TIME | YEAR C

Apostolic Exhortation: *Dilexi Te* “He loves you”: Begun by Pope Francis, completed by Pope Leo. “The poor are at the heart of the Church”.

Dilexi te builds on the teaching of Francis’ final encyclical – *Dilexit nos*, on the Sacred Heart of Jesus – highlighting the “close connection” between the love of God and love for the poor. “In the poor”, writes Pope Leo, God “continues to speak to us”. (5) With regard to the statement about the Church’s preferential option for the poor, Pope Leo clarifies that this “‘preference’ never indicates exclusivity or discrimination towards other groups” but instead emphasizes “God’s actions, which are moved by compassion toward the poverty and weakness of all humanity”. (16) “On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ Himself”. (9)

Pope Leo calls for action concerning the many “faces of the poor and of poverty”, including “the poverty of those who lack material means of subsistence” or “who are socially marginalized and lack the means to give voice to their dignity and abilities”. (9) He also notes the existence of moral, spiritual, and cultural poverty; the poverty of “those who have no rights, no space, no freedom”, and although “the commitment to the poor and to removing the social and structural causes of poverty has gained importance in recent decades... it remains insufficient”. (10)

The Pope warns about economic “rules” that increase wealth for a few but also increase inequality (10, 13). “I can only state once more that inequality ‘is the root of social ills’” (94). “The claim that the modern world has reduced poverty is made by measuring poverty with criteria from the past that do not correspond to present-day realities.” He welcomes the fact that “the United Nations has made the eradication of poverty one of its Millenium Goals” (13, 10). However, the wealth of the few continues to grow “exponentially” while the gap between rich and poor increases; and “ideologies that defend the absolute autonomy of the marketplace and financial speculation” remain widespread”. (92)

The Holy Father condemns “pseudo-scientific data” used to support the claim “that a free-market economy will automatically solve the problem of poverty”, as well as the idea that “we should opt for pastoral work with the so-called elite, since, rather than wasting time on the poor, it would be better to care for the rich” to gain their assistance in finding real-world solutions for poverty. (114)

Pope Leo also devotes ample space to the theme of migration, illustrating his words with the image of Alan Kurdi, the three-year-old Syrian boy who in 2015 became a symbol of the European migrant crisis with the photo of his lifeless body on a beach. (See picture next page). “Unfortunately, apart from some momentary outcry, similar events are becoming increasingly irrelevant and seen as marginal news items.” (11)



THIS WEEK



SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER - CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

5:00pm-5:30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass (Permanent time)

1st Reconciliation Pledges

SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER – CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

9:30am Year 2 Family Mass - 1st Reconciliation Pledges, KidsChurch + Morning Tea

11:00am Walk with Mary Rosary Pilgrimage

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:30pm-6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 27 OCTOBER

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration/Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER

9:00am Mass

7:00pm Centenary Committee Meeting

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER

5:00pm: Adoration | Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS

5:00pm-5:30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass (Permanent time)

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER – ALL SOULS

9:30am Mass, KidsChurch + Morning Tea

11:00am Baptisms

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 5.30pm Mass

BAPTISMS | WEDDINGS |
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RESPONSES
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord
rejoice; turn to the Lord and his
strength; constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the
world to himself; and the Good
News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your
saving help and exult in the name
of our God.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

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

**PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL
CARE/HOMEBOUND**

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

BELOVED DECEASED

Sr Mary Duchesne Lavin fdnsc,
Manuel Ascencao Dias, Law Kah Hock,
Jennifer O'Halloran, Thomas Wharton,
Marina Medina, Patricia Irish

ANNIVERSARIES

Carlo Pengue, Alfredo Pengue, Dudley Nicol,
Joachim Yap Tet Fah, Maria Lee Ee Choo,
Jack Papallo, Pasquale Iovannella,
Sr Margaret Rita Ellis, Nella Custorella,
Frank Bowman, John Rees, Fr Gregory Hannan,
Marie Jean Dunne

SACRAMENTAL DATES
First Reconciliation:

Enrolments are now closed.

