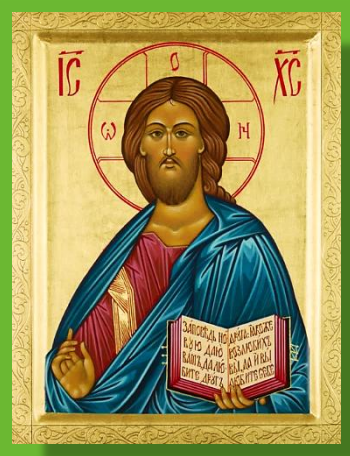


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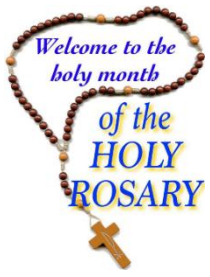
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25th October 2026

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



The Rosary reflect the Liturgical cycle

The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events in the history of our salvation. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into the five Joyful Mysteries ***(said on Monday and Saturday)***, the five Luminous Mysteries (***said on Thursday***), the five Sorrowful Mysteries (***said on Tuesday and Friday***), and the five Glorious Mysteries (***said on Wednesday and Sunday***). As an exception, the Joyful Mysteries may be said on Sundays during Advent and Christmas, while the Sorrowful Mysteries may be said on the Sundays of Lent.

The question is sometimes asked, why, of all the incidents in our Lord's life, the Rosary only considers these particular twenty. The mysteries of the Rosary are based on the incidents in the life of Our Lord and His Mother that are celebrated in the Liturgy. There is a parallel between the main feasts honouring our Lord and his Mother in the liturgical year, and the twenty mysteries of the Rosary. Consequently, one who recites the twenty mysteries of the Rosary reflects on the whole liturgical cycle that the Church commemorates during the course of each year. That is why some of the Popes have referred to the Rosary as a compendium of the Gospel.

Benefits of praying The Rosary.

When we pray the rosary in its ideal setting, doing a whole set of mysteries, the prayer can slow us down, calm our hearts, and enable us to rest in God's presence. It draws out the deepest desires in our souls, desires for God and God alone. The rhythm of the repetitious prayers can have a profound spiritual effect.

The Rosary, when practiced regularly with immediate effects of tranquility, inner peace, relaxation and connectedness to God, was said to prevent or reduce stress, anxiety and sorrow.

What benefits can I expect from daily Rosary prayer? Daily Rosary prayer can bring inner peace, increased faith, deeper understanding of Christ's life, and a stronger relationship with Mary.

It is a devotion that leads one to the divine Trinity of Persons through the hearts and minds of Jesus Incarnate and Mary Immaculate. It is Mary's instrument to bring us closer to her divine Son, and to become more involved in our lives as her children.

What is the Rosary?

Millions of Catholics have been laid to rest devoutly clasping Rosary beads as they wait below ground for the call to Risen Glory. Nuns and even some monks and brothers wear a "supersized" set of Rosary beads around the waist as part of a religious habit. Patients in hospitals around the world finger the beads during anxious night hours, hoping for health or preparing for the end of life on earth.

Some people of all ages and ethnicities dangle them from the rear view mirrors of cars and trucks. Some use them as amulets or around their necks as fashion statements

The Rosary is a prayer that can be prayed by anyone from the Pope in Rome to families with little children. It has been prayed by soldiers before a battle and pilgrims visiting Holy Sites. People have prayed in groups or as individuals. The Rosary is prayed in times of quiet and contentment; it is prayed in hospitals in times of sickness or in preparation for end of life. Most are Catholics but some are come from Protestant or Evangelical churches.

There are also many ways to pray the Rosary. Some choose the basic form of praying 10 Our Fathers and 50 Hail Marys while meditating on the Mysteries. Others choose to add on other prayers such as *litanies* and other prayers of a particular personal devotion.

The Origins of the Rosary

Some acquaintance with its origins and early history may be helpful. The Rosary did not originate in a miraculous way, given in a form never to be changed. In its original form, what was recited were not the *Hail Marys* but the 150 psalm, recited by monks and religious. Throughout the early middle ages, various ways were developed for participating in some way in the Church's continual prayer of the 150 psalms in the Divine Office. Because few people could read or memorize the psalms, individuals said the Our Father 150 times; later, as the Hail Mary became more widespread, this prayer was repeated 150 times.

Our present form of the Rosary developed in Carthusian monasteries in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. It consisted of the Scriptural verses of the Hail Mary (ending with "blessed is the fruit of thy womb") with 50, with a different "Mysteries" for each one. This is similar to the 'scriptural rosary sometimes used today, The first part of the Hail Mary to 'Jesus' is prayed …but, in place of the ending of the Hail Mary which we now use, a part of scripture is used, e.g., "Hail Mary full of grace …. Jesus ***response***: "and Mary greeted Elizabeth"; then "Hail Mary full of grace … Jesus. ***response***: "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb" and so forth.

In time these became the "mysteries" and were divided so that we now have the present twenty: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous mysteries.

