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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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th & 21st January 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

O Sing a new song to the Lord;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth,
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
Strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jonah (3:1-5, 10)

(The Ninevites renounced their evil ways).

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believe in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 24)

All: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Reader: Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

All: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Reader: Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

All: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Reader: The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

All: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (7:29-31)

(The world as we know it is passing away).

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

Parish News and Happenings

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Mk 1:14-20)

(Repent, and believe the Good News).

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
Let your faces not be abashed.

READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year B : 27th & 28th January 2024
Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
Mk 1:21-28

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 Saturdays at 11:30am

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 : Every Sundays during 10am Mass
in the Logos Centre. (during the School Term)

Exciting news!

The newest 'It's Who We Are' video has been launched. Narrated by our beloved Bishop Brian, this uplifting sub-three-minute clip illuminates the remarkable people and everyday works within our diocese.

It celebrates all that is "Good News" in our diocese and features many of our Clergy, Seminarians, Parishes, Schools, CatholicCare programs and more!

To view, please visit the diocesan website
<https://www.dow.org.au/about-us/>
and/or its FB page <https://fb.watch/oOkv0G8-6/>

An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council

An electronic regular gift provides many benefits. You will find it a secure, convenient and efficient way to regularly support your parish, while also reducing our administration costs. It will also help us to confidently forecast and plan, as we know that we can rely on your support. You can increase, decrease, discontinue or restart your monthly gift at any time.

Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/> to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.

Parish Pastoral Council 2023 - 2025

Saturday 10th February 2024 : 10am - 2pm

Parish Council Formation session

Sunday 11th February 2024: 10am

Mass :Commissioning Mass for new PPC members

Catechists are needed:

We are in search of dedicated individuals to serve as catechists, teaching scripture in our state schools. If you are interested in becoming a trained catechist and are available to start helping in our state schools during school terms, (hour or two on a weekday) we would love to hear from you. Please reach out to our Catechist coordinator, Margaret Raisbeck - 9605 6885 or contact the parish office.

The Catechist Level One course will take place at the Campbelltown Catholic Club, commencing on Friday, **February 9th, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm** for five consecutive Fridays. Thank you.

Parish News and Happenings

2024 Rite of Election

The Rite of Election for 2024 will occur on Sunday 18 February 2024. In order for this to be a truly diocesan event, Bishop Brian has requested that we hold the celebration on a Sunday afternoon. We will thus be celebrating this year's upcoming Rite of Election as follows:

Date: Sunday 18 February 2024

Time: 2:00 pm

**Location: St Francis Xavier's Cathedral,
Harbour St Wollongong**

Catechumens, their families and friends, are invited to take part in this celebration. Parishioners too are invited to attend this significant event in the life of the Diocese.

**Ash Wednesday, 14th February 2024
Day of fast and abstinence**

Masses at 9:00am and 7:00pm

Sunday School : Starting from February 11, 2024, Sunday School will be held every Sunday during the 10 am Mass. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the Sunday School teachers who are willing to serve in this ministry, generously dedicating their time and talent.

CatholicCare are currently looking for Community Support Workers

Becoming a CatholicCare Community Support Worker will give you a career that you love, whilst providing a valuable connection to people living with a disability or the aged in our Diocese. If you want to find out more about becoming a Community Support Worker go to catholic-care.dow.org.au/get-involved/careers/ or call 4227 1122.



**Congratulation to
Stipe & Alla Bakulic
on their
50th Wedding
Anniversary on the
19th of January,
2024**

Mary Mother of the Church parish family sends you their love and best wishes for many more happy years together.
God Bless you always!

Reflection : *The Meaning of Repentance*

Jesus began his public mission with the call: 'Repent, and believe the Good News.' Who was this call to repentance directed to? While it was directed to sinners in the first place, it was in fact directed to everyone, even the good.

Jesus had more trouble with good people than with sinners. Why? The hardest people of all to convert are the good, because they don't see any need of conversion. It's hard enough to get those who are ill to go to the doctor, but try getting those who are convinced they are well to go! Sinners who openly admitted they were sinners didn't cause Jesus the same trouble.

