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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.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR - A

14th & 15th October 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord who could stand? But with you is found
forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (25:6-10)

*(The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away
the tears from every cheek).*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 22)

**All: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

**All: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

Reader: He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

**All: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

Reader: You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

**All: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

Reader: Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

**All: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians
(4:12-14, 19-20)

*(I am able to do all things in him who
strengthens me).*

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I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who give me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfill all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 (22:1-14)**

*(Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding).
vineyard to other farmers).*

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

**READINGS FOR 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A : 21st & 22nd October 2023
Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21**

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.

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

1st Holy Communion : Parents Information night on **Tuesday, 17th of October 2023 - 7:00pm** in the Church.

- Holy Communion Preparatory Lessons will start on Sunday 21st October at 11:30am in the Church

Catholic Mission Church Appeal Mission Sunday

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality. We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

On the weekend of October 21st / 22nd, our parish will hold a special collection to support the Catholic Mission appeal. Please come prepared to give generously.

Bishop Brian Mascord invites you to attend **Leadership Unlocked**

A Formation Day with Ron Huntley for Clergy, Parish Pastoral Councils and Leadership Teams

On Friday, 10 November

Location: Xavier Centre Conference Rooms (Behind Cathedral), 38 Harbour St, Wollongong
Time: Clergy (1:15pm) / PPC/PLTs (5:00pm)

The day will be facilitated by Ron Huntley, a renowned author and speaker from Canada who specialises in leadership formation that encourages and equips Catholic Clergy and their Pastoral Councils / Leadership teams for mission and renewal.

Requesting members of our PPC/PLT to attend the joint session in the evening. Bishop Brian will be in attendance and he looks forward to learning and growing with you. Please let the Parish office know if you would like to attend. Thank You.

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The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023—a captivating 80-page book containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2023) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2024).

Available now in the Church Foyer. Please see Lina for your copy. \$3.00 / Book

Called by Name: Macarthur Young Adults Gathering

Campbelltown Catholic Club,
Saturday 28 October 6:45pm - 9pm

Only 2 weeks left to Register

We extend to you this personal invitation to engage with fellow young adults from 17—35 years old, guided by a panel who will openly share the stories and learnings from their own journeys, with an opportunity for Q&A throughout the discussion.

Register now: dow.sh/cbn23

Church Cleaning—Volunteers Needed

Volunteers to assist with the cleaning of the church are required. If you can spare a few hours on Saturday morning after 8.30am Mass, please contact the parish office. You will be rostered once in 7 weeks time. If you are available to assist please contact the parish office.

Sunday School Starting this weekend

Sunday starting from **15th October during the 10am Mass** in the Logos Centre.

We encourage all interested parents and guardians to bring their children to the 10am Mass so that they can attend the Sunday School. Contact Edyleen Santos on 0414945451 for more info.

Reflection:

Ways of responding

Let us suppose that you are giving a party. When you have fixed the date, you draw up a list of the people you wish to invite. Then you send out the invitations with RSVP emblazoned on them, and wait for the responses to come back. Basically you can expect three kinds of responses.

Some accept your invitations. Every acceptance makes you feel happy. Of course there can be degrees of acceptance. Some may accept

half heartedly; they are coming only because they feel in some way obliged to come. But others may accept with enthusiasm; they feel honoured and grateful for having been invited.

Others refuse your invitations. Every refusal disappoints you, perhaps even hurts you, but at least you know where you stand with these people. There can also be degrees of refusal. In some cases it may be that people would like to come but can't because they have a prior engagement on the date in question. But in other cases people are just not interested; it's not that they can't come, but that they won't come.

There is a third way of responding to the invitation - by not responding at all. Yes, that too is a response. You wait and wait for a reply but none comes. This is the worst kind of response of all. It's worse than a refusal. When people refuse the invitation, you know where you stand with them. But here you don't. You are left wondering what's on. Have you inadvertently done something to offend the invited ones? You don't know, and you probably never will know. If you were to contact them, they would probably say, 'Oh, I meant to reply, but...' I meant to! What an empty feeling this leaves you with.

God doesn't compel us. He invites us. A command can't be so easily ignored, but an invitation can. Advertisers can't compel us to buy a certain product, but they resort to all kinds of gimmicks to try to persuade and cajole us into buying it. God doesn't act like that. He has too much respect for our freedom.

Often we don't know what we really want, or even what is good for us. What we are seeking, and what deep down we really value and desire, are not always the same thing. Perhaps we are so busy, our lives are so full, that even God has difficulty in breaking through to us.

Only God knows what is truly best for us. And just as parents want the best for their children, so God wants the best for us, who are his children. What is God calling us to? God is calling us to a deeper and more authentic life here on earth. He is calling us into intimacy with himself. He is calling us into community with others. And at death he will call us into eternal life.

To ignore God's invitation altogether is the worst form of refusal. It implies indifference. Indifferent people are the hardest to convert.

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

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Herbert & Sheila Kreltszheim

Birthday : Danny / Aljhon Garcia /
Frank Yongching /

Wedding Anniversary : Nico & Mona

Special Intentions : All HSC Students /
Peace of the World especially in Israel & Ukraine

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 |
| * 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 | |



Funeral Mass

Our faithful parishioner **Maria Hunkin** passed away peacefully on Thursday 12th October 2023. Her funeral Mass will be here on **Monday 16th October at 10:30am**. We pray for her soul and offer our condolences to her family.

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



- ✠ Maria Hunkin
- ✠ Florise Fabien
- ✠ Cristina Nell Sanchez
- ✠ Rosario Lee
- ✠ Danica Vukovic
- ✠ Veronica Webster
- ✠ Valerie Ambrose
- ✠ Claude Lebrasse
- ✠ Ana Pavkovich
- ✠ Anthony Saxon



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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.*