The Rosary in Marialis cultus

In the 1969 letter marking the four-hundredth anniversary of approval of the rosary (1569), St. Pope Paul VI expressed the wish that the rosary, "either in the form bequeathed by Pius V or in those forms adapted to contemporary spirit with the consent of ecclesial authorities," might be a public and universal prayer.

On 2nd February 1974 Pope Paul VI wrote his Apostolic letter 'Marialis cultus' in which he outlined the essential features of the Rosary:

a) **Contemplative** – "By its nature the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord." Without the contemplative element, the rosary becomes a "mechanical repetition of formulas. . .a body without a soul."
b) **Christ-centred and Marian** - "The Rosary is a 'compendium of the entire Gospel' centred on the mystery of the redemptive Incarnation." It is directed toward the events of Christ's life as seen by Mary.
c) **In Harmony with the Liturgy** - Since the rosary is centred on the same mysteries celebrated in the liturgy, it is "excellent preparation" for and a "continuing echo" of the liturgy.
The call of *Marialis cultus* for adaptations so that the Rosary's "spiritual richness" might be appreciated produced several results. One was the ***Fiat Rosary***, developed by Cardinal Leon Suenens, with the approval of both Paul VI and John Paul II. The Fiat Rosary begins with a prayer to the Holy Spirit to introduce the person praying in union with Mary into the heart of the joyful, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries of Christ. In the Fiat Rosary, there are twelve mysteries--three from each of the joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous mysteries; at each mystery, there are three Hail Marys, followed by the Glory Be to the Father.

Experiencing difficulty praying the Rosary

Many who experienced difficulties with some forms of the Rosary found encouragement in the words of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. In a passage which was originally omitted from her autobiography, she lamented that the communal recitation of the rosary troubled her greatly. "What difficulties I have had throughout my life with saying the rosary. I am ashamed to say that the recitation of the rosary was at times more painful than an instrument of torture." Because of her love for the Blessed Mother, she was disconsolate that this form of devotion should cause her such difficulties; but she trusted that the Queen of Heaven, her mother, understood the situation.

In the apostolic letter On the Most Holy Rosary, Pope Saint John Paul II not only added five new mysteries to the traditional fifteen, but he also reminded Catholics that the rosary is, at its core, an opportunity to go deeper into the life of Jesus: "The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer … It has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of Mary's prayer, her perennial Magnificat … With the rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love".

Fr. Leo Mifsud OMI

14 November "Alive" Family Retreat Day

The MGL Sisters warmly welcome you and your family to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit. Discover as a family your unique mission! This interactive retreat is designed for all ages to enjoy together.

When: 9:00am – 4:00pm on Saturday, 14th Nov.

Where: Beginning with 9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish (Varroville), then moving to the parish hall for a day of inputs and activities.

Meals: Please bring your own lunch and snacks to safely accommodate your family& specific dietary needs and preferences. **For information and Registration: trybooking.com?DIDCJ**

World Youth Day Seoul 2027 – Diocesan Pilgrimage

Applications are now open for the Diocese of Wollongong's pilgrimage to World Youth Day Seoul 2027!

If you're interested in joining thousands of young Catholics from around the world for this once-in-a-lifetime experience of faith, community and pilgrimage, visit dow.org.au/wyd27 for information on the itinerary, costs, travel arrangements and FAQs. Not ready to apply just yet? **Join our mailing list at dow.sh/wyd27** for the latest updates and announcements.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific RegionThe Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. **Applications close October 31st, 2026.** Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.

National Oblate Youth Encounter 2027 – Mission Is Possible!

Registrations are now open for the National Oblate Youth Encounter (NOYE), Bringing together young people from across Australia for five days of faith, friendship and community, talks, workshops, prayer and liturgy, music, exploring the Charism of St Eugene de Mazenod and plenty of time to connect with others. This year's theme is "***MISSION IS POSSIBLE***",

Young people from Year 12 through to 30 years of age are invited to come along.

WHEN: 4–8 January 2027

WHERE: St Eugene's Retreat Centre, Newborough VIC

COST: $350 per person, including accommodation and meals

Use QR for information and Registration via the Oblate Youth Australia website.

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Friday 30th October
Fr Josh Nash OMI – Oblate Youth Chaplain
Meeting the Youth of the Parish in the Hall
6:30pm – 8:30pm For ages: 18 – 35
Scan to register for catering Purposes

NOYE- January 2027
National Oblate Youth Encounter
WYD – Seoul 2027
3rd – 8th August

31st October Rosary Procession



Come join us as we pray the Rosary.
Saturday 31st October Starting at 3:00pm



2nd November – Monday All Souls Day



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
MASSES AT 9:00am and 7:30pm

3rd November FORMATION PATHWAY:

Time: 7–9 pm at the **Campbelltown Catholic Club**
Register: dow.sh/fpnov26 or QR
Strongly recommended for any parishioners involved in any group.

