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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.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR - A

19th & 20th August 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look
on the face of your anointed one;
One day within your courts
Is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (56:1, 6-7)

(I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain).

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 66)

All: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Reader: O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

All: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Reader: Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

All: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Reader: Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

All: O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
(11:13-15, 29-32)

(The gifts and call of God are irrevocable).

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient

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to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (15:21-28)

(Woman, you have great faith).

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy;
In him is plentiful redemption.

READINGS FOR 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A : 26th & 27th August 2023
Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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)

News around the Diocese:

Eagle Vale Parish Alpha - Alpha Come & See Evening
Saturday 26 August at 7.00pm

Mary Immaculate Parish Hall 61 Emerald Drive,

For more info & registration:

Contact May 0416 157 294 or may.ataya@dow.org.au

Celebrating Our Catholic Faith

Come along to hear the inspiring, true story of Charbel Raish, founder of Parousia Media and of how Islam led him back to Christ. Sunday 10 September at 3pm

Ss Peter & Paul Meeting Room, Kiama

Gold coin donation/ A plate would be appreciated

RSVP: Sheelagh Abela 0409 562 830

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menALIVE Parish Men's Weekend -

will be held at Micah House in Campbelltown over the weekend of 9-10 September 2023.

This weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

Register at menalive.dow.org.au

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2nd / 3rd September : Parish Cuppa Weekend

3rd September : Father's Day

10th September : Multicultural Day

A vocation view : "The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." Use the gifts that God has given you to stir into flame the gift of faith. (Romans 11:29)

Baptism

Through the waters of Baptism,

Amelia Daley

Enters into the life of God the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit.



Reflection :

Tough faith

Love is the greatest power in the world. To be possessed with love is to be filled with a power which will not be denied. It's amazing what people can do, and will do, when they are motivated by love. We see this especially in the case of a mother.

A mother will do anything, brave anything, suffer anything, endure anything, for the sake of her child.

In all my years in the prison service I have not met five prisoners who have not had a good relationship with the mothers. The mothers never fail to visit and they never fail to take responsibility. We see them every day, mothers with maybe more than one drug addict in the family, queuing to visit the son in jail, living out their lives with no resources, no support, nothing.

It is unbelievable, considering the amount of pressure that mothers come under and the amount of torture they have to go through because their children get into trouble and into crime. (John Loneragan, Governor of Mountjoy Prison, Dublin)

Once, during a particularly severe winter in the Arctic, all but two people in a certain camp died of starvation. The two survivors were an Eskimo woman and her baby.

The woman began a desperate search for some means of obtaining food. Eventually she found a small fish-hook. It was a simple matter to rig a line, but she had not bait, and no hope of getting bait. Without a moment's hesitation she took a knife and cut a piece of flesh from her thigh. Using this as bait she caught a fish. She fed her child and herself, saving the fish gut for bait. She lived on fish until spring when she walked out of the camp and found some other people.

It was no coincidence that the only adult to survive in that camp was a mother. What kept the mother alive was her concern for her child. There seems no limit to what a mother will go through for the sake of her child. A mother doesn't give up easily.

We see another wonderful example of this in today's Gospel story. There we see the unshakeable determination of a mother. She just refused to be put off or to give up. How delighted she must have been when Jesus finally answered her prayer. It meant that all her trouble, all her begging, all her embarrassment, had not been in vain.

She is an example to us of perseverance, courage and love. But she is also an example of faith. Jesus said to her, 'Woman you have great faith. Let our wish be granted.'

She is a model of what could be called tough faith. Sometimes you hear people say, 'Ah, its easy for you; you've great faith.' But it is not like that at all. Faith doesn't always make things easy. In fact, the opposite is more likely to be the case. It's because we have faith that we refuse to give up. Faith impels us to persevere, to struggle on, often with no guarantee of a happy outcome.

Faith is a magic wand. It calls forth from us humility, courage, perseverance, and above all love. A mother never gives up. Neither does a person with faith. Faith and love are inseparably connected. Love is the expression of our faith.

New Sunday & Holy Liturgies

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Alwyn Noronha/ Joseph Quiah / Jaison Family

Birthday : Mhila Carson / Sion Gilchrist / Alanso / Chelsea Pinto / Romolo De Santis / Leni Valencia / Elizabeth Anne Marie Smith / Justin Duggan

Special Intention : Katrine Nguyen / Falesa Leuelu / Rosemary D'Souza

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

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| * Romeo Angeles | * Julius Medvecky |
| * TJ del Rio | * Dr Lydia de Jesus |
| * Pilar Certeza | * Dr Joycelyn de Jesus |
| * Danny Titmarsh | * 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 |
| * Resty Perez | * Noeline Bartlet |
| * Catherine Nguyen | * Nancie |
| * Cecily Kenny | * Jun & Charo Doctors |
| * Cecily Lacey | * Vivian Martin |
| * Patrick Munslow | |
| * Alijah & Anishka | |
| * Catherine & Abigael Carlos | |
| * Czeslawa Piela | |
| * Maria Hunkin | |
| * Frances Thorncraft | |



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



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| † Danica Vukovic | † Leandro de Leon |
| † Mile Vukovic | † Elizabeth Toohey |
| † Naina Mariano | † Aline Leal |
| † Maria Dinh | † Serge Rochecouste |
| † Gerard Ducasse | † Lelita de Leon |
| † Benito San Miguel | † Henri Monty |
| † Hector Camcam | † William Fullerton |
| † Kiran Puri | † Broniseawa Kuzminski |
| † Satinder Kumar | † Carolina & Artemio Sr Sabado |
| † Isidro Amarille | † All souls in Purgatory |
| † Norberto I Gutierrez | |
| † Fr Anton Bulla SVD | |
| † Gail Field | |
| † Lucena Pelaez | |



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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.*