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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

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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.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR - A

30th September & 1st October 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name and deal with us
according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (18:25-28)

*(The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness
deserves to live).*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 24)

All: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Reader: Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

All: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Reader: Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

All: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Reader: The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

All: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:1-11)

*(In your minds you must be the same as
Christ Jesus).*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

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His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (21:28-32)

(He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God).

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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.

READINGS FOR 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A : 7th & 8th October 2023
Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

RCIA:

We extend a warm welcome to the 6 newest members of our parish family, our RCIA candidates who have started their faith journey with us. Let us come together in prayer, asking for God's blessings on our RCIA candidates as they continue on this spiritual path. May their journey be filled with grace and enlightenment.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for October

For the Synod

"We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world."

Social Justice Statement **Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.**

On 14 October 2023, all Australians will be given the chance to vote on a referendum question to formally recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of this country and to enshrine in the Constitution the establishment of an Indigenous Voice to Parliament. The Australian Bishops welcome the referendum as a blessed opportunity for the Church and, indeed, all Australians to embark on a new engagement with First Nations peoples in the hope that there can be healing and justice in our land.

Please vote YES for reconciliation and justice. socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Made Free: Creative Retreat **Carmel House (Varroville) 20-22 Oct**

Come on retreat with the MGL Sisters and recapture the freedom you were made for through a range of creative prayer experiences aimed to help you let go of what is burdening you so that God might fill you again with life.

More info: mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com Book online by 6th October: www.trybooking.com/CFBRD

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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.

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died, and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water, and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au

Reflection : Personal responsibility

At the time of the prophet Ezekiel, there was a belief that the child was punished for the sins of the parents. There was a popular saying, 'Parents eat sour grapes, and their children's teeth are set on edge.' But the prophet didn't agree with this. He stated clearly and unequivocally that each individual is responsible for his or her actions, and he or she alone will have to answer for them.

He pointed out that we can't hide behind the goodness or evil of others; each of us stands before God in his own goodness and in his own badness, and is judged accordingly.

What Ezekiel was talking about is the principle of personal responsibility. It is wrong to blame the past for everything. All of us must look into our own hearts, and we will see plenty to blame. But repentance will win us pardon and life.

There is a tendency today to take responsibility

away from the individual. The whole thrust of modern psychoanalysis seems to be that someone else is to blame - one's parents, one's environment, and so on.

We are, of course, influenced by our upbringing and environment. Still, there must come a time when we stop blaming others, and accept responsibility for our actions. We have to say, 'The buck stops with me.' My own sins are my own, and I and no one else will have to answer before God for them. It's refreshing to hear someone say, 'I am to blame. I am responsible.' But how seldom we hear that.

Unless we accept responsibility for our sins, we will see no need to repent of them. If we accept responsibility for them, we will want to do something about them, and God will help us. If we confess our sins we have nothing to fear but the mercy of God.

Jesus' story of the two sons is very relevant here. One son gave his word that he would go and work in his father's vineyard, but in actual fact he didn't go. He probably said to himself: 'They'll get on without me'. Here we have a total abdication of personal responsibility.

The other son at first refused to go. However, later in the day he reflected on his decision, saw that it was wrong, and decided to put it right. Here you have an example of someone who took responsibility for his life. But even this son is not held up as a model. True, he had a conversion. But it seems to have been just a change of mind. There is no suggestion that he had a change of heart. A change of mind is a good thing, but a change of heart is a deeper and better thing.

A change of mind may lead to a change of some aspect of a person's behaviour. But a change of heart leads to a complete change of life. A change of heart is conversion at the deepest possible level. A change of mind is usually brought about by fear or self-interest. A change of heart is brought about by love.

All us are called to conversion, because conversion is a necessary disposition for entry into the Kingdom. But many religious people stubbornly resisted his call to conversion of heart, refused to change their lives, and so excluded themselves from the Kingdom.

We need the Lord to touch our hearts with his love and compassion. People are essentially good. But this goodness has to be awakened and called forth if we are to enter the Lord's Kingdom, which is a Kingdom of love.

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

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Alijah & Anishka /
Pierre Rochecouste /

Special Intentions : Tess Valesini / Jenny /
Frank & Monique Family

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

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



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



- ✠ Antoinette Srouji A
- ✠ Peter Thomas Laban
- ✠ Felicia Meyers
- ✠ Joseph Dempsey
- ✠ Kathleen Hogan
- ✠ Michael Maher
- ✠ Jose Camcam
- ✠ Jennifer Nagarajan
- ✠ Birdy Nation
- ✠ Marie McGavin
- ✠ Debbie Gunnion
- ✠ Jaya Kody Seneviratne
- ✠ Simon Fernando and his Brothers
- ✠ 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.*