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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.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR - A

12th & 13th August 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
And forget not the life of your poor ones for
ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
And forget not the cries of those who seek
you.

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of the Kings
(19:9, 11-13)
*(Go out and stand on the mountain before
the Lord God).*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 84)

**All: Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Reader: I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

**All: Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Reader: Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

**All: Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Reader: The Lord will make us prosper and our
earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall
march before him and peace shall
follow his steps.

**All: Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
(9:1-5)
*(I would willingly be condemned if it could
help my people).*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could

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help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (14:22-23)

(Command me to come to you over the water).

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
Who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

READINGS FOR 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A : 19th & 20th August 2023
Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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,
6:30pm 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)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15th August Tuesday : Mass for solemnity feast of the Assumption (Holy day of Obligation) at 9:00am and 7:00pm.

News around the Diocese:

Raising Fathers: Fathering from the Front Line

Speaker: Robert Falzon

Monday 28 August 2023

Level 1, Micah House Resource Centre

7:00pm-8:30pm Cost: Free

Join other dads and father figures for this special evening event as Robert Falzon unpacks practical advice and shares stories that are powerfully important, impacting, informative and instructional for fathering in today's world. RSVP by 27 August.

Enquiries: jude.hennessy@dow.org.au

Register: dow.sh/RF2023

A women's opportunity to experience a

Cursillo three-day Weekend : A Cursillo weekend will be held at Carmel House, Varroville from Thursday evening 5 October to Sunday afternoon 8 October 2023. To find out more, email: cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com or ring Geraldine Dayball on 0421 329 365.

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St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

The Vinnies Winter Appeal continues to challenge the notion that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in the communities they live. The inspiration to do what matters is all around us. The Spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone. This winter, your commitment to Help end the homelessness crisis devastating older women. Your generosity will provide shelter, food, clothing and long-term support to older women in crisis - our mothers, grandmothers and aunts - and help rebuild their lives.

We will be holding our Winter Appeal this weekend 12th & 13th August 2023. Please donate generously. Remember – we can all "help end the homelessness crisis devastating older women."

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We invite all individuals seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith and those interested in becoming Catholic to join our RCIA program. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a journey of faith, knowledge, and community that culminates in the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) for those who choose to enter the Catholic Church. RCIA enquiry forms are available in the Church foyer.

The programme usually commences in late August and concludes at the Easter ceremonies. For more information please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of our priests. We look forward to walking this faith journey with you and welcoming you into the Catholic Church.

Reflection : *Whisper in the storm*

You could say that basically there are just two forms of verbal communication, all other forms being modifications of these two. The first is loud and harsh. It consists of the shout. Many put their faith in this method. It is generally used for giving commands. You hear it a lot on parade grounds and football touchlines. It is widely used in radio and TV commercials.

While the shout has its uses, it is often counter-productive. Loud sounds can deafen. They force us to close our ears, or to switch off altogether, as in the case of some commercials. Besides, we don't like it when people shout at us. It usually means that we are being given no choice in the matter. 'Come here!' 'Stand up straight!' 'Get out!' We feel

under threat and our spontaneous reaction is to defend ourselves.

The second method is soft and gentle. It consist of the whisper. Sometimes a whisper can be more effective than a shout. It is very personal, very individual. If you want to get someone's attention, whisper. When someone whispers to us, we strain our ears. A whisper disarms us because we don't feel under threat. It doesn't break down the door and force itself on us. It respects our freedom. By adopting such a gentle approach we know the person wishes us well. Thus we are more open to what he or she has to say. In certain cases the whisper is the only approach. For example, what other way can we convey the message of love and peace?

But a whisper is a very fragile thing. We have to really concentrate to hear it. It can easily be ignored, and it doesn't take much to drown it out.

God's voice is more like a whisper than a shout. In fact, God's voice is the quietest, gentlest voice of all. God's voice is a voice of love. God did not make himself heard to Elijah in the sound of the mighty wind or the earthquake, but in the whisper of a gentle breeze. God speaks to us in the most hidden parts of our being and in the promptings of our conscience.

Since we live in a very noisy world, if we want to hear the voice of God we need to create some stillness and quietness. Many other voices clamor for our attention, voices that are loud, strident and seductive. But the voice that presents the greatest threat to the gentle voice of God is the voice that comes from within ourselves - the strident voice of our outraged self-esteem.

Yet, for those who know how to listen, the God's gentle voice can make itself heard even in the midst of a storm. Over the roar of wind and the waves, the apostles heard the gentle voice of Jesus saying to them, 'Courage! It is I!! Do not be afraid.'

To live by faith means to rest in God and to rely on his power. God won't carry us, but he will uphold us if we let go. We have to take the risk, only then can God help us. Modern life with its emphasis on security, and its distrust of the unknown, doesn't make faith easy. In fact, it makes it seem foolish. We are God's children. There is an unbreakable bond between us and God. With this conviction our prayer should produce a kind of lightness in us that makes it possible for us to walk over the waves of danger.

New Sunday & Holy Liturgies

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : H & P Maurice / Threlly Cabacungan and Family
Vivian & Joshni Fernandes

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

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| * TJ del Rio | * Julius Medvecky |
| * Pilar Certeza | * Dr Lydia de Jesus |
| * Danny Titmarsh | * Dr Joycelyn de Jesus |
| * Gail Field | * Leslie Reich |
| * Anthony David Smith | * Noli Leyesa |
| * Josef and Stanislawa | * Jaypee Masangkay |
| * Alan Raisbeck | * Jamie Masangkay |
| * Fellie Duggan | * Aida Dayao |
| * Sabrina | * Eva Silang |
| * Cory Bustos | * Carole Dimayuga |
| * Baby Claudia | * Selda Dimayuga |
| * Benjamin Pineda | * Peter Hanh Tran |
| * William Fullerton | * Noeline Bartlet |
| * Resty Perez | * Nancie |
| * Catherine Nguyen | * Jun & Charo Doctors |
| * Cecily Kenny | * Vivian Martin |
| * Patrick Munslow | * Romeo Angeles |
| * Alijah & Anishka | |
| * Catherine & Abigael Carlos | |



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



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| ✠ Fr Peter Caruana | ✠ Allan Bongcawel |
| ✠ Danica Vukovic | ✠ Carla Bongcawel |
| ✠ Leo Castillo | ✠ Catherine Buchanan |
| ✠ Marina San Miquel | ✠ Guadalupe Cabacungan |
| ✠ Brian & Edna Lloyd | ✠ Jose Cabacungan |
| ✠ Domingo Reyes | ✠ Violet & Walter Salgado |
| ✠ Felix Moncada | ✠ Clera & Frankleen Fernando |
| ✠ Noli Lansangan | ✠ Madeline Saminadon |
| ✠ Axelle Marion | ✠ Leandro de Leon |
| ✠ Kim Tu | ✠ Elizabeth Toohey |
| ✠ Ben Siqueira | ✠ Cripina Contreras |
| ✠ Amanda Butcher | ✠ Gilbert Roussel |
| ✠ Gisele Danton | ✠ Manuel Valderrama |
| ✠ Mile Vukovic | ✠ Guy Simone Autard |
| ✠ Cyril Houbert | ✠ Alejandrina Manubay |
| ✠ Rose Fabien | ✠ 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.*