Watch Your Language! – Words That Shape Culture Join us as we explore how everyday language shapes our beliefs, behaviours and parish culture, with practical workshops and an open Q&A on all things parish renewal. **OR** Wednesday 4 November: Wollongong via Zoom

Saturday 21st November Diocesan Annual Catechist Mass

at 10am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

All active and retired SRE Catechists and those involved in the Sacramental preparation of children are warmly invited to the Annual Catechist Mass and Awards Ceremony. Join Bishop Brian Mascord, for this celebration, followed by a light refreshment. **To register:** visit **dow.sh/cm26** or scan the QR Code or contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au for more information.

Keep this date FREE 18th December at 6:30pm



- **Christmas Nativity Performance by our Youth**
- **Food Trucks with delicious food**
- **Vendors with unique gifts and crafts.**



Bring your Family and Friends and capture the Meaning of Christmas

A note from the Parish Priest.

AN INVITATION to all parishioners. The Church only grows through personal witness and invitation. Take the challenge to invite someone to join our Catholic Community. Offer to journey with them. We will begin Catholic Formation Instructions next month.

If you are considering becoming a Catholic, Please contact the Parish Office. 4626 3055

- I am also looking for helpers who will be a part of a team to accompany and instruct those interested to become part of our Catholic Church.

Catholic Formation Instructions (R.C.I.A), What is its purpose?
This program is meant to be an introduction to the Catholic Church and helping them to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through our Parish Community.

This Thursday, 29th October at 7:00pm meeting in the Parish Hall

I will be holding a meeting for anyone willing to be part of the program to outline the program and discuss with you how to accommodate those who are unable to attend the course.

It would be helpful to get an idea of the number intending to come or if you are unable to let me know that you are interested. Please ring the Parish Office. 4626 3055

Please pray for-

THE SICK: Please pray especially for: **Julie Jaensch, Leo Bennett, Francine Jugroo, Marie France Laida, Joseph Simone, Germano De Campo, Patricia Ramos, Sandra Baynie, Bing Herradurra, Bill Webb, Maryse Purvis, Elias Busuttil, Rana Afram, Elaine Freeman, David Maxwell, Luca Thistleton, Fr Ross Naylor, Felisa Orca, Jennifer Doran, Lourdes Collaco, Phillip Whitehouse, Willow Morrison, Lisa Farnhill, Adrian Banks, Christine Debski, Ana Villagonzalo, Pinky and Evelyn Arenas, Lachlan Abood, Charbel Aziz, Margaret Roberts, Georgette Ganvert .**

THE DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Thelma Fogarty** *who died recently* **Peter Rinkin, Alicia Guevarra, Emmanuel Vella, Teresa Dias, Lesina Lufe, Constance & Aloysius Peiris, Mercia** *and* **Joseph Peiris** *whose anniversaries occur at this time and all Holy Souls. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Feast Days for the coming week: 28th Wed. **St Simon & St Jude.** *(apostles)*

Pope Leo XIV's INTENTION of OCTOBER - For mental health ministry.
Pray that mental health ministry spreads across the Church to help end illnesses' stigma.

MASS INTENTIONS 25th – 31st October.	
Sat Vigil 5:30pm	For the People of the Parish (Pro Populo)
SUN 8.30am 10.00am 5:30pm	For the repose of the soul of Peter Rinkin (anniversary) For Roman Masima on his birthday For a special Intention
Mon. 9.00am	For the repose of the soul of Alicia Guevarra, (birthday anniversary)
Tues. 9.00am	For Tonga Pameti on his birthday
Wed. 7:30pm	For the repose of the soul of Emmanual Vella
Thur. 9:00am	For the repose of the soul of Teresa Dias
Fri. 9:00am	For the repose of the soul of Lesina Lufe (birthday anniversary)
Sat. 9:30am	For the repose of the souls of Constance & Aloysius Peiris and Mercia & Joseph Peiris. Anniversaries at this time.

Ministers for weekend 31st – 1st Nov.

Saturday 5.30pm
Acolyte: Michael Arthur
E. Minister: Jean Whiting
Readers: 1. Emillie Racca 2. Ramon Racca

Sunday 8.30am
Acolyte: Robert Squires
E. Minister: Kumar Fernando Chandrika Fernando
Readers 1.Jimmah Matinog 2. Bernedette Peiris

Sunday 10.00am
Acolyte: Charles Morell
E. Minister: Samiuela Kula Gene De Leon
Readers: 1.Samantha Johnson 2.Benjamin Acuna

Sunday 5.30pm
Acolyte: Loretta Tuigamala
E. Minister: Michelle Fogarty
Readers: 1.Roxanne Rodgriguez 2.Roy Rodriguez













WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am
5:30pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon & Tue: 9:00am
Wednesday: 7:30 pm
Thurs. & Fri 9:00am
Saturday: 9:30am

FILIPINO MASS
– 2nd Sunday- 4:00pm.

RECONCILIATIONS
Saturdays 10:00am to 11:00am (with exposition))

DEVOTIONAL TIMES
ROSARY:
before weekday Masse
DIVINE MERCY Chaplet-
Fridays after 9am Mass with Benediction on 1st Friday
Meetings - 4th Friday @ 6.30pm (in Madigan room)
HOLY HOUR PRAYERS
Sponsored by the Filipino Group
First Saturday - After Mass
Saturday: 9:30am

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES by appointment.