



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

58 EDGAR STREET or PO BOX 18 MACQUARIE FIELDS NSW 2564

Phone: 02 9605 6169

Email: mfields@dow.org.au

Website : mmotc.org.au

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

Parish Priest: Fr. Bosco Sangbok Son SVD

Assistant Priest : Fr. Gideon Awudi SVD

Parish Secretary: Veena Miranda

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.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR - A

11th & 12th November 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom (6:12-16)

(Wisdom is found by those who look for it).

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

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.

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

Reader: On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

(Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus).

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

Parish News and Happenings

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: **Matthew (25:1-13)**

*(Look, the bridegroom comes.
Go out to meet him).*

Communion Antiphon

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.

READINGS FOR 32ND SUNDAY

Year A : 18th & 19th November 2023

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

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.

Wall of Remembrance

This year, during the holy month of November, you are invited to visit our virtual Mary Mother of the Church Parish 'Wall of Remembrance' on Facebook page / parish website and upload a photo and write the name of a family member who has died.

Instructions on how to upload your photo and remembrance post can be found in the 'News' section on our parish website.

Parish's Social Media Platforms

We're excited to announce that our parish is now on Instagram! In our ongoing efforts to keep our community connected and informed, we've created social media platforms to share updates, events, and moments of faith. By liking our Facebook page and following us on Instagram, you can stay up-to-date with all the latest parish news.

-Instagram Page:

marymotherofthechurchmacfields

-Facebook Page : Mary Mother Of The Church

FAREWELL FOR FR. GIDEON

Please join us in bidding a fond farewell to our beloved priest, Fr. Gideon Awudi, who will be leaving us in December to take up his new posting in Townsville. Your presence at the farewell event will mean a lot.

Farewell : Saturday, 9th December 2023
Time: After 6pm Vigil Mass in the Hall
(Please bring a plate to share)

As you leave our parish Fr. Gideon, we want to express our sincere appreciation for your service. Thank you for care, love and support you have provided for everyone at the church. May the path ahead be paved with joy, peace, and divine guidance.

There will be cards available at the entrances of the Church for you to write a personal message to Fr. Gideon. These messages will be presented to him after the 6:00 PM Mass on December 9th during the Farewell Mass, celebrated by Fr. Gideon and Fr. Asaeli Raas SVD, Provincial.

Online contributions can be forwarded to our Church A/c. Please put reference as "farewell gift"

Account Name : Macquarie Fields Parish

BSB: 066711

Account No: 001737

Parish News and Happenings

Dates for your Diary

November 25: Saturday, First Holy Communion Mass at 10am & 12:00pm

December 3: First Sunday of Advent

December 8: Friday- Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 9:00am

December 16: Saturday - Parish Carols after 6:00pm vigil mass followed by sausage sizzle

December 19: Tuesday - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at 6:00pm

December 16-24 : Dawn Masses at 5:00am daily

December 24 : Sunday - Christmas Family Mass at 7:00pm

December 24: Midnight mass at 11:30pm

December 25: Monday- Christmas Day Mass at 9:00am

December 31: Sunday- End of year Thanksgiving with Adoration at 6:30pm followed by mass

January 1 2024: Monday- New Year's mass at 9:00am

Note : Weekend masses on the 23rd December (6pm) & 24th December (8am & 10am) are as usual.

Parish Pastoral Council Election 2023

In the months of November, December & January, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to Call to Mission Seven [7] committed parishioners (Five [5] elected by the parish and two [2] appointed by Fr Bosco) to serve as Parish Pastoral Council members for the next two years.