Ceremony: Wednesday 19 November, 6:30pm

MAINTENANCE

- Defibrillator to be installed
- Security cameras needed before we can leave the church open.
- Photos of the Pope, Archbishop & Monsignor McAuliffe to be installed in foyer

ROSTERS

25/26 OCT	SATURDAY 5:30PM	SUNDAY 9:30AM	SUNDAY 6PM
Acolyte	John Allen	Gus Alimhamzah	John Ryan
Readers	Simona Wong Bernadine Lavender	Michelle Alimhamzah Ana Corpuz	Marieann Duncan Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	Shilla Azalea	Dewi Suryani Margaret Rigotti	Patricia Reyes
Kids Church	Lily & Eka		
Counters	Jan Nicholas, Arief Suhadi		
Comm to Sick	Jan Nicholas		
1/2 NOV	SATURDAY 5:30PM	SUNDAY 9:30AM	SUNDAY 6PM
Acolyte	Danny Tjahjadi	Arthur Handjojo	Briant Koh
Readers	Sr Pauline Richards Br Rory Higgins	Francine Pirola Byron Pirola	Petra Haylen Paul Haylen
E. Ministers	Simona Wong	Trish Veness Ana Corpuz	Michael Reyes
Kids Church	Lia & Caroline		
Counters	Selvi Ung, Robyn Kildea		
Comm to Sick	Trish Veness		

"The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking. Where the world sees threats, she sees children; where walls are built, she builds bridges. She knows that her proclamation of the Gospel is credible only when it is translated into gestures of closeness and welcome. And she knows that in every rejected migrant, it is Christ himself who knocks at the door of the community". (75)

With regard to migration, the Pope adopts Francis' famous **"four verbs"**: **"welcome, protect, promote, and integrate"**. Similarly, we must not forget **those women, the "doubly poor"**... who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment and violence, since they are frequently less able to defend their rights", he adds, quoting Francis. (12)

The Pope reflects on **the causes of poverty**: "The poor are not there by chance or by blind and cruel fate. **Nor, for most of them, is poverty a choice**", he says. **"Yet, there are those who still presume to make this claim, thus revealing their own blindness and cruelty"**. (14) While recognizing that "among the poor there are also those who do not want to work, perhaps because their ancestors, who worked all their lives, died poor". The Pope highlights that there are "so many others — men and women — **who nonetheless work from dawn to dusk, perhaps collecting scraps or the like, even though they know that their hard work will only help them to scrape by, but never really improve their lives**". (14)

In one of the main points of *Dilexi Te*, Pope Leo insists that it cannot be said "that most of the poor are such because they do not 'deserve' otherwise, as maintained by that specious view of meritocracy that sees only the successful as 'deserving'" (14). **"There are those who say: 'Our task is to pray and teach sound doctrine'. Separating this religious aspect from integral development, they even say that it is the government's job to care for them, or that it would be better not to lift them out of their poverty but simply to teach them to work"**. (114)

"We Christians must not abandon almsgiving. It can be done in different ways, and surely more effectively, but it must continue to be done. It is always better at least to do something rather than nothing... For our part, we need to give alms as a way of reaching out and touching the suffering flesh of the poor". (119) **"We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor"**. (36)

On the absolute right to education: **"Children have a right to knowledge as a fundamental requirement for the recognition of human dignity."** (72)

Finally, on the poor finding a **place at the heart of the Church**: "No Christian can regard the poor simply as a societal problem", he insists; rather **"they are part of our 'family'. They are 'one of us'"**. And so, he says, **"our relationship**

to the poor" cannot **"be reduced to merely another ecclesial activity or function."** (104). Peter Hearn MSC (Source: Vatican News abridged.)



Syrian child Alan Kurdi after his refugee boat capsized in Mediterranean Sea. 02/09/2015

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



NOVEMBER
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

The Month of November is a time of special remembrance of those who have died.

We invite you to write the names of your deceased family and friends that you wish to remember in our Book of Remembrance located in front of Our Lady's Shrine.

We will pray for them during the month of November. Offerings can be placed in the collection baskets, dropped off at the Parish Office or given to Fr Peter.

HOLY HOURS

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

ENROLMENTS FOR 2026

Give your child the gift of a Catholic Education. Our Lady of the Rosary, Kensington, has places available in **Kindergarten for 2026**.

