



## MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

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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.

### 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR - A

2nd & 3rd September 2023

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you

##### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (20:7-9)

*(The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me).*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, Everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him,' I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord.

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 62)

**All: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

**Reader:** O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

**All: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

**Reader:** So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

**All: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

**Reader:** So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

**All: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

**Reader:** For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

**All: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

##### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (12:1-2)

*(May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice).*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a

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holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behavior of the world around you, but let your behavior change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

### **Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew (16:21-27)

*(Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself).*

## Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

**READINGS FOR 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Year A : 9th & 10th September 2023  
Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

**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*

## **BIRTHDAY OF MOTHER MARY :**

Friday September 8th, is the feast of the Birthday of Mother Mary. Mass in her honour will be at 9:00am.

## **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**

Multicultural Day of Mary Mother of The Church is on next 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. You are welcome to wear traditional costumes for Multicultural Day.

### **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.**

"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."

**+ Bishop Brian Mascord**

## **A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER**

*God our Father,  
In your wisdom and love, you made all things.  
Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting.  
Bless those who have lost a spouse to death ... or divorce who are parenting their children alone.  
Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY !**

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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 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.

## **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.

### **Reflection : Trying to lure him from his destiny**

*Nelson Mandela tells us that when he was struggling to establish himself as a young lawyer in Johannesburg, he was friendly with a businessman by the name of Hans Muller, a man who saw the world through the prism of supply and demand. One day Muller pointed out the window, and said, 'Look out there, Nelson. Do you see those men and women scurrying up and down the street? What is it that they are pursuing? What is it that they are working for so feverishly? I'll tell you: all of them, without exception, are after wealth and mon-*

*ey. Because wealth and money equal happiness. That is what you must struggle for: money, and nothing but money. Once you have enough money, there is nothing else you will want in life.'*

*The advice was well-meant. But that only made it all the more dangerous. Mandela was an intelligent man. If he had taken Muller's advice he could have done very well for himself. Luckily for South Africa, he didn't. Instead of looking after Number One, Mandela decided to dedicate himself to serving his country.*

*This incident helps us to understand today's Gospel. A short time prior to this Peter had recognized Jesus as the Messiah. Now, according to popular expectation, the Messiah would be a great military leader—another King David who would restore Israel to its former military greatness. No doubt this is the kind of thing Peter had in mind.*

*But this wasn't Jesus' idea of the Messiah. He told the apostles that the Messiah would suffer and be put to death. That was what God wanted. Not that God wanted the suffering of his Son but that he wanted to show us the depth of his love for us in and through the faithfulness and love of his Son, a faithfulness and love which cost him his life.*

*Jeremiah didn't know what he was letting himself in for when he agreed to become God's prophet. When Mandela decided to dedicate his life to his country, he didn't know what it would mean spending twenty-seven years of his life in prison. But when Jesus set out on the road to Jerusalem he did not know the full consequences of the decision he had made. This makes his sacrifice all the greater.*

*However, when the hour came for him to drink the cup of suffering and death, he didn't find it easy. On the contrary, he underwent a terrible agony, and asked the Father to remove the chalice from him. Nevertheless, he remained faithful.*

*Jeremiah underwent a similar struggle. He was so overwhelmed by the demands of his task that he wanted to pack it all in. His cry will find an echo in the heart of anyone who serves God in a difficult situation. It is never easy to bear witness in the face of indifference and hostility. Only a profound conviction of vocation can hold one to the task. But it is comforting for us to know that even a Jeremiah could contemplate opting out.*

*The only thing that makes sacrifice easy is love. Love enables us to turn the cross from a stumbling block into a stepping stone. What Jesus did was an expression of his love for us and for his heavenly Father.*

*The road to Jerusalem brought Jesus to Calvary. But it didn't end there. It led to Easter. Jesus supports all those who follow him down the narrow road of sacrifice, and shares his Easter victory with them.*

**New Sunday & Holy Liturgies**

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## Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

**Birthday :** Gabriel Wijaya / Alexander Buenaventura / Ashley Cyril Pereira / Cherry Axibal / Linda Calado / Emily Jan / Aleya Meryam Lacin

**Special Intentions :** Tess Valesini / Frank & Monique / Christine Papain

## 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         |
| * Katherine 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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| ✠ Jennifer Nagarajan          | ✠ Danica Vukovic      |
| ✠ John McMillan               | ✠ Mile Vukovic        |
| ✠ John Patrick Thomas         | ✠ Sue Maharaj         |
| ✠ Una Sheehey                 | ✠ Catherine Buchanan  |
| ✠ Evangeline Perry            | ✠ Leonila Antiola     |
| ✠ Saviour Bonello             | ✠ Clotilde Millazzo   |
| ✠ Monica Andrew Viegas        | ✠ Fr. Mark Beard      |
| ✠ Msgr. Baptist Menezes       | ✠ Ong Agus Murdono    |
| ✠ Leticia Hernandez           | ✠ Leticia Hernandez   |
| ✠ John Edward Macmanus        | ✠ France Rochecouste  |
| ✠ Reynolds & Dea Bonnefemme   | ✠ Mary Mahoney        |
| ✠ Deceased Members of :       | ✠ Mary Anne de Livera |
| -Marie Fernando Family        | ✠ George Billett      |
| -Chandra Fernando Family      | ✠ George Valesini     |
| -Frank Melit family           |                       |
| -Carla & Paulo Quintao 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.*