

THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH
APRIL 6 2025 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF
LENT | YEAR C

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” Where does this image come from?

It is applied to Jesus by his cousin John at the Baptism. However, the image of a lamb and “taking away sin” would speak quite immediately to Jews because of its long history in Jewish scripture and tradition:

Genesis 22: Abraham has been asked to make a sacrifice as a sign of obedience to God. Isaac, his son, asks him what they will sacrifice? Abraham says: “God will provide himself **the lamb for a burnt offering**, my son” (Gen. 22:8). Isaac, the son, was to be the sacrifice, but then this is forbidden by the Angel, thus outlawing human sacrifice. **Later Jewish-Christian tradition would see the sacrifice of Jesus, THE SON, as fulfilling this need.**

Exodus: About 1250 BC, the Israelites were slaves of Egypt. “God heard their groaning and was mindful of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” Finally, after much obstruction by Pharaoh, God told Moses to have each family take a one-year-old male, unblemished lamb; slaughter it and paint the door posts and lintel of every house where they would eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. That night, the Angel of Death would “Passover” the homes protected by the blood but take the lives of the first-born children of the Egyptians unprotected by the “blood of the lamb”. Because of that blood sacrifice, Pharaoh let the people go. They went from slavery to freedom, from a land of sin to the Promised Land, and from death to new life.

Isaiah, especially, 52:13–53:12 which is read on Good Friday at the Passion. The “suffering servant” is “like a lamb led to the slaughter” (53:7), whose wounds and afflictions are “for our transgressions.” The image is twofold: the Messiah would be both the **sacrificial lamb** to atone for sin and **the suffering servant**.

The daily sacrifices of lambs in the temple at Jerusalem was an everyday reminder of God’s ongoing relationship with his people.

John the Baptist: “Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sins of the world.” Jesus fulfills and yet gives a new meaning to all previous revelation. **In baptism** we are “washed in the blood of the lamb” (Rev. 7:14). This “lamb of God” whose blood was shed, presumes there is something called “sin”. In him, we find both salvation **from** sin and salvation **for** something: our life in Christ, eternal life. **Jesus is specifically identified as “the lamb of God” in the sense of both the sacrificial offering for sin and the suffering servant.** Further, John’s Gospel explicitly states that **Jesus was sentenced to death at the very hour that the Passover lambs were being slaughtered in the Temple. (John 19:14)**

Writing much earlier than John’s Gospel, St. Peter exhorted: “Realize that you were delivered from the futile way of life your fathers handed on to you, not by any perishable sum of silver or gold, but by Christ’s blood beyond all price, **the blood of a spotless, unblemished lamb...**” (I Pt 1:19).

The Book of Revelation portrays **the victory of the Lamb:** “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honour and glory and praise!” (Rev 5:12)

At Mass the Agnus Dei is sung during **the fraction rite**, the breaking of the consecrated Host, symbolising the suffering of Christ. This is followed by the acclamation: “This is the Lamb of God who **takes away the sins of the world**, happy are those who are called to **the supper of the Lamb.**”
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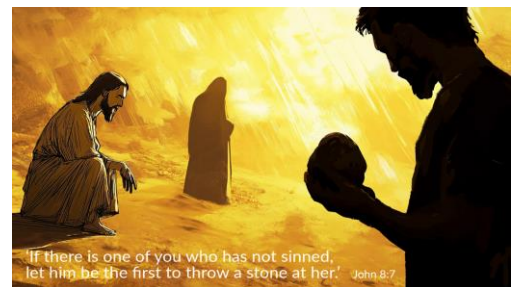
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



The Lamb of God,
slain yet living



THIS WEEK



SATURDAY 5 APRIL – 5TH LENT C

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

SUNDAY 6 APRIL – 5TH LENT C

9:30am Year 5 Family Mass + KidsChurch,
Morning Tea
11:00am Baptisms
3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass
5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 7 APRIL