To answer the call to repentance one must feel a dissatisfaction with oneself, and have a longing for something better. There must be a sense that something is wrong, or at least that something is missing. The conversion experience begins with the realisation that we are not what we could and should be. This realisation is the first stage of a process, the first step of a journey.

To take on board the call to repentance demands openness, honesty, humility, and above all courage - the courage to put an end to self-deception, and confront a painful reality. The courage to admit one's guilt, ask for forgiveness, and resolve to change. People can become so set in their ways, so sunk in ruts, that it's almost impossible to move them.

Some people can see a better future, and still won't move. They realise that this future can't be achieved in the twinkling of an eye or by means of a magic wand. They realise that the road forward will be long, and the progress slow and painful. The present self can't dwell in the house of the future; only a transformed self can. This is why some people opt to stay as they are.

Repentance is often presented as a harsh, negative and sad thing, as if it merely consisted in feeling guilty about one's sins and doing penance for them. Repentance is a very positive thing. True, to repent is to admit that all is not well with oneself. But it is also to discover something wonderful about oneself, namely, that one has potentialities which one didn't know one had.

It means acquiring a new vision, taking a new direction, setting oneself more worthwhile goals, living by better values. In a word, it opens the way to a new life. Understood like this, repentance is exciting, and always leads to joy. To repent means to be converted. Conversion is the starting point of every spiritual journey, and is a prerequisite for entry into the kingdom of God. The Christian life is a continuous process of conversion.

Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Nino Pineda / Elizabeth /

Jun Asuncion / Myron Dsouza / Therese Ricot

Thanksgiving : Evelyn Camcam and family / Neri & Gupta Family / Doreen / Sijo's Family / Bakulic Family

Wedding Anniversary : Jose & Zeny Asuncion / Tina & Gerry Pineda

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



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| * Dr Lydia de Jesus | * Eva Silang |
| * Dr Joycelyn de Jesus | * Carole Dimayuga |
| * Leslie Reich | * Selda Dimayuga |
| * Noli Leyesa | * Nancie |
| * Jaypee Masangkay | * Jun & Charo Doctors |
| * Aida Dayao | * Fr. David Catterall |
| * Victor Padura | * TJ del Rio |
| * Nelia Ambat | * Alan Raisbeck |
| * Vivian Martin | * Catherine Nguyen |
| * Anthony Lee Mariano | * Brigitte & Lysiane |
| * Jane Peralta | * Danny Titmarsh |
| * Steve Ducas & family | * Resty Perez |
| * Alphonsus Lieu Bui | * Susan Biag |
| * Sybil Le Miere | * Annie Beardley |
| * Tess Valesini | * Tony Yongching |
| * Jennifer | |

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



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| ✠ Norlean Morales | ✠ Ray Villegas |
| ✠ Rudolfo Kalaquian | ✠ Barry Duggan |
| ✠ Richard Graham Timms | ✠ Jose Mc Veay |
| ✠ Mr & Mrs Sadie Lampard | ✠ Leena D'souza |
| ✠ Mervyn Robinson | ✠ Marina Cajuiian |
| ✠ Helga Kopeinig | ✠ Benito Grafilo |
| ✠ Kathy Cross | ✠ Oscar Hogan |
| ✠ Therese Heeraman | ✠ Maria Casion |
| ✠ Leocine Dauguet | ✠ Maria Aquilar |
| ✠ Rosario Carvalho | ✠ Ruben Smith |
| ✠ Daya Saykkara | ✠ Maurice Motet |
| ✠ Simon Kunzle | ✠ Fred Boorman |
| ✠ Wilson Asuit | ✠ David Beattie |
| ✠ Gene Ronas | ✠ Winnifreda Biacolo |
| ✠ Genevieve Hancock | ✠ Benjamin Siverio |
| ✠ Abraham Bittar | ✠ Arthur Gallagher |
| ✠ Therese Heeraman | ✠ Johny Domingo |
| ✠ Anacleto Solano | ✠ Romeo Kabigting III |
| ✠ Anes Dagorne | ✠ Reynaldo de Guzman |
| ✠ Deceased members of Sullivan 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.*