| | |
|---|---|
| November 18th / 19th 2023 | Names of nominees are listed in bulletin and all are invited to attend a meeting for further information |
| November 23rd at 7.30pm Parish Hall / Logos Centre | Nominees invited to Discernment night and invited to accept/decline the nomination. Photo & brief statement by candidate taken. |
| November 25th / 26th | Photo & brief statement by candidates displayed in Church Foyer |
| December 2nd / 3rd | Parishioners will be informed of those who have accepted nomination and a prayerful selection and voting process will take place. Voters must be over 16 years age, and may only vote once. |

| | |
|---|--|
| December 4th | Votes counted by Fr Bosco and nominated scrutineers. |
| Dec 9th /10th / 16th /17th | Announcement of successful candidates |
| January 20th 2024 Saturday 10am—2pm | Parish Council Formation session |
| January 21st 2024 10am Mass | Commissioning Mass for new Parish Pastoral Council |
| Saturday, February 2nd 2024 at 8:30am in the Logos Centre | 1 st meeting of newly commissioned Parish Pastoral Council. Office bearers will be elected at this meeting. |

The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023—Available now in the Church Foyer. Please see Lina for your copy. \$3.00 / Book

2023 Mass Attendance - during November

The Diocesan-wide Mass Count will occur over four weekends, commencing on the weekend of 4-5 November, concluding on November 26.

November Masses offered for the deceased family members, relatives, friends and benefactors of:

| | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Bakulic Family | Maher Family |
| Bartlet & Cursz families | Mathias & D'Souza Families |
| Berioso Family | Mendoca & Mathias Families |
| Bogusz Family | Miranda & Sequeira Families |
| Brticevic Family | Noronha, Sequeira & Pereira Families |
| Cavanagh Family | Piela Family |
| Chung Family | Pisarska Family |
| Cook, Carroll, Kopjar & Muller Families | Rego & Noronha Families |
| Cowley & Malama Families | Rudmann Family |
| De Santis Family | San Miguel Family |
| Babitha's family members | Skoczylas Family |
| Bonney's family members | Smolik Family |
| Leyola Thomas family members | Suplat Family |
| Dinh Family | Swiac Family |
| Faasoa & Tuala Families | Swiecki Family |
| Frketic Family | Torres & Buhach Families |
| Haiducki Family | Uppan Family |
| Kenny Family | Valesini Family |
| Kochanowski Family | Vattoly Family |
| Kuballa Family | Villarosa Family |
| Kuzminski Family | Vukovic Family |
| Lisondra Family | Wasowski Family |
| Lobo Family | Zdzieborski Family |
| Luamanuvae Family | |

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Jeremy Anson Fernandes /

Thanksgiving : Joyce Thomas /
Zenaida Asuncion /

Special Intentions : Taylah & Josh –safe travel

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

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| * 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 |
| * Patrick Munslow | * Jamie Masangkay |
| * Czeslawa Piela | * Aida Dayao |
| * Joseph Domingo | * Eva Silang |
| * Marija Soldo | * Carole Dimayuga |
| * Catherine & Abigael Carlos | * Selda Dimayuga |
| * Shirley Myers | * Peter Hanh Tran |
| * Venancio Ibarra | * Noeline Bartlet |
| * Noriel Rivela | * Nancie |
| * Nilo Miranda | * Jun & Charo Doctors |
| * Victor Padura | * Vivian Martin |
| * Nelia Ambat | * Abigal Hall |
| | * Julian |
| | * Romeo Angeles |



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



- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| ✠ Saviour Bonello | ✠ Colin Burns |
| ✠ George Helene | ✠ Helga Kopeinig |
| ✠ Peter John Brennan | ✠ Joseph Dinh |
| ✠ Reymond Santos | ✠ Maria Le |
| ✠ Josephine Ooi | ✠ Gajanan Desai |
| ✠ Eugenia & Eladio Villarosa | ✠ Joseph Vu |
| ✠ Paul Ibasco | |
| ✠ Sixto Manoto | |
| ✠ Margarita Manoto | |
| ✠ Jose Cabacungan | |
| ✠ Maria Nguyen | |
| ✠ Keith Robert Schwrtz | |
| ✠ Guadalupe Cabacungan | |
| ✠ Deceased Members of : Bui Family | |
| ✠ All souls in Purgatory | |



www.KenneallysFunerals.com.au

*Kenneally's
Funerals*

- ✓ Catholic family owned and operated
 - ✓ After funeral bereavement support available
 - ✓ Arrangements made at our Campbelltown office or in the comfort of your own home
- Call our caring staff on 4620 8822

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.*