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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

Acknowledgement of Country : We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians, Elders and communities and the spirit that binds us in our dreams and aspirations on Dharawal country. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A – 1st & 2nd July 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of the Kings
(4:8-11, 14-16)
(That is the holy man of God, let him remain there).

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he come to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old'. Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms'.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 88)

All: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Reader: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

All: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Reader: Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.

All: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Reader: For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

All: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
(6:3-4, 8-11)
(Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life).

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus we were baptized in his death; in other words, when we were baptized we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ

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we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (10:37-42)

(Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcome me).

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

BAPTISMS are open. For Baptism Preparation please contact **Maria D'souza** through email : maria197114@gmail.com or **Contact the parish office.**

BAPTISMS on 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:30am

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday : 6:00 pm. (Vigil Mass)

Sunday : 8:00 am & 10:00 am.

Weekday Masses :

Mon- Fridays at 9:00 am

Saturday : 8.30am

Every Wednesday : NOVENA to our Mother Mary,
5:30pm Rosary followed by Novena Prayers

Bible Study : Fortnightly on Sundays at 2.00pm in the Logos Centre.

**READINGS FOR THE 14TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME Year A : 8th & 9th July 2023**
Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30



*Mary Mother of The
Church*

Annual Dinner Dance 2023



**At St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish
Campbelltown Hall
On Saturday 15th July 2023 at 6:30 pm**

BYO : Drinks

**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH
FREDNY'S BAND**



*NOTE: You are requested to settle the money and return
the books to Lina ASAP*

Vigil Mass time Change - on Dinner Dance Saturday:

Please note that, on Saturday 15th July 2023,
Mass will be at 5pm instead of 6pm due to
our Annual parish dinner dance event.

Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation & Holy Communion 2023

- To enrol, your child must be at least 8 years old and/or in year 3 or above.
 - Enrolments will commence on 24th June and close on 31st July.
- (Application Forms will be available in the Church Foyer on and from 24th /25th June)

Dates are at this stage planned for the following:

Reconciliation:

Briefing for parents – Tuesday 1st August at 7pm

Lessons – 6th , 13th , 20th , 27th August at

11:30am in the Church &

Rehearsal on Saturday 9th September at 11:30am

1st Reconciliation – Friday, 15th September 2023
commencing at 5pm

1st Holy Communion:

Briefing for parents – Tuesday 17th October at 7pm

Lessons – 22nd, 29th October, 5th, 12th, and Re-
hearsal on 19th November at 11:30am in the Church

Reconciliation – Friday, 24th November 2023

commencing at 5pm

**First Holy Communion : Saturday/Sunday 25th
& 26th November 2023 (TBA)**

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Bishop's visitation to our parish

As you all know that **Bishop Brian** is visiting our parish on 5th, 6th & 8th July. We invite all members of our community to join us for a Holy Mass on 8th July - 6pm Vigil mass celebrated by Bishop followed by a warm cuppa and fellowship.

Following the Mass, we will gather in the parish hall for a cuppa and refreshments, providing an opportunity for everyone to meet and engage with Bishop Brian. It will be a wonderful occasion to share stories, ask questions, and enjoy each other's company.

We kindly request volunteers to assist in preparing and serving the refreshments. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office. Let us come together as a community to welcome Bishop Brian and celebrate our faith, we look forward to seeing you there!

Planned Giving

Our heartfelt gratitude for your extraordinary commitment and generosity as a giver of our church. We appreciate for your ongoing support through the second collection the main source of income for our Parish. Your planned gift not only support our ongoing ministries and projects but also serves as an inspiration to others who may be considering similar contributions.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are now available for collection after mass. Receipts (non taxable) for the current year will be available early July. If you would like to be part of Planned Giving or have any questions contact Jim Fogarty or the Parish Office.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. As we approach the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, it has never been more important for Catholics to come together and listen to Australia's First Peoples. The NATSICC Liturgy team has compiled prayers, Liturgy suggestions, homily notes and statistics that will enhance and enrich your celebration. More details are available on <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2023-atsi-sunday.html>

REFLECTION..... A Cup of cold Water

Jesus said, 'If anyone gives you so much as a cup of cold water, he will most definitely not lose his reward.' To give a cup of cold water is a very small thing. Yet in the desert it could be the difference between life and death. Which shows that a deed doesn't have to be big in order to mean a lot.

When the Irish writer, Oscar Wilde, was sent to prison, it was a terrible humiliation for him. He had made a reputation for himself as a fine writer and was regarded as a celebrity as well.