To enrol, or for more information, go to:-

www.olrkensington.syd.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/enrol-now or phone 9663 3346.

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

You are invited to 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 followed by 5.30pm Mass.**

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 18/19 OCT

First Collection	\$1,536
Second Collection	\$815
Envelope Collection	\$9,730
Above includes direct deposit and BPoint donations.	

When donating through BPoint, please remember to include a reference, thank you.

Hospitality Seminar

PRINCIPLES FOR AUTHENTIC WELCOME

More people are knocking on our church doors... are we ready to welcome them?

Wednesday 26 November
7:00 - 9:00 PM
St Peter Chanel Parish Hall
62 Kingsland Road, Berala



PARISH
RENEWAL TEAM



SISTERS OF LIFE - ADVENT RETREAT

Catholic Women's Network are delighted to be hosting the Sisters of Life for an Advent retreat. Join us for an afternoon of reflection and quiet prayer time in preparation for the Advent season under the theme 'No longer forsaken: The Lord delights in you' (Isaiah 62). The mini-retreat will include input from the Sisters of Life, quiet time, access to the Sacrament of Confession and a Holy Hour. Set aside an afternoon to enter into the stillness and quiet and deepen your relationship with the Lord. Limited spaces available. Light refreshments included.

Saturday, 29 November 2025, 1pm – 5pm
St Joachim's Catholic Church, Lidcombe
\$25 per person. Group discounts available.
Register here

<https://www.trybooking.com/DFBJT>

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. 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.



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



TEENS RETREAT (10-12 OCTOBER) DOMUS CORDIS

Testimony from Bella, Year 6 student at OLR about the retreat:

"First, I want to thank the parish for all the support for making this retreat possible spiritually and financially. The theme this year was 'Real Me' found in Christ representing that who you are as a person is found in Christ and Christ only. During the retreat, we praised God during worship sessions and sacraments encountering Christ, lifting our hearts in praise. My personal highlight of the weekend was the Eucharistic Adoration. I believe that the Holy Spirit was definitely present and touched every single one of our hearts. I would also like to mention the many friendships made and fun activities that we all participated in. It was a very fun opportunity to bond with people around the same age and faith. And yes -We even got McDonalds!! To conclude, I would not only like to thank the parish but also to all the leaders and volunteers for your time, dedication, and love."

PRINCIPLES FOR AUTHENTIC WELCOME: PARISH HOSPITALITY SEMINAR

Do you want your parish to grow in vitality and warmth? Be part of this first Archdiocesan seminar to establish or strengthen your parish welcome and hospitality ministries: Deepen in the Biblical view of genuine hospitality and welcome. Build a hospitality ministry within the parish. Form your current hospitality team to strengthen their skills and build their confidence. **Wednesday 26 November, 7:00-9:00pm | Venue: St Peter Chanel Parish Hall, 62 Kingsland Road Berala**
RSVP at gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

YOU ARE NOT ALONE RETREAT DAY

This retreat day is for married couples who have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage, or stillbirth, and for those still hoping to conceive. Though you may experience pain, grief, and shame, with the support of others and the love of God, you are not alone. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. **Saturday 22 November 2025, 9:00am- 4:00pm at St Martha's (formerly Sydney Catholic Schools) - 38 Renwick St Leichhardt NSW 2040 | Onsite parking available.**
Cost: \$40.00 per married couple (+ booking fees) | To book, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1384481>

JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITIES "BREAKTHROUGH" RETREAT

Jesus Light of the World Communities invite you to their "breakthrough" Retreat to experience God's transformative power in your life. The retreat will include praise and worship, talk from the guest speaker, prayer ministry and fellowship. Our guest speaker is Brian Welsh, a Catholic lay evangelist with the powerful gift of preaching and a passion for advancing the Good News of Jesus through these works of evangelisation. Afternoon tea is served. Bookings essential. **Saturday, 22 November 2025, Time: 1:00–5:30pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall, 11 Walz St., Rockdale, NSW (parking entry through Parker St.)** For enquiries and the book, contact Helen 0433 455 114 or Esperance 0407 749 182 or email: jlowcommunity@gmail.com