



## MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

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**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD**

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Assistant Priest : Fr. Gideon Awudi SVD

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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.

### 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR - A

9th & 10th September 2023

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

##### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (33:7-9)

*(If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death).*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life'.

The Word of the Lord.

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 94)

**All: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

**Reader:** Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

**All: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

**Reader:** Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

**All: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

**Reader:** O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

**All: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

##### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (13:8-10)  
*(Love is the fulfillment of the Law).*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the Commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covert, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord.

# Parish News and Happenings

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew (18:15-20)

*(If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back).*

## Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul  
is thirsting for God, the living God.

**READINGS FOR 2TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Year A : 16th & 17th September 2023  
Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**BAPTISMS are open.** For Baptism Preparation please contact **Maria D'souza** through email : [maria197114@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Notice : Fr Bosco's Home Leave.

**Fr Bosco will be away on his Home Leave for 4 weeks from Tuesday 12th September. Please keep him in your prayers.**

## Parish Multicultural Day

Multicultural Day of Mary Mother of The Church is this Sunday the **10<sup>th</sup> of September 2023.**

**Mass is at 9:00am,** after 9:00am mass there will be live entertainment and many food stalls on the Church Grounds. We encourage all parishioners to come along for a fun filled day and partake in the community Spirit. **Festivities:**

- \* Procession at 8.30am
- \* Cutting of a cake for Mother Mary
- \* Singing of the Australian National Anthem
- \* Cultural song and dance
- \* International Food stalls
- \* Sausage Sizzle & Tea Coffee Stall
- \* White Elephant goods stall
- \* Plant Sale

**Please help clean up after the festivities.**

## THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL IN SUPPORT OF CLERGYCARE:

**The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be promoted in our parish on the weekend of 16/17 September. Please come prepared and donate generously.**

"Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired clergy, who have always cared for us; and a sound and holistic formation of our young seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop.

I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated."

## Child Protection Sunday

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:  
[www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)

# Parish News and Happenings

## **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 September and concludes at the Easter ceremonies. For more information please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of our priests.

## **Sunday School**

We are thrilled to announce the return of Sunday School to our parish community starting from **15th October during the 10am Mass** in the Logos Centre.

### **What to Expect:**

- Engaging lessons for about 30mins
- Full supervision provided for a safe and nurturing environment
- Children will rejoin the main congregation before the Communion service.
- Held exclusively during the School Term

We encourage all interested parents and guardians to bring their children to the 10am Mass so that they can attend the Sunday School. For any enquiries or to learn more about our Sunday School program, please contact the parish office or Edyleen Santos on 0414945451.

## **Reflection :**                    *How to change a person*

Jesus says, 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone'. He doesn't say, 'Put up with it, suffer it, endure it.' He says, 'Go and confront him with his wrongdoing.'

If someone is doing us a wrong, we have a duty to point it out to him or her. It is a special duty for those in positions of authority (see First Reading). People put up with all kinds of abuse for the sake of a phoney peace. They may think that this is the will of God for them.

However, there is an art in confronting a person. If we adopt a harsh approach with someone, all we do is cause him to harden his heart.

In that case, not only is nothing achieved, but further harm is done. Whereas if we adopt a gentler approach, we may soften his heart, help him to see the error of his ways, and so enable him to change.

In his autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom* (1994), Nelson Mandela describes his long years of imprisonment on Robben Island. He tells how one day he was called to the main office. General Steyn was visiting the island and wanted to know from Mandela if the prisoners had any complaints. Badenhorst, the officer in command on the island, was also present. Now Badenhorst was feared and hated by the prisoners.

In a calm, but forceful and truthful manner, Mandela informed the visitor about the chief complaints of the prisoners. But he did so without bitterness or recriminations. The general duly took note of what he had to say, which amounted to a damning indictment of Badenhorst's regime. The following day Badenhorst went to Mandela and said, 'I'm leaving the island. I just want to wish you people good luck.'

The remark left Mandela dumbfounded. Later, he said, 'I was amazed. He spoke these words like a human being, and showed a side of himself we had never seen before. I thanked him for his good wishes, and wished him luck in his own endeavours.'

Mandela says that he thought about this incident for a long time afterwards. Badenhorst had perhaps been the most callous and barbaric commanding officer they had had on the island. But that incident revealed that there was another side to his nature, a side that had been obscured but that still existed.

And Mandela concludes, 'It was a useful reminder that all men, even the most seemingly cold-blooded, have a core of decency, and that if their hearts are touched, they are capable of changing. Ultimately, Badenhorst was not evil; his inhumanity had been foisted upon him by an inhuman system. He behaved like a brute because he was rewarded for brutish behaviour.'

In the response to the psalm we repeated the words: 'O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.' God is continually calling us from the error of our ways into a closer relationship with him and with one another.

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

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## Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

**Birthday :** Gabriel Wijaya / Nerayo Santos / Sabrina / Paulo Lafaele /

**Thanksgiving :** Camille / Monique Yongching Ronald & Vivian Patawaran / Catherine Nguyen

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

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| * TJ del Rio                 | * Julius Medvecky      |
| * Alan Raisbeck              | * Dr Lydia de Jesus    |
| * Fellie Duggan              | * Dr Joycelyn de Jesus |
| * Resty Perez                | * Leslie Reich         |
| * Catherine Nguyen           | * Noli Leyesa          |
| * Cecily Kenny               | * Jaypee Masangkay     |
| * Cecilie Lacey              | * Jamie Masangkay      |
| * Patrick Munslow            | * Aida Dayao           |
| * Czeslawa Piela             | * Eva Silang           |
| * Maria Hunkin               | * Carole Dimayuga      |
| * Frances Thorncraft         | * Selda Dimayuga       |
| * Joseph Domingo             | * Peter Hanh Tran      |
| * Marija Soldo               | * Noeline Bartlet      |
| * Catherine & Abigael Carlos | * Nancie               |
| * Shirley Myers              | * Jun & Charo Doctors  |
| * Angelica                   | * Vivian Martin        |
| * Teresa Beattie             | * Romeo Angeles        |
| * Venancio Ibarra            |                        |
| * Noriel Rivela              |                        |
| * Nilo Miranda               |                        |



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



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| ✠ Margaret Jaji                            | ✠ Danica Vukovic      |
| ✠ Lolita C. De Guzman                      | ✠ Mile Vukovic        |
| ✠ Perfecto Lasa Sr.                        | ✠ George Helene       |
| ✠ Elsa Capristiano Guray                   | ✠ Alfred Yongching    |
| ✠ Crispina Contreras                       | ✠ Boy Anc             |
| ✠ Gilbert Roussel                          | ✠ Noriel Rivela       |
| ✠ Saviour Imelda Bonello                   | ✠ Emilio Carbero      |
| ✠ Maria Teresa Donley                      | ✠ Robert Bartlet      |
| ✠ Francesco Milazzo                        | ✠ Joselito Mercado    |
| ✠ Clotilde Milazzo                         | ✠ Celine Rodrigues    |
| ✠ Kate Delaney                             | ✠ Albert Menezes      |
| ✠ Guadalupe Cabacungan                     | ✠ Virginia Mabilangan |
| ✠ Consuelo Cabanilla                       | ✠ Mildred D'mello     |
| ✠ Laval & Gladys Carreau                   |                       |
| ✠ Mr Jose B Razon                          |                       |
| ✠ Deceased Members of :<br>-Milazzo 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.*