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

TUESDAY 8 APRIL

7:00pm Communal Rite of Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL

9:00am Mass
6:30pm CHARBEL RAISH - PARISH HALL

THURSDAY 10 APRIL

11:00am Funeral Mass - Rose Patane
5:00pm Holy Hour/Adoration/Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 11 APRIL – ST STANISLAUS

9:00am Mass
9:30AM PALM CROSS MAKING – PARISH OFFICE

SATURDAY 12 APRIL – PALM SUNDAY

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

SUNDAY 13 APRIL – PALM SUNDAY

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

Sat & 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

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43: 16-21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 3: 8-14

ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSEL

John 8: 1-11

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Liane Bodeker, Almarinda Cruz, 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 Radzysinski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Rose Patane, Astride Abeleda, Jeannie Chooi Hong Murcutt (*mother of Scott Murcutt*), Elisa Da Silva

ANNIVERSARIES

Annie Mangioni, Bridie Moon, Lionel Bowen, Margaret Breen, Tom Regan, Anne Moloney, Colleen Hutchison, Glen Kilmurray, Desleigh Carlton, Robyn Greenwell, Jean Newton, Fr John Conroy msc, Jack Papallo, Terry McGuinness, Reina Calderon, Brigid Siely, Marilyn Dorahy

SACRAMENTAL DATES

Confirmation: Sacrament Administered Wednesday 28 May 6.30pm

First Holy Communion: Enrolment: 6 August, 6.30pm Church; Masses 9.30am Sun 14 & 21 September

First Reconciliation: Enrolment: 17 September; Sacrament conferred: 12 & 19 November 6.30pm

ROSTERS

5/6 APRIL	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Arthur Handojo	John Allen
Readers	Bernadine Lavender Br Vince	Nani Widarto Jeff Kildea	Patricia Reyes Isabel Reyes
E. Ministers	Joyance Jo	Francine Pirola Byron Pirola	Geraldine Marcellino
KidsChurch	Patrick & Martha		
Counters	Johanna Jahja, Marissa Meyn, Inge Sutanto		
Comm to Sick	Jan Nicholas		

12/13 APRIL	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Danny Tjahjadi	Gus Alimhamzah	Handojo Widjaja
Readers	Cathy Shiner Sr Diana Hayes Allan White Sr Pauline Richards	Billy Siauwidjaja Ross Martin Michelle Alimhamzah Roy Rigotti Ana Corpuz	Petra Haylen Paul Haylen Natalia Kuirintinus Marissa Meyn Patricia Reyes
E. Ministers	Simona Wong	Kayla Thumwanich Amalia Iovanelia	Michael Reyes
KidsChurch			
Counters	Selvi Ung, Bob Brenac, Jan Nicholas		
Comm to Sick	Robyn Kildea		



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2025

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our local partners on the ground. Our partners are the true heroes, working tirelessly on the frontlines every day to transform lives and build brighter, more hopeful futures for their communities.

**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent

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.



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
- **Youth Group:** Join us for fun and activities that help you grow in faith (Years 5-12)
- **Kids Choir:** enjoy singing together once a month as part of our choir (8+ years old, instrumentalist Grade 3+)
- **Altar Serving:** be part of team that helps during Mass and special celebrations. (children must have completed their Sacrament of Communion)



For more information, visit the **Parish Noticeboard** outside the front of the church or email parishoffice@olrkensington.org.au



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



*Share the joy of
Easter*

Dear Parishioners,

We would appreciate your help to keep it egg-citing for OLR children to celebrate Easter, and welcome your chocolate eggs donation. Please place them in the baskets near the church entrance. Children will be given Easter eggs following OLR Easter Sunday mass. Thank you for your egg-ceptional support.

OLR Kids Church

MSC MISSION OFFICE

Invites Parishioners to morning tea at the Chevalier Resource Centre Red Room (lower carpark) at Kensington Monastery, 1 Roma Avenue, Kensington on **Tuesday 8th April at 10.30am** to meet Fr Sylvain Mbunsu msc who is visiting from Africa. All welcome. RSVP to mscmisio@mscmisio.org

PALM CROSSES

If you're available please join us at the parish office on **Friday 11th April at 9:30am** to make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday.