As Wilde was being brought by two policemen from prison to court, a noisy, hostile crowd had gathered. But then a friend of his appeared, who made a simple gesture of friendship and respect that silenced the crowd. As Wilde passed by, handcuffed and with bowed head, this man raised his hat to him. It was a very small thing, yet it meant a great deal to Wilde at the time. Reflecting on that simple gesture Wilde later wrote:

Men have gone to heaven for smaller things than that. I do not know to the present moment whether my friend is aware that I was even conscious of his action. It is not a thing for which one can render formal thanks in formal words. I store it in the treasure-house of my heart. I keep it there as a secret debt that I can never possibly repay.

It is embalmed and kept sweet by the myrrh of many tears. When wisdom has been profitless to me, and philosophy barren, and the proverbs and phrases of those who sought to give me consolation as dust and ashes in my mouth, the memory of that lowly silent act of love has unsealed for me all the wells of pity, made the desert blossom like a rose, and brought me out of the bitterness of lonely exile into harmony with the wounded, broken and great heart of the world..

The spirit in which a deed is done, the person to whom it is done, and the circumstances, can magnify a small deed. It's not how much we do that matters, but how much love we put into it.

Few of us are given the chance to perform great deeds. But the chance to give a cup of water can come our way several times in the course of a day.' The 'cup of cold water' is a symbol of the small kind deed. Little deeds may not look much, but they can bring peace.

An Australian priest visiting Ireland went to Dublin. That evening he was asked how he found Dublin. He replied, 'Dublin must be one of few cities in the world where people will hold a door open for you, or will say 'sorry' if they accidentally bump into you, or 'excuse me' if they have to squeeze past you,' was his reply.

Deeds don't have to be big in order to be of help and comfort to the person for whom they are done. They just have to have certain quality. What is this quality? It is warmth. All deeds which come from the heart have this warmth.

**New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies
Flor McCarthy, SDB**

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Joyce Thomas

Birthday : Lina De Guzman / Theo Petit / Kevin DSouza

Wedding Anniversary: Corinne & Mike Patterson

This week masses have been offered for the Sick and Special needs of :

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| * Jun & Charo Doctors | * Julius Medvecky |
| * Vivian Martin | * Dr Lydia de Jesus |
| * Romeo Angeles | * Dr Joycelyn de Jesus |
| * TJ del Rio | * Leslie Reich |
| * Pilar Certeza | * Noli Leyesa |
| * Danny Titmarsh | * Mary Brennan |
| * Gail Field | * Jaypee Masangkay |
| * Vukovic Family | * Jamie Masangkay |
| * Marykuty | * Aida Dayao |
| * Evelyn Camcam | * Eva Silang |
| * Anthony David Smith | * Carole Dimayuga |
| * Josef and Stanislawa | * Selda Dimayuga |
| * Alan Raisbeck | * Peter Hanh Tran |
| * Fellie Duggan | * Noeline Bartlet |
| * Sabrina | * Nancie |
| * Patrick Munslow | |



THIS WEEK MASSES HAVE BEEN OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS & DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OF benefactors of:



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| ✠ Laufai Ligilolo | ✠ Jesus Escuadro |
| ✠ Dedicacion K Haughton | ✠ Jan Piela |
| ✠ Gerard Ducasse | ✠ Simon Dacutanan |
| ✠ Leon Rego | ✠ Jose Gannaban |
| ✠ Rogerio Pineda | ✠ Cyril D Pereira |
| ✠ Teodosia Morayag | ✠ Phyllis Rozario |
| ✠ Felicia Pereira | ✠ Yolande Herisson |
| ✠ Fr Robert Giraud | ✠ Nicanor Lee |
| ✠ Barry and Fred | ✠ Rea Cherval |
| ✠ Jennifer Nagarajan | ✠ Inmaculada Rodis |
| ✠ Andres Estolano | ✠ Arjjon Manohur |
| ✠ Noel Helene | ✠ Jacqueline Armarsin |
| ✠ Marisa Icasiano | |
| ✠ Gerard Nemorin | |
| ✠ Aproniano Elardo | |
| ✠ Oliver Grehan | |
| ✠ Bobby de Leon | |
| ✠ All souls in Purgatory | |



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SVD Prayer : *“May the darkness of sin and night of unbelief vanish before the light of the Word and the spirit of grace, and may the heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all. Amen”* **Saint Arnold Janssen**

Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise You, We bless You,
We adore you, We glorify You,
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our
prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the
holy one, You alone are the Lord, You alone are most
high Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory
of God the Father. Amen.*

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (all bow)
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell; on the third day he rose
again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic
Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.*