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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.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR - A

28th & 29th October 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus (22:20-26)

*(If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan,
my anger will rage against you).*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

'If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity." "

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 95)

All: I Love you Lord, my strength.

Reader: I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.

All: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Reader: Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

All: I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (1:5-10)

(You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son).

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work

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among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: **Matthew (22:34-40)**

(You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself).

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

READINGS FOR 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A : 4th & 5th November 2023
Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7-9, 13;
Mt 23:1-12

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

Catholic Mission Appeal - Thank You

Thank you for your generous partnership 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.

Your generous donation amounted to **\$2,738.20** will help Sr Carolina to continue providing life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Thank for your generosity.

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

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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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. Parishes, CALD Chaplains, retreat centres, religious communities, and any other sites that hold public weekend Masses are all required to participate in the Mass count to give the most complete picture of people attending Mass across the Diocese as possible.

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

November Masses:

November is a special time to pray for the dead. During the month of November, Masses will be offered for the faithful departed. If you would like Masses offered for your deceased relatives and friends, please write their name(s) on November Mass envelopes clearly. You can place the envelope in one of the collection baskets at Mass or drop the envelope into the parish office. Mass will be offered for your intentions during the month of November.

Diocesan Annual Catechist Mass

The Annual Catechist Mass and awards ceremony will occur on Saturday 11 November, at 10am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. We look forward to welcoming all our Life Members, award recipients, active and retired Catechists, special guests and their families. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord and concelebrated by clergy of the Diocese. A light luncheon will follow in the Xavier Conference Rooms. For more information please contact Helen Bennett on helen.bennett@dow.org.au

Parish Cuppa Weekend

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY will be holding the monthly Parish Weekend Cuppa on the **weekend of 4th/ 5th November**.

Please join us for a Cuppa with some lovely conversation sharing. You are welcome to bring something sweet or savoury to share. Gold coin donation appreciated. Thank You!

If you would like to join our Welcome & Hospitality Ministry please contact the parish office.

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 ten [7] committed parishioners (eight [5] elected by the parish and two [2] appointed by Fr Bosco) to serve as Parish Pastoral Council members for the next two years. God has granted us many gifts and talents and through this service we are called to make a return of these gifts, to God, through this Ministry in our Church.

October 28th /29th	Person to speak at Masses outlining the process for selection of Pastoral Council
November 4th /5th &	Each parishioner shall be invited to make an expression of interest or recommend other parishioners for nomination to the Council on forms provided, and must include the nominee's signature indicating acceptance of the nomination.
November 11th / 12th 2023	Names of nominees are listed in bulletin and all are invited to attend a meeting for further information
November 16th 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.

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.

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Rey Artuz / Teng Manubay / Tess Valesini / Neejay Santos

Thanksgiving : Calvin & Sharon Ambrose

Special Intentions : Nathalie and Family / Bui Family /

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 | * Abigal Hall |
| * Victor Padura | |
| * Nelia Ambat | |



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



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| ✠ Maria Hunkin | ✠ Adela Royeras |
| ✠ Gerald De Vesser | ✠ Rodrigo Royeras |
| ✠ Rex De Vesser | ✠ Judy Royeras |
| ✠ Eliza D'Souza | ✠ Galeleo Royeras |
| ✠ Jennifer Nagarajan | |
| ✠ Eric Abanales | |
| ✠ Ante Galich | |
| ✠ Gaby Rochecouste | |
| ✠ Gabrielle Rochecouste | |
| ✠ Carmen Ibanez | |
| ✠ Frank Rodriguez | |
| ✠ Henrietta Maurice | |
| ✠ Frank Rochecoustre | |
| ✠ Antonio, Rosina, Greg, Bobby, Joan, Ian, Terry | |
| ✠ 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.*