HOLY HOURS

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



**FOR 5 WEDNESDAYS FROM
WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH 2025**

EVENT STARTS 6.30PM WITH SUPPER
TALK AT 7PM SHARP



Follow us @easterndeanerysydney
Event is free but Registration essential
Donation for Parousia Media appreciated



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FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

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.**

PARISH COLLECTIONS 29/30 MAR

First Collection	\$1,121
Second Collection	\$586
Envelope Collection	\$540

Project Compassion	\$330
Stained-Glass Window Repairs so far	\$1,700

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES



Communal Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday 8th April - 7:00pm

Holy Thursday- 17th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00pm

Good Friday – 18th April

Stations of the Cross - 10.00am

Passion & Death of Jesus – 3:00pm

Catholic Indonesian Community – 5:30pm

Mozart's Requiem Candlelit Event - 8:00pm

Easter Vigil – 19th April

Parish Mass – 6:00pm

Easter Sunday – 20th April

9.30am Easter Mass

Catholic Indonesian Community – 3:00pm

6pm Easter 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 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.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is a community event that raises vital funds to make a big difference for those impacted by cancer



Join us as we play our part in fighting cancer by raising funds for NSW Cancer Council while enjoying special treats, a hot cuppa and most of all, the fun and generous community spirit of our OLR Parish, Kensington!

Date: Sunday, 25th May 2025

Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Where: Tea area, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church

What we ask: A plate of yummy treats to share and a donation (any amount is appreciated)

You can also go to my fundraising page

<https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/anacorpuzABMT>

or scan the QR code



Please donate to my morning tea



Scan the QR code to donate

Your ABMT Coordinator: Ana Corpuz, 0416166149
Supporter ID: 10760

RESEARCH, PREVENTION AND SUPPORT

ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED?

Congratulations! We rejoice with you during this special time as you prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. Catholic Marriage is a little different to civil marriage. It is meant to be a sign of the love God has for each of us. Therefore, Catholic marriage has the same qualities as God's love; freely given, total, faithful and fruitful. It's not always easy to love like God – as human beings we are limited and sometimes selfish making it hard for us to love perfectly. Although loving each other might seem easy to you now, your love will likely be tested in the future by the challenges of life. That's why all our engaged couples participate in a marriage preparation course. This course will equip you with practical tools from contemporary relationship science as well as assisting your celebrant in preparing you spiritually to enter the Sacrament of Matrimony. As it can get very busy in the weeks before the wedding, **you should start this course as soon as possible**. In our parish, the following courses are available.

SmartLoving Engaged: Online Marriage Preparation - Consisting of 9 lessons, you progress through the course at your own pace, doing the couple activities as you go. There is an option for a married Sponsor Couple from your community to accompany you through the course. www.smartloving.org/sydney

SmartLoving Newlywed Date Nites - Starting out in marriage is an exciting time. It's also a critical time for establishing rituals and habits that will become the bedrock of a thriving relationship. Newlywed Date Nites will help you do just that! www.smartloving.org/newlywed **50% discount, use coupon code: SydneyAU**

SmartLoving The Marriage Kit - Investing in your marriage is a life-long commitment. Now, it's easier than ever to access world-class marriage formation from your home that is practical and engaging. This online course of five lessons is tailored to couples seeking a lasting, passionate relationship. www.smartloving.org/marriage-kit **50% discount, use coupon code: SydneyAU**

SmartLoving Fertility Online Course - Based on the Sympto-Thermal method, the course incorporates scientific insights, relationship frameworks and Catholic Theology. It is included free with registration in SmartLoving Engaged. Individual coaching also available. www.smartloving.org/fertility **50% discount, use coupon code: SydneyAU**

SmartLoving BreakThrough provides spouses in difficult marriages powerful tools to bring hope and healing to their situations through an online course and optional coaching. www.smartloving.org/breakthrough **50% discount, use coupon code: SydneyAU**