



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

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Parish Secretary: Veena Miranda

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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A – 15th & 16th July 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (55:10-11)

(The rain makes the earth give growth).

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 64)

All: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Reader: You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

All: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Reader: And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth.

All: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Reader: You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

All: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Reader: The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

All: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (8:18-23)

(All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God).

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one

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great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (13:1-23)

(A sower went out to sow).

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**READINGS FOR 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A : 22nd & 23rd July 2023
Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43**

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.

Parish Multicultural Day

We are excited to announce the upcoming Parish Multicultural Day, an event that celebrates the diverse cultures and traditions within our parish community.

When : Sunday 10th of September 2023

Time : After 9:00am Mass

(Please note that there will be only one mass at 9:00am on the day).

Parishioners can participate by:

- Donating pre-loved goods and clothing to the White Elephant stall. Goods may be dropped off at the Parish office by 31st of August.
- Organise a Food Stall for the Country of your origin
- Solo or group performance
- Invite family or friends
- Wear a costume from the country of your origin
- Help clean up after the festivities



We encourage everyone to participate and contribute to this celebration of our multicultural community. If you would like to participate, please contact Parish office or Eric D'Silva (0434 869 426)

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)

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 Rehearsal 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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Dear parishioners,

We have discovered that there is an email scam circulating using names of priests of the Diocese. It includes a prayer, designed to make it seem genuine, and a "request that must be managed discreetly". Eventually the scammer asks for money, or gift cards, or similar. It is easy for scammers to set up an email address and then sign off with the name of a priest, so please be wary of this scam.

Also, note that my email address, firstname.surname@dow.org.au is the standard format of an email address for a priest of our Diocese. If ever in doubt please contact the Parish Office before replying to a message. Be assured that I will never personally contact any of you via email or text asking for money, gift cards, or other financial support.

God bless you all!

Fr. Bosco

2023 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass

If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 17 September 2023 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Please register online at dow.sh/ma23 or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by no later than Friday 4 August 2023.

CCD Level 1 Catechist Course (Term 3) will run on the following dates:

- Campbelltown

Venue: Level 1, Micah House

Address: 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

Dates: Monday 31 July, 7, 14, 21, and 28 August 2023

Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm

To register please contact

Cindy Oliver at support@ccdwoollongong.com

REFLECTION..... Importance of the word

How many words were spoken to us when we were young. How many seeds were dropped into the soil of our minds and hearts during the springtime of our lives. Those words came from our parents and from many others.

We heard words of greeting and welcome, words of encouragement and affirmation, words of advice and guidance, words of correction and chastisement, words of warning and caution, words of comfort and consolation.

At the time we may not have appreciated those words, but we needed to hear them. Only God knows how many of those words took root in our lives. But one thing is clear: our lives would be immeasurably poorer without the sowing of all those words.

As adults we still need the sowing of the word. Pity those people who hear nothing but words of criticism and blame. Pity those who have to survive on a diet of silence. But happy those who hear words of encouragement, love and peace.

But human words, no matter how necessary, will never fully nourish us. We need the word of God. The word of God gives us guidance in times of doubt, reassurance in times of difficulty, comfort in times of sorrow, correction in times of foolishness, challenge in times of laziness and sloth, warning in times of danger, and hope in times of despair.

God's word is never a negative word. It is a word spoken in love. Just as food nourishes the body, so the word. It is a word spoken in love. Just as food nourishes the body, so the word of God nourishes the mind, the heart, and the spirit. God speaks to us in the most hidden parts of our being.

But there are many other voices vying for our attention. In fact, every day we are subjected to a veritable blizzard of words. There has never been so much talk on radio and television. How then can we hear or even recognise God's quiet word in the midst of this din? We can do so only by creating a little bit of stillness and quietness within us.

It's not enough merely to remember the word; we have to do it. One of the ways of telling a false diamond from a true one is by means of the light. In the case of a false diamond, the light goes straight through the stone. In the case of a true one, the light remains inside it, bringing it to life and setting it on fire.

With some people, the word of God goes in and comes straight back out. They are mere hearers of the word. But those who 'keep the word', that is, who act on it, are transformed by it.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Fernandes Family / Anishka & Alijah / Vu Family /

Birthday : Antonio Bautista / Lucy Lim

Special Intentions: Ric Sinson / Anthony Smith /

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 | |
| * Cory Bustos | |
| * Baby Claudia | |



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



- ✠ Fr Anton Bullar
- ✠ Jose Thomas
- ✠ Helga Kopeinig
- ✠ Antonio Patrick D'Souza
- ✠ Gerald De Vesser
- ✠ Ivy Xavier
- ✠ Lucesse Helene
- ✠ Richard Daly
- ✠ Victoria Batulan
- ✠ Gertrude Gunnion
- ✠ Nora Cantara
- ✠ Custodio Orellan
- ✠ 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.*