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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.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MISSION SUNDAY - YEAR - A

21st & 22nd October 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (45:1, 4-6)

(I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance).

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the lions of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is not other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 95)

All: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Reader: O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

All: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Reader: The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.

All: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Reader: Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

All: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Reader: Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness.

All: Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (1:1-5)

(We are mindful of your faith, hope and love).

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember

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before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: **Matthew (22:15-21)**

(Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's).

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**READINGS FOR 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A : 28th & 29th October 2023
Ex22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40**

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.

Sunday School : Fortnightly on Sundays during 10am Mass 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

Mass Timings

All Saints Day : Wednesday 1st November 2023
Mass at 9:00am & 7:00pm

All Souls Day : Thursday 2nd November 2023
mass at 9:00am & 7:00pm

Catholic Mission Church Appeal Mission Sunday

As we celebrate World Mission Month, following mass this weekend we will be having "Special Third Collection" to support Catholic Mission Appeal. This year Catholic Mission has invited us to partner with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world. Thank You.

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

Upcoming Meetings

- **Tuesday 24th October at 7:00 pm,** Combined Liturgy & Event Committee Meeting in the Logos centre. All Members requested to attend.

Church Cleaning—Volunteers Needed

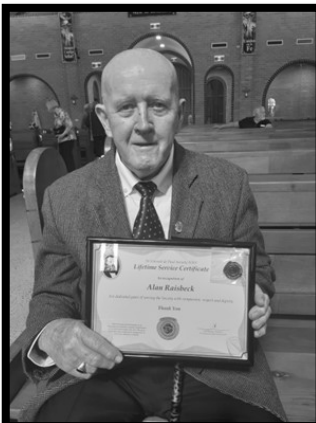
Volunteers to assist with the cleaning of the church are required. If you can spare a few hours on Saturday morning after 8.30am Mass, please contact the parish office. You will be rostered once in 7 weeks time.

Baptism

Through the waters of Baptism,

**Chloe Fung
Michael Konrad Sunga
&
Calista Anaya D’Cruz**

Enter into the life of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Congratulations! **Alan Raisbeck** was awarded a Lifetime Service Certificate & Badge at St Vincent de Paul Campbelltown Regional Mass held on 14 October, 2023, at Ingleburn Holy Family Church, for dedicated years of serving the Society with compassion, respect and dignity at Samaritan House and in the community of Macquarie Fields.

**PROUD MOMENT
Congratulations Alan**

Reflection:

The Christian & Politics

The question posed to Jesus was an attempt to draw him into the world of politics. Politics has a very bad name today. Politicians are frequently caricatured and laughed at. Hence, Christians tend

to opt out of the affairs of the world, and to leave to others dangerous, daring, and responsible things such as politics, law-making, and business. But when they do this they are leaving these things to others who may not be motivated by Christian values and principles.

Dag Hammarskjold was Secretary-general of the UN. When he died in a plane crash in Central Africa in 1961 at the age of fifty-six the world lost a great servant of peace. He was that rare person for whom public service is not simply a career or a means to achieving power, but a religious vocation, a way of being faithful to God. He drew inspiration from the Old Testament prophets. He said, 'Indifference to evil is worse than evil itself, and in a free society, some are guilty, but all are responsible.'

Gandhi is another example of a deeply religious man who involved himself in politics. He said, 'I am in politics because I cannot separate life from belief. Because I believe in God I have to enter politics. Politics is my service of God.'

And Nelson Mandela is yet another example. Mandela tells how when he began to get interested in politics a friend tried to warn him off, saying, 'Politics brings out the worst in people. It is the source of trouble and corruption, and should be avoided at all costs.' fortunately for South Africa and for the world, Mandela ignored his advice.

It is a great pity that politics is so lowly regarded. Politics plays a vital role in creating the kind of society in which we live. What greater vocation is there than to assume responsibility for national and international affairs — to work for peace and justice in the world, for the betterment of human life for all. 'No life is more satisfactory than that of selfless service to your country or humanity.' (Dag Hammarskjold)

Jesus' injunction: 'Give to Caesar what belong to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God' is only a principle. We have to work out the implications of it. And in practice it may not always be easy to draw a clear line between the civil sphere and the religious sphere.

A true Christian is at one and the same time a good citizen of his country, and a good citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven. He will fail neither in his duty to God nor his fellow men and women. Our first and deepest loyalty is to God. To God alone we tender worship, but in other things we gladly acknowledge and serve the secular powers, praying that they will rule wisely and justly.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Tessie Angeles / Tess Come / Connie Sales / Cris Artuz/ John Dancen Cabacungan / Aaron Pereira /

Wedding Anniversary : Didit & Juda

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

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| * Romeo Angeles | * Julius Medvecky |
| * Fr. David Catterall | * Dr Lydia de Jesus |
| * TJ del Rio | * Dr Joycelyn de Jesus |
| * Alan Raisbeck | * Leslie Reich |
| * Fellie Duggan | * Noli Leyesa |
| * Resty Perez | * Jaypee Masangkay |
| * Catherine Nguyen | * Jamie Masangkay |
| * Patrick Munslow | * Aida Dayao |
| * Czeslawa Piela | * Eva Silang |
| * Joseph Domingo | * Carole Dimayuga |
| * Marija Soldo | * Selda Dimayuga |
| * Catherine & Abigael | * Peter Hanh Tran |
| Carlos | * Noeline Bartlet |
| * Shirley Myers | * Nancie |
| * Venancio Ibarra | * Jun & Charo Doctors |
| * Noriel Rivela | * Vivian Martin |
| * Nilo Miranda | * Abigail Hall |
| * Victor Padura | |
| * Nelia Ambat | |



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



- ✠ Maria Hunkin
- ✠ Daisy Noronha
- ✠ Sarah Sequeira
- ✠ Antonio Torres Sr
- ✠ Reg Waldon
- ✠ Ana Yanez
- ✠ Joseph Screpiz
- ✠ Evelyne Sullivan
- ✠ Frank Rochecouste
- ✠ Isabela Damicog
- ✠ Nicole Dove
- ✠ George & Noel Helene
- ✠ Cristina Nell Sanchez
- ✠ Domingo Villaflores Jr
- ✠ Laila Joseph
- ✠ Mary Raisbeck
- ✠ Solnage Manlgnnet
- ✠ Zenaida de Guzman
- ✠ 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.*