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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.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY

Year A – 5th & 6th August 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Daniel (7:9-10, 13-14)

(His raiment was as white as snow).

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A Thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the vision of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 96)

All: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Reader: The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right.

All: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Reader: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory.

All: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Reader: For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits.

All: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of Peter

(1:16-19)

(We heard this voice from out of heaven).

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honored and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from

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heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through and dark until the dawn comes and morning star rises in your minds.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight : listen to him. Alleluia

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (17:1-9)
(His face was shining like the sun).

Communion Antiphon

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

READINGS FOR 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A : 12th & 13th August 2023
1 Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33

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.

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.

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)

2023 Sacramental Program

1st Reconciliation lessons will start this Sunday, 6th August 2023 commencing at 11:30am. Total of 56 candidates enrolled for the sacrament of 1st Reconciliation and Holy communion this year. Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers.

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.

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Parish Cuppa Weekend

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY will be holding the monthly Parish Weekend Cuppa this weekend after all the masses.

Please join us for a Cuppa with some lovely conversation sharing.

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.

On the weekend of 12th and 13th August 2023 we will be holding our Winter Appeal. Remember – we can all *"help end the homelessness crisis devastating older women."*

A vocation view

"Lord, it is good that we are here." It is always good to be in the presence of God.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK:

National Vocations Awareness Week begins on August 6th - coinciding as always with the feast of Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. This is a reminder that we are all called to be saints, which is to say that we are called through our baptism to follow Jesus in his way of love. This universal call then manifests uniquely in God's plan for each one of us.

For help discerning your specific vocational path, contact Fr Duane Fernandez, Vocations Director, at vocations@dow.org.au – he would love to hear from you!

Reflection : A modern version of the miracle

Christ fed five thousand people in the desert. Everyone got as much as they wanted, and still there were twelve baskets of food left over. It was an astonishing display of compassion and generosity on His part. But He couldn't have done it without the five loaves and two fish given him by a young boy, and without the help of the apostles.

Mother Teresa fed nine thousand people every day in Calcutta. But she couldn't have done so without the generosity of many people around the world, and the assistance of her sisters and lay helpers. Here is an example of the kind of generosity which made this daily miracle possible.

One day a young couple came into their house and gave them a large sum of money. 'Where did you get so much money?' Mother Teresa asked.

'We were married two days ago,' they replied. 'We decided not to have a wedding feast, but to give the money to feed the poor instead.' 'Why would you do this?' she asked. 'Because we love each other and wanted to begin our married life with an act of sacrifice,' they replied.

What made their act of generosity all the more amazing was the fact that both of them were high-caste Hindus, who normally will have nothing to do with the poor.

Sometimes a small deed takes on an importance far beyond its actual value. When Jesus told the apostles to give food to the people, they said, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' On hearing this Jesus might have said, 'That's no good. Forget the whole thing. Send the people home.' But he said no such thing. Instead, he took the five loaves and two fish, and with them fed the people.

There is a tendency today to go in for the big gesture, and to neglect the small gesture. Hence, we may be tempted to think that because our contribution is small, it will make no difference. So we excuse ourselves from doing anything. But everything helps. Enough crumbs make a loaf. Besides, our example may trigger a response in others.

Feeding hungry bodies is one of the corporal works of mercy. It is something we could and should be able to do ourselves. But there is a food which only God can give. Jesus was concerned about those who were hungry. However, he didn't just feed people's bodies; he nourished their minds, their hearts, and their spirits. The people Jesus fed in that lonely place that day went home fully nourished - in body and in spirit.

The miracle recalled the Old Testament story of manna in the desert. It shows us Jesus as the new Moses who feeds his people in the desert. It is an anticipation of the table of the Eucharist where Jesus nourished the early Christians and nourishes us now. In the Eucharist we taste the love of God. The proof that we have experienced that love will be our willingness to love others.

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

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Danica Pineda & Sam Lacin / Chandra Fernando /

Vivian & Joshni Fernandes

Birthday : Peter D'Souza / Marina Skoczylas / Evelyn Camcam

Special Intentions: Agapito Palma & Angela Marcelo

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 |
| * Patrick Munslow | * Carole Dimayuga |
| * Cory Bustos | * Selda Dimayuga |
| * Baby Claudia | * Peter Hanh Tran |
| * Benjamin Pineda | * Noeline Bartlet |
| * William Fullerton | * Nancie |
| * Resty Perez | * Jun & Charo Doctors |
| * Catherine Nguyen | * Vivian Martin |
| | * Romeo Angeles |



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



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| ✠ Danica Vukovic | ✠ Sonanita Ranili |
| ✠ Leon Rego | ✠ Adoknado L Alcanar |
| ✠ Narciso San Miquel | ✠ Abelardo Alcanar Sr. |
| ✠ Basilia Camcam | ✠ Cecilia Quiah |
| ✠ Zosimo Ramos | ✠ Mercedes Carlos |
| ✠ Dorotea Ramos | ✠ Lorenza, Nateliano, |
| ✠ Phina-Germaine-Iris | Alfreda, Rustico, |
| ✠ Kumarika Misso | Tumbaga & Sabado family |
| ✠ Cesar Sanares | ✠ Richeville & Martha |
| ✠ Antonietta Bernardo | Pauline |
| ✠ Lucila Arcilla | ✠ Felizardo & Felicidad |
| ✠ Nicodemos Tagnipis | Berioso |
| ✠ 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.*