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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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR-B

6th & 7th January 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon (Vigil Mass)

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Entrance Antiphon (Day Mass)

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (60:1-6)

(The glory of the Lord shines upon you).

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

The Epiphany of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 71)

All: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reader: O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment.

All: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reader: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

All: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reader: The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

All: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reader: For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

All: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (3:2-3, 5-6)

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Parish News and Happenings

(The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body).

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East, and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (2:1-12)

(We have come from the East to worship the King).

Communion Antiphon (Vigil Mass)

The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

Communion Antiphon (Day Mass)

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

READINGS FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME Year B : 13th & 14th January 2024

1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1Cor 6:13-15, 17-20;

Jn 1:35-42

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

Thank you Note:

As we celebrate the joyous season of Christmas & welcome the New year, I am filled with immense gratitude for the vibrant and faith-filled community that our parish has become, thanks to the dedicated efforts of so many individuals.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, Staff, Hospitality, Liturgy, Events, Flower arrangers, Outreach, Banking, Ground Maintenance, Sacraments and Volunteers, including our Sacristan, Choirs, Musicians, Readers, Acolytes, Altar Servers, Ministers, Church cleaners, and all those involved in various ministries. Your time and talents have played a crucial role in shaping our parish into the spirited and compassionate community it is today.

I am also deeply thankful to those who have generously contributed, both financially and through voluntary work, throughout the year. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Thank you all for being an integral part of our parish family. May the coming year bring joy, fulfillment, and continued blessings to each of you.

Fr. Bosco

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. (starting on 14th January 2024)

Sunday School : Fortnightly on Sundays during 10am Mass in the Logos Centre. (during the School Term)

Parish News and Happenings

Parish Pastoral Council 2023 - 2025

Please note the change in the dates for Formation session and commissioning Mass.

Saturday 10th February 2024 : 10am - 2pm
Parish Council Formation session

Sunday 11th February 2024: 10am
Mass :Commissioning Mass for new Parish Pastoral Council

Christmas Donations

Thank you for your wonderful support for our Parish:

Dawn Masses Donation : \$8,346.25
My Gift to Baby Jesus Donation : \$1,425
Christmas Donation: \$510.00

Thank you all for your generosity. God Bless!

The WORD in other words - Bible Diary 2024

This book contains daily scripture readings and reflections written by the priests, brothers and sisters of the congregations founded by St. Arnold Janssen (the SVD and SSpS) is now available for sale. **The cost is \$25.00 /each.**

For enquiries : please contact Tina Pineda on 0408 785 626 or Lina De Santis on 0418 264 696



Congratulation to Steve & Alla Bakulic on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

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: They opened their treasures

Once the people of very poor set their hearts on acquiring an expensive set of figures for their Christmas crib. They worked hard to scrape together the money to buy the figures which were made of rare porcelain. Eventually they have had their crib. And were they proud of it!

The Church was left open all Christmas Day so that people could visit the crib. In the evening

the parish priest went out to lock up. Before doing so he looked in at the crib. To his consternation he discovered that the baby Jesus was missing. He wondered how anyone could stoop so low as to steal baby Jesus.

As he stood there he spotted a little girl with a small pram entering the church. She made straight for the crib. Then she took the baby Jesus out of the pram and lovingly put him back where he belonged-right in front Mary and Joseph and the adoring donkey and oxen. Before leaving she knelt and said a prayer in front the crib.

As she was on her way out the parish priest stopped her and asked her what she was doing with baby Jesus. She told him that before Christmas she had pray to baby Jesus for a pram. She promised him that if she got the pram, he would have the first ride in it. As she got her pram, she was keeping her side of the bargain.

This little story shows the power of Christmas. Christmas evokes generosity in people, especially children. To look at the poverty of the infant King of the Universe causes us to open our hearts. By coming in weakness, God's Son evokes in us a feeling of compassion, thereby bringing our hearts to life.

It was the poverty of the child Jesus that evoked that lovely act of generosity in the little girl. It was the poverty of Jesus that caused the Magi to open our treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh and lay them before him.

It has always been the poor who have had to pay homage to the rich-through labour, payment of taxes and so on. But in the visit of the Magi to the Christ-child, we see a reversal of the established order of things. It was only the first of many radical changes Christ would bring about.

Instead of being impoverished, Magi were enriched. It is through giving that we are enriched, because through giving, we discover our own riches.

The poverty of Jesus is a challenge to us too. It gives us an opportunity to open our hearts. To open one's heart is to begin to live. Jesus no longer needs out gifts. But other people may.

He wants us to share ourselves with one another. And we too will find ourselves enriched if, as a result of knowing Jesus, we are able to open the treasures of our hearts and share with others.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Ethan Ratinon / Janina Skoczylas /

Thanksgiving : Rochecouste Family / Robinson Family / Bui Family / Kamini Salgadoe / Joseph Quiah / Padayon & Sabado Family / Evelyn Camcam Family / Pineda Family / Artuz Family / Smith Family / Neri Family / Malangis Family / Aparris Family / Noronha Family / Vu Family /

Wedding Anniversary : Edwin & Jayne Pellissery /

Special Intentions: Carmenala Palma /

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 | |
| * Sybil Le Miere | |

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



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| ✠ Vic Silvestre Jr | ✠ Maria Samonte |
| ✠ Felicisima Z. Gotana | ✠ Ada Bours |
| ✠ Leon Marijanovic | ✠ Sonia Salazar |
| ✠ Fernando Macadavgdaucic | ✠ Sarah Dempsey |
| ✠ Fr. Leslie Oliver Mathias | ✠ William Lewis |
| ✠ Charles Fernandez | ✠ Dragica Lovic |
| ✠ Mercedes Carlos | ✠ Colin Burns |
| ✠ Pierre St. Guillaume | ✠ Charles Rivera |
| ✠ Thomas Kareekalam | ✠ Amparo Mision |
| ✠ Dominic Dinh & Maria Dinh | ✠ Terry Touzell |
| ✠ Lorenza & Nateliano Padayon | ✠ Mary Fowler |
| ✠ Alfreda & Rustico Besabella | ✠ Alain Peril |
| ✠ Carolina & Aretemio Sr Sabado | ✠ Antonio |
| ✠ Doroteo Corazon | ✠ Epifanio |
| ✠ Danica Vukovic | ✠ Guadalupe |
| ✠ Phyllis Rosario | ✠ Eugenia |
| ✠ Peter Brennan | ✠ Emilyn |
| ✠ Joan Chaston | ✠ Cristino |
| ✠ Peter Robinson | ✠ Perey |
| ✠ 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.*