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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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd & 4th February 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

O Come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
For he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Job (7:1-4, 6-7)

(I am filled with sorrow all day long).

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that eyes will never again see joy.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 146)

All: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Reader: Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due.

All: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Reader: The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name.

All: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Reader: Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust.

All: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (9:16-19, 22-23)

(Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel).

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

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So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Mark 1:29-39)

(He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another).

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Ash Wednesday

14th February 2024

Day of fast and abstinence

Masses at 9:00am and 7:00pm

Station of the Cross : Every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the church.

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)

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

Pieta - Lenten Program 2024 :

PIETÀ is an exquisite 80-page (full-color book) containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, questions and visio divina that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings.

Lenten Books are available for sale in the Church Foyer. Please see Lina for your copy Or visit parish office (during parish office hours).

Price : \$5/book

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.

Level 1 Catechist course: The Level 1 course is mandatory for all **new** SRE Catechists (Teachers and Helpers). Experienced Catechists are also welcome to attend to refresh skills and knowledge. **The course will run 9:30am - 1:30pm for 5 weeks on Fridays starting Friday 9th February at the Campbelltown Catholic Club** (20/22 Camden Rd, Campbelltown).

Child Protection and Classroom Management Update

The first day of the level 1 course will include the Child Protection and Classroom Management training, which is required of all SRE Catechists and Sunday School teachers every 3 years.

To register please contact the parish office and link will be sent to you.

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Lenten Reflection

Lenten reflection will start on February 18, Sunday at 2:30 pm up to March 24. All are welcome to join.

Bible study ends temporarily on February 11, Sunday and resumes on April 14.

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

2024 Rite of Election

The Rite of Election for 2024 will occur on Sunday 18 February 2024.

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.

Sunday School : Starting from February 11, 2024,

**Sunday School will be held every Sunday
during the 10 am Mass.**

Liturgy Workshops:

Holy Family parish Ingleburn will be preparing two liturgy workshops in coming weeks. The main speaker will be Sr Monica Barlow from the Diocese of Wollongong.

- Saturday 24 February 2024 at 9.30 - 11.30am : **Follow up workshop/training** for those who participated in the 2023 liturgy workshops, (lectors, acolytes and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion)
- Saturday, 16 March 2024 at 9.30 - 11.30 AM : Ministry to the sick and homebound - workshop/training.

To register:

<https://www.hfi.org.au/events/follow-up-liturgy-workshop-with-sr-monica-24-february-2024/>

Reflection :

A lonely place

There was a man who was in the habit of going off by himself into a remote part of the wood. One day a friend, curious to know what he was up to, followed him into the wood. When he caught up with him, he found him sitting quietly on a log.

'What are you doing?' he asked the man.

'I'm praying,' came the reply.

'But why come to this remote spot to pray?'

'Because I feel close to God here.'

'But isn't God to be found everywhere, and isn't God the same everywhere?'

'God is, but I am not.'

While it's true that we can find God and pray to God anywhere and everywhere it's a good idea to have a special place to which we can withdraw from time to time. In such places God somehow seems to be nearer and more friendly. The whole atmosphere seems to be pervaded with the divine presence. God speaks to us in our special place.

And in such places we are different too. We are calmer, quieter, more relaxed and are thus more open to what God is offering us at all times and in all places. It is very good to have a special spot, our own sacred space, from which we exclude everything else. Such a spot is especially helpful for quiet meditation and for talking to God from the heart, person to person. Even just to sit in such a special room is a good thing. In your sacred space you not only find God but find yourself. We lose touch with ourselves when we are too busy. It's impossible to see one's face in troubled waters.

Everybody, whether they realize it or not, is in need of such a space. It is absolutely necessary if we want to have an inner life. The further we get into it, the more we will be at peace with whatever happens. Best of all, it helps us to find, or to create, a sacred space within ourselves. We can live from that centre even while we remain in relation to the world.

To be relaxed we need space our own private space, the place of solitude, where we can really be in touch with our deepest being. If we do not have this, if our space is taken away or violated, if we are under too much pressure, or overwhelmed with things to do, then we risk falling into confusion. This is what Jesus was doing when he rose early and went off to a lonely place to pray.

**Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies
Flor McCarthy, SDB**

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Daniel Wijaya / Angeleena / Analou Neri / Sean Guttierrez

Thanksgiving : Jacob & Family / Isabelle Noronha

Wedding Anniversary : Virgilio & Julita
Special Intentions : Maria & Milan Constant

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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 Reica | * Selda Dimayuga |
| * Noli Leyesa | * Nancie |
| * Jaypee Masangkay | * Mason Dulalia |
| * Aida Dayao | * Jun & Charo Doctors |
| * Victor Padura | * Fr. David Catterall |
| * Nelia Ambat | * TJ del Rio |
| * Vivian Martin | * Alan Raisbeck |
| * Anthony Lee Mariano | * Catherine Nguyen |
| * Jane Peralta | * Brigitte & Lysiane |
| * Steve Ducas & family | * Danny Titmarsh |
| * Alphonsus Lieu Bui | * Resty Perez |
| * Sybil Le Miere | * Susan Biag |
| * Tess Valesini | * Annie Beardley |
| * Jennifer | * Tony Yongching |
| * Josepina, Annie,
Siony, Sonny, Angieluz | * Cysiane |

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.*

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



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| ✠ Antonial Yagappan | ✠ Margaret Fadyen |
| ✠ Francis. T.A | ✠ Anthony Wah |
| ✠ Fr. Leslie Oliver Mathias | ✠ Harry Franecz |
| ✠ Bridget | ✠ Roman Kraljevic |
| ✠ George Helene | ✠ Erlinda Anog |
| ✠ Wilfred Miranda | ✠ Mercedes Gonzales |
| ✠ Clifford Quiah | ✠ Paterio Lisondra |
| ✠ Margaret Quiah | ✠ Anna Dobbie |
| ✠ Cecilia Quiah | ✠ Anita Cobby |
| ✠ Marija Tataravic | ✠ Violet Amelia Cook |
| ✠ Laila Joseph | ✠ Sofia Grabowska |
| ✠ Potenciana Oca | ✠ Loyal Symons |
| ✠ Kathleen Melrose | ✠ Paz Solano |
| ✠ Deceased members of : | ✠ Ciff Dornan |
| - Counasingha Family | ✠ Jeca Bicanic |
| - Helene Family | ✠ Alicia Lopez |
| ✠ All souls in Purgatory | ✠ Salud Manalang |



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.*