



*The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)*

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**“THAT WE MAY IMITATE WHAT THEY CONTAIN ...”**

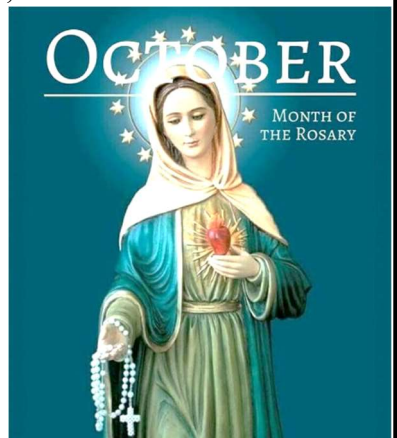
**Historically...**

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily since the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valour of the soldiers who fought there.

Legend tells us that the Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St. Dominic (1170-1221) by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who entrusted it to him as an aid in the conflicts with the Albigensian.

The Dominican pope, St. Pius V, did much to further the spread of the Rosary and it thereafter became one of the most popular devotions in Christendom. It was the same Pope St. Pius V, who in 1569 officially approved the Rosary in its present form with the Papal Bull, *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices*. It had been completed by the addition of the second half of the "Hail Mary" and the "Glory be to the Father" at the conclusion of each mystery.



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**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil ..... 6.30pm

Sunday..... 9.15am

..... 11.00am

Healing Mass .... 7.00pm

**Spanish Mass:**

Saturday 4.00pm

**Weekday Masses:**

Monday to Saturday 9.15am

Wednesday 7.00pm

**Reconciliation:**

Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am

Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

**Novena to Our Lady:**

Saturday 9.00am

Wednesday 7.00pm

**Baptisms:** Second Sunday

**Divine Kids Bible Class:**

Sunday 10.15am

**Parish Prayer Group:**

Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm

**Parish Halls:**

Available for hire –  
Contact Parish Office

The practice of dedicating the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary developed toward the end of the last century. Many popes have contributed to the spread of the Holy Rosary. In the most recent past, we have Pope John Paul II who added Luminous Mysteries in October 2002, called the Rosary his favourite prayer, in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a mother meditated on in her heart (Lk 2:19).

*In the concluding prayers of the Holy Rosary, we pray “we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise ...” What does the rosary contain? What do they promise? I hope that we all know the 15 promises of the Holy Rosary.*

**All of us will agree that the holy rosary primarily contains the Word of God.** How can it be otherwise when we pray to our mother who gave herself as a handmaid to the Word of God and gave herself for the Word to take flesh? The life journey of our Blessed Mother is a celebration of the Word of God every step of her way. In the Annunciation episode, Angel Gabriel comes to Mary with the Word of God. Mary commits herself to the Word of God: *“Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your Word.”* The Magnificat is the recitation of the Word of God (Lk 1:36-56; 1 Sam 2:1-10). Elizabeth proclaims Mary as one who believed in the ‘Word’ of God (Lk 1:45). The greatest approval of Jesus about his mother is how Mary carried out the will of the Heavenly Father: *“For whoever does the will of my Father is my brother, and sister, and mother.”* (Mt 12:50). Blessed Virgin Mary earned the divine motherhood by carrying out the will of the Father.

When we take a rosary in our hand, we are holding on to the hand of Mother Mary. And she is helping us to carry out the Word of God because all She tells us is *“Do whatever he tells you.”* (Jn 2:5). Something very special about Mother Mary is that she strengthens us to do His will, for she could hold on to the will of the Father even in difficult times.

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**CHILD SAFETY**

Holy Family Parish is committed to upholding the wellbeing, safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

## READINGS

### SUNDAY

Numbers 11:25-29  
Psalm 19:8,10,12-14  
James 5:1-6  
Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

### MONDAY

#### **St Jerome**

Job 1:6-22  
Psalm 17:1-3,6-7  
Luke 9:46-50

### TUESDAY

#### **St Thérèse of the Child Jesus**

Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23  
Psalm 88:2-8  
Luke 9:51-56

### WEDNESDAY

#### **The Holy Guardian Angels**

Job 9:1-13,14-16  
Psalm 88:10-15  
Matthew 18:1-5,10

### THURSDAY

Job 19:21-27  
Psalm 27:7-9,13-14  
Luke 10:1-12

### FRIDAY

#### **St Francis of Assisi**

Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5  
Psalm 139:1-3,7-10,13-14  
Luke 10:13-16

### SATURDAY

#### **St. Faustina Kowalska**

Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17  
Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130  
Luke 10:17-24

This adherence to the Word of God makes Mary fearless and bold to walk in the way of the Lord. Imagine the strength Mary had to gather when she was standing at the foot of the Cross of her beloved Son. In those moments when ‘the sword was piercing her soul,’ our mother did not lose heart. At every step of the way, the Word of God was her light and strength. She imbibed strength from the promises of God. *“My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your Word.”* (Ps 119:28).

And the Holy Rosary is a weapon of protection. St. Paul calls the Word of God a sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:10-18). Every recitation of the Rosary is like taking the Sword of the Word of God. The rosary therefore is a powerful prayer in times of temptations, addictions, and habits.

So, in this month of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, let us pray extra rosaries knowing that it gives us strength to do His will, and covers us against sin and temptations.

For our parish on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>, we are having a public procession reciting the Holy Rosary around our parish. This is our public proclamation of faith and interceding for our land. You are most welcome to join us.

Happy Feast and God bless you all.

*Fr. Joby George VC*

12<sup>th</sup>

Oct  
Saturday

## **PUBLIC ROSARY PROCESSION**

Please join the Holy Family Parish – **Public Rosary Procession:**

**Time: 10.00 am  
(after the 9.15 am Mass)**

**Venue: Holy Family Church,  
100 Power Road, Doveton.**



*“One day  
through the  
ROSARY  
and  
SCAPULAR  
I will save the  
world.”*  
OUR LADY to St.  
Dominic

*You are invited to Morning Tea afterwards.*

Please invite your family and friends to join us on this day.

## PRAYER INTENTION OF THE WEEK

FOR THOSE WHO ARE LIVING  
LONELY AND STRUGGLING  
WITH LONELINESS.

We will be praying for them in every Holy Mass for this week. Please keep them in your personal Rosary and prayers.

4<sup>th</sup>  
Oct  
Friday

## DIVINE AUSTRALIA FIRST FRIDAY SERVICE

Join us at 6.45 pm  
Praise & Worship, Holy  
Mass, Healing Prayer.

5<sup>th</sup>  
Oct  
Saturday

## VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF ST. FAUSTINA, APOSTLE OF DIVINE MERCY



Programme:

6.00 pm – Exposition of Relic,  
Solemn Divine Mercy Chaplet

6.30 pm – Holy Mass, Veneration of Relic and Repose.

*(Thanks to our Beloved Spanish Community for bringing the Relic of St. Faustina)*

## DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS

*Euphenia Noyahr*

Birth: 16<sup>th</sup> September 1934

Death: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



### Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday  
9.30am to 1.30pm

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**Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)**