

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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A – 7th & 8th July 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God,
We have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
Reaches the ends of the earth;
Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Zechariah (9:9-10)

(See how humbly your king comes to you!).

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 144)

**All: I will praise your name for ever,
my King and my God.**

Reader: I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will

bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.

**All: I will praise your name for ever,
my King and my God.**

Reader: The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

**All: I will praise your name for ever,
my King and my God.**

Reader: All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

**All: I will praise your name for ever,
my King and my God.**

Reader: The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down.

**All: I will praise your name for ever,
my King and my God.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Romans (8:9, 11-13)

(If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live).

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the

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Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (11:25-30)

(I am gentle and humble of heart).

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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 15TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME Year A : 15th & 16th July 2023
Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23**



*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, next 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 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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Hearty Welcome to Bishop Brian to our Parish:

On behalf of the entire parish community, we extend our warmest welcome to you as you grace us with your presence in our parish.

We kindly invite all parishioners, to join us in this occasion and extend a warm welcome to Bishop Brian Mascord as he joins us in prayer and celebration. Following the Mass, there will be an opportunity to greet and express our gratitude to Bishop Brian.

We sincerely thank him for his devotion to his pastoral duties and for taking the time to celebrate the Mass with us. May God continue to guide and bless him in his sacred mission to shepherd and serve our diocese.

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..... Strength in weakness

The First Reading pictures a king coming humbly to Zion, riding on a donkey. He is a messenger of peace. This prophecy was fulfilled on Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem unarmed and defenceless.

Though Jesus carried no weapons, he was

not weak. He was strong. He had power over the human heart as he showed when he changed the hearts of people like Mary Magdalen and Zacchaeus. Stalin would make people tremble before him but could not change their hearts.

Jesus says to us, 'Learn of me for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls'. Humility and gentleness don't seem to make much sense in the world of today.

Take gentleness. There is a belief that if you want to get on in life, you have to be hard, because if you're gentle, people will walk all over you. Gentleness tends to be equated with timidity, passivity, and weakness.

Gentleness is not a form of weakness. It is a form of strength. Nothing is so strong as gentleness and nothing so gentle as real strength. By 'gentle' we don't mean a timid little person who wouldn't say boo to a goose. It takes a strong, self confident person to be gentle.

Gentleness is one of the most necessary qualities in life. Think of the gentleness required in the hands of a mother or a surgeon. Deep down we all pine for gentleness, and we can't open up and grow without it. 'A gentle person treads lightly, listens carefully, looks tenderly, and touches with reverence.' A gentle person knows that healing and growth results from nurturing not forcing.

There was no harshness in Jesus. His approach was very gentle. He didn't force himself on people. He didn't try to control them or to impose his will on them. He respected their freedom. The people with greatest influence over others have no need to control those they influence.

To the gentle and humble Jesus promises peace of soul. It is because we know so little about being gentle with one another, that we have so much trouble in our homes and in the world. We want to dominate others. It is because we know so little about humility, that we have so little peace within ourselves and with others. Proud and arrogant people do not bring peace. They spread confusion and unrest by projecting onto others their own anger and frustrations. Humble people disarm others and bring out the best in them.

Those who are proud and insensitive make life burdensome for themselves and for others. Those who are gentle and humble make life less burdensome for themselves and others.

St Seraphim says, 'Acquire inner peace, and a multitude of people will find salvation near you.'

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

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Maryse Rochecouste

Birthday : Leo Ferrao / Joval Jose

Special Intentions: Nino Pineda

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

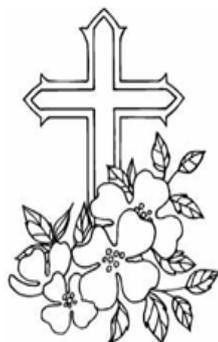
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| * Jun & Charo Doctors | * Julius Medvecky |
| * Vivian Martin | * Dr Lydia de Jesus |
| * Romeo Angeles | * Dr Joycelyn de Jesus |
| * TJ del Rio | * Leslie Reich |
| * Pilar Certeza | * Noli Leyesa |
| * Danny Titmarsh | * Mary Brennan |
| * Gail 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 | |



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



- ✠ Leon Rego
- ✠ Cyril D Pereira
- ✠ Monica A Antiola
- ✠ Tristram Patterson
- ✠ Marcellus Alexander
- ✠ Florinda Hendricks
- ✠ Sonanita Ranili
- ✠ Dominador Navarro
- ✠ Reynolds
- ✠ Andrea Bonnefema
- ✠ Anastacio Bonjoc
- ✠ Jocelyn Madeddu
- ✠ Jose Gannaban
- ✠ Mervyn Robinson
- ✠ Deceased members of
 - Helene Family
- ✠ 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.*