



4 October 2026: 27th Sunday of the Year (A)
Extraordinary Form: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Parishioners,

October is traditionally observed as the Month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is one of the great treasures of Catholic prayer: simple enough to be prayed by anyone, yet capable of leading us deeply into the mysteries of the life of Christ in the company of his Mother. Perhaps this month offers each of us an invitation to rediscover the Rosary — whether by praying five decades each day, a single decade with our families, or simply taking up the habit again after some time away.

This Monday, 5 October, we celebrate the memorial of St Luigi Scrosoppi, a priest of the Oratory who devoted his life particularly to the poor, the sick and the education of young people. We will mark his feast with a short talk about the saint (a "fervorino") and Benediction from 5.30–6.10pm.

Later in the week, on Friday, 9 October, we celebrate the feast of St John Henry Newman, one of the great figures of the Oratorian family and a saint whose search for truth continues to speak powerfully to the Church today. There will be a Sung Mass at 5.30pm, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP through the Parish Office for catering and planning purposes. Note also the "Triduo" leading up to the feast (see below).

This Thursday, 8 October, we also resume our Foundations of the Eucharist series. Having begun with the biblical foundations of the Eucharist, we now turn to the witness of the early Church Fathers. These evenings are leading us towards our Forty Hours Devotion, 23–25 October. Please save the dates; the full programme for the Forty Hours is available in the newsletter and online.

A reminder, too, to all our parish groups and ministries that our Formation Mornings take place on the first Saturday of each month. These mornings are an opportunity for those involved in parish ministry to come together for formation, fellowship and training, and to grow in our shared sense of the life and mission of the parish.

May Our Lady of the Rosary accompany us through this month and teach us, as she always does, to do as Jesus teaches us.

Yours in Christ

The Fathers of the Oratory

St Luigi Scrosoppi
Monday 5th October

5.30pm Fervorino (short talk),
Exposition & Benediction
(concludes 6.10pm)

St John Henry Newman – Triduo and Feast

In preparation for the feast of St Newman on 9th October, there will be a *Triduo of prayer from Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th October*. Do join the Fathers at 5.30pm on these days for a Newman meditation, prayer and music. ***On Newman's feast, Friday 9th October there will be a sung Mass at 5.30pm, followed by a reception in the hall.*** Please RSVP to the parish office by Monday 5th October.

Church Schedule: Saturday: Mass 8:30; Exposition & Confession from 17:00; Benediction at 17:40; Vigil Mass 18:00 **Sunday:** Exposition at 17:00; Benediction at 17:40; Confession from 17:30; Mass 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 (EF) and 18:00 **Monday to Friday:** Mass 6:30, 8:30 daily. Rosary daily at 9:00. **Parish Office:** Open weekday mornings from 09:00 - 10:00. Kindly call or WhatsApp Ann on 073 247 1316 (09:00 - 12:00) to arrange appointments outside these hours. **Pastoral Care:** Call 073 247 1316 or 082 925 2549.

Readings: Daily Missal – 1326; Sunday Missal – 404

Psalm Response: The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.

Liturgical Week		Mass Intentions
Sat		18:00 Colleen Weddell RIP (Her family)
Sun	27th Sunday of the Year	7:00 Ints of Joy Green (Gaynor Laurie); 8:30 Erna Kupper RIP (Illenberger family); 10:00 In reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus; 18:00 Pro Populo
Mon	<i>St Luigi Scrosoppi</i>	6:30 For Fr Lewis on his Feast Day (The Oratory); 8:30 Ints of the Oratory Fathers
Tue	<i>Feria / St Bruno</i>	6:30 For the reversion of lapsed Catholics; 8:30 Patricia Mavhiza RIP (Shields family)
Wed	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	6:30 For the Chowles & Marujo families; 8:30 Ints of Rumbi Muserere
Thu	<i>Feria</i>	6:30 Ints of Sussan Acho; 8:30 Ints of Nathan Domoney (Gaynor Laurie)
Fri	<i>St John Henry Newman</i>	6:30 For the Chowles & Marujo families; 8:30 Ray Quin RIP (His family); 17:30 Ints of the Oratory
Sat	<i>Feria / St Daniel Comboni; Mass of our Lady</i>	8:30 For deceased members & associates of the Shields & Bonnett families; 18:00 John & Mary Mc Quaide RIP (Their family)
Sun	Dedication of the Church	7:00 For those on our Pious List; 8:30 Ayson Illenberger RIP (Illenberger family); 10:00 For Connor Adair (His family); 18:00 Pro Populo

Parish Notices

Special Collection: There will be a special collection at all Masses this weekend (3/4 October) for the Holy Childhood Society.

Oratory Draw: The winners for September 2026 are: 1st prize – Petra Acho, 2nd prize – Debbie Venske, 3rd prize – Sharon Botha.

Pious List 2026-2027: Submissions for the 2026-2027 Pious List must be made by noon on Thursday 22 October. Please contact the parish office or reply using the Google form in the mailer and on the website. Donations for the Pious List may be made by EFT or in cash. The parish banking details are:- Account name: St Bernadette's Catholic Church; Account number 080281141; Bank: Standard Bank; Branch code: 050417; Reference: Surname + PIOUS LIST.

Living Faith: The Living Faith for October to December (R55 each) are on sale from the Repository.

Diocesan News

St Dominic's Priory School, Grade 000: For a child who is 3 turning 4 in Grade 000, the biggest priority is not formal academics. It is building the foundations for learning: language, independence, social skills, movement, confidence, curiosity and the first movements of faith. In 2027, St Dominic's Priory School opens its first Grade 000 class. Is your child turning 4 next year? Applications are open. Enrol now; limited space available. St Dominic's Priory School is a Catholic, Independent, Co-educational day school, now for Grade 000 to Grade 12. Join the Priory family – this is where it all begins.

Retreat for the Bereaved: All parishioners who have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited to this year's Retreat for the Bereaved to be held at San Francesco Parish, Charlo on Saturday 10 October from 10:00 to 12:30.