

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit
Our Lady of the Rosary, St Mary's:
13-26 July

Our Lady of the Rosary will be the second host parish from Monday 13th to Sunday 26th July. All welcome

Positions Vacant:

-Housekeeper Supervisor – Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park

-Sacramental Coordinator St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith

More details

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Rosary Making Workshops

BISHOP BEDE HEATHER CENTRE, BLACKTOWN

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**TUESDAY
JULY 21ST, 2026
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

\$ 5.00 /PERSON

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**Aug 8-9, Nov 14-15,
Feb 13-14**

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

19th JULY 2026

From Deacon Rod's desk.....

Cracking a Parable by Dennis Hamm S.J.

In the story of the wheat and the weeds we have another parable for which Matthew supplies an allegorical interpretation. As in the case of the parable of the sower, familiarity with the allegorical application can prevent us from hearing the story in another good way, namely as a story on its own, probably the way Jesus first told it.

As we did with the sower before we move to the application, let's try to hear the "Wheat and the Tares" as it might have been heard during Jesus' ministry. First, it is helpful to know that the weed named here is a particular kind (zizania) known for its confusing resemblance to wheat in the early stages of growth. That helps us to understand why pulling up the weeds might uproot the wheat along with them. What, then, is the point of the farmer saying, "Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvester, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn'"?

On one immediate level, this could simply be a story of a clever man getting the better of his enemy. The enemy thought he was duping the landowner into ripping up his crop along with the weeds, but our cool farmer says, in effect, "No, let them both grow together; then we'll have a double harvest—a fuel crop (the weeds, which can be burned) and a food crop (the grain)." The tale could well have had a prior existence as this kind of story, something like a fable from Aesop. But the context here in Matthew's Gospel calls for something more that fits the setting of Jesus' ministry or that of the Church. Such a meaning might be this: don't you try to judge the righteous and unrighteous of the community; let them grow together till the end, when God will take care of the final sorting out.

Notice that the interpretation Matthew supplies move the center of gravity to the judgment scene, where the Son of Man sends angels to collect for punishment evildoers, even out of his kingdom. Thus, what may at first have been a plea to church leaders for restraint in judgment becomes a cautionary tale for us all.

Sunday Masses: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 7:30 pm Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 20th July: 9:10am- Monday of week 15 in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 21st July: 9:10am- Tues of week 15 in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 22nd July: 7pm- *St Mary Magdalene - Feast*

Thursday 23rd July 9:10am- Thurs of week 15 in Ordinary Time

Friday 24th July: 9:10am – Friday of week 15 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 25th July: 9:10am - St James Apostle - Feast

Confession Times:

SATURDAYS -9.45 - 10.15am & 5.00 - 5.30pm

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LECTOR'S ROSTER

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
18th/19th July 16th Sunday in O/T	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Phil Tonks Herbie Cruz	Mark Buhagiar Aloysius Wong
25th/26th July 17th Sunday in O/T	Luisito Villapana Herminia V	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Matthias Wong Mary Zore
1st/2nd August 18th Sunday in O/T	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Joaquim Mendes Vinod Nagaraja	Agnes Polu Lucia Sini
8th/9th August 19th Sunday in OT	WendyFarquharson Edna Gemzon	Sangeeta Kumar Phil Tonks	Pelenatita Mafi Maria Fe Verceluz

PARISH NOTICES

1. The new plan giving envelopes are at the back of the church to collect. Sign the sheet to confirm that you have collected them.
2. Be sure to pick up a copy of Witnesses of Faith the new magazine distributed by Aid to the Church in Need. Bringing us stories of modern witnesses of faith in our world. Available at the back of the church.
3. Adult Confirmations 2026. Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, held on Saturday 29 August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1 September 2026 at 7:30pm at the St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

Bethany Pilgrimage for Women: 29 August

The theme for 2026 is "Totus Tuus" ("Totally Yours"). There will be a decade of the rosary, reflection and personal prayer at each church. Adoration and Confession will be available at times also. This event is perfect for active women who would like to spend a day in prayer whilst pushing themselves physically in order to pray for themselves or family. Water, snacks and light lunch provided. **Registration is essential \$20** www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1569560 For more info call Victoria on 0494173359 or email bethanypilgrimage@gmail.com

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

25 th July	SAMOAN COMMUNITY
1 st August	NELSON & LYDIA
8 th August	JERRY & GLORY
15 TH August	Ingrid, Irene, & Nirmila

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK: Ester Olanda Zambrana; Lorraine Joy Calvert, Jenny Taateo, Leonie Baybay, Aida Aniscol, Maria Llave; Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Fara Vargas; Stella Edwards & Maria Belisario;

RECENTLY DECEASED: Judith Anne Calvert Stephenson, Wendy Joan Calvert Ruben Cantillana; Sonny resmaria; Prudencio Fronda; Betty Masilang; Patricia Borre; Jachino De Almeida; Norma Labrador; Nieves Arela Empleo;

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for all those names who appear in the Parish memorial book for the month of July.