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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 of Lent - Year B

16th & 17th March 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (31:31-34)

(The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity).

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 50)

All: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Reader: Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

All: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Reader: A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

All: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Reader: Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.

All: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (5:7-9)

(He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation).

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Parish News and Happenings

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: (John 12:20-33)

*(If a grain of wheat fall on the ground and dies,
it yields a rich harvest).*

Communion Antiphon

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat fall to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Readings for the Palm Sunday

Year B : 23rd & 24th March 2024

Year B: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk14:1 - 15:47

BAPTISMS are open. Every 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the Month.

For Baptism Preparation please contact **Maria D'souza** through email :
maria197114@gmail.com

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

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday : 5:15pm – 5:45pm

Every Wednesday : NOVENA to our Mother Mary,
6:30pm Rosary followed by Novena Prayers

Lenten Reflection : Every Sundays during Lent at
2.30pm in the Logos Centre.

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



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Lenten Reflection

Lenten reflection : Every Sunday at 2:30 pm during Lent . All are welcome to join.

Station of the Cross

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

Bible study : Resumes on April 14, 2024

Holy Week roster for Readers :

Readers, please check the notice board if your name is on the roster for Holy Week. Thank You.

Divine Mercy Sunday : 7th April 2024

2.00pm - exposition of Blessed Sacrament,
silent adoration, divine mercy chaplet and prayers,
3pm benediction followed by Holy Mass.
All Welcome.



EVERYONE INVITED....

**Mary Mother of The Church
Annual Dinner Dance 2024**

**St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish
Campbelltown Hall
On Saturday 25th May 2024 at 6:30 pm**
Music, Dance, Door Prizes and Buffet Dinner

Tickets are available for sale.

Please see Lina or Contact the Parish Office

Price : \$45 /ticket

Dress Code : Smart Casual

Parish News and Happenings

Reconciliation 1st Rite

Tuesday, 19th March at 6:00pm

**Good Friday, 29th March 2024 at 10am
(after Stations of the Cross)**

EASTER SERVICES

Holy Thursday, 28th March 2024

Mass at 7pm

Good Friday, 29th March 2024:

Stations of the Cross at 9am

First Rite of Reconciliation at 10am

**Celebration of the passion of the Lord
at 3pm**

Holy Saturday, 30th March 2024:

Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm

Easter Sunday, 31st March 2024:

Mass at 8am & 10am

A Spiritual Retreat for Women with powerful teaching and testimonies followed by a healing service led by Anastasia Rebello and team.

Come and Experience Women Alive
Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord



**Saturday 13th April
2024 (9:30am to
3:30pm)** at
St John's Parish Hall,
31 Cordeaux St,
Campbelltown.
Free Entry.

RSVP : SMS Maria D'Souza on 0433 905 968

Feast of Pedro Calungsod

Saturday, 13th April 2024 Mass is at 8:30am followed by breakfast in the parish hall. All welcome.

Funeral Notice :

One of our beloved parishioner **Sybil Le Miere** passed away on 09-03-24. Her funeral Mass will be held in our church on Monday 18th March at 11:30am. We extend our deepest condolences to her family and offer our prayers for the repose of her soul. Rest in peace Sybil.

Reflection : Loosing and gaining life

Few sights are as beautiful as that of a field filled with young stalks of wheat. To watch them swaying in the wind and dancing in the sun brings joy to the heart. But how strange is the process by which these stalks come into being.

The grain of wheat has to be buried in the cold damp earth as in a tomb. Then it has to die. If it didn't die, no new life would come forth. But when it dies, from the grave of the old grain, a shoot of new wheat miraculously springs forth. It's an amazing paradox - life coming from death.

Just as the grain of wheat has to die in order to bear fruit, so we must die to self if we are to live fully and fruitfully, and realize our full potential as human beings and children of God.

Death is part of life. We are born to die, to die that we may live more fully; born to die a little each day to selfishness, to pretence, and to sin. Every time we pass from one stage of life to another, something in us dies and something new is born. We taste death in moments of loneliness, rejection, sorrow, disappointment, and failure. We are dying before our time when we live in bitterness, in hatred, and in isolation. Each day we are creating our own death by the way we live.

When Jesus says, 'Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it,' he is not telling us to hate ourselves or our lives. We have to learn to love ourselves. God wants us to be merciful with ourselves. Nobody can love us if we do not love ourselves. Unless we love ourselves we won't be able to love anyone else. Of course, we have to distinguish between true love of self and selfishness.

To forget self, to transcend self - that is what it means to lose oneself, to deny self, to die to self. It is when we forget ourselves that we are most free and most happy. It is in getting out of ourselves, in dedicating ourselves to causes beyond ourselves, that we grow and bear fruit. We may live longer if we take things easy, if we sit at the fire and husband life. We will exist longer. But will we live longer?

What a poor world it would be if everyone put their own personal safety, security, and selfish advancement first and last - if no one was prepared to go beyond themselves. It is always because people have been prepared to die to self-interest that the most precious things humanity possesses have been born.

Jesus gave us an example. He gave his life in the service of his heavenly Father and of us. But he didn't find it easy. When the actual moment of death arrived, he was filled with fear.

Jesus' life wasn't taken from him. He gave it - gave it out of love of God and of us. To love is to accept that one might die another kind of death, before one dies one's own. The way of love is the way of the cross, but the way of the cross leads to the resurrection.

Those who die to self will find the moment of actual death easy. The hour of death will become an hour of glory. It is by dying that we are born to eternal life.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Ese

Thanksgiving : Kamini

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 | * Mason Dulalia |
| * Aida Dayao | * Jun & Charo Doctors |
| * Victor Padura | * TJ del Rio |
| * Nelia Ambat | * Catherine Nguyen |
| * Vivian Martin | * Danny Titmarsh |
| * Lucinda Rose | * Resty Perez |
| * Christine | * Susan Biag |
| * Marie-ange Suggun | * Annie Beardley |
| * Maria Vu | * Cysiane |
| * Maria D'Souza | * Feliciana Matildo |
| * Mick Jones | * Bernie Hoey |
| * Marlene Yongching | * Thushara |
| * David Hitchcock | |
| * Tess Valesini | |

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



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| ✠ Lola Moors | ✠ Josef Pospischil |
| ✠ Amy Wenden | ✠ Romeo Kabigting |
| ✠ Sybil Le Miere | ✠ Peter Gaynor |
| ✠ Thomas James | ✠ Ignacio Ona |
| ✠ Feliciana Matildo | ✠ Cyril Bijoux |
| ✠ Naty Nebrija | |
| ✠ Juliana Menezes | |
| ✠ Ivan & Rita Ambrose | |
| ✠ Aida Smith | |
| ✠ Therese Ryu | |
| ✠ Benjamin Domingo | |
| ✠ Therese Bernardo | |
| ✠ Qing Qing Zhu | |
| ✠ Raymond Gautray | |
| ✠ Winifred Dyson | |
| ✠ Philomena Rizzo | |
| ✠ James Edward Rochecouste | |
| ✠ Mary Vida Rochecouste | |
| ✠ Consolation Zabat | |
| ✠ Ben Siqueira | |
| ✠ 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**

Lenten Prayer :

God of all peoples and nations,
As you accompany us on our
Lenten journey,
May our fasting strengthen our
commitment to live in solidarity,
Our almsgiving be an act of justice, and
Our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.
Through living simply and loving generously,
May we care for our global family
and our common home, as we
"Aspire not to have more, but to be more".*
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

*Saint Oscar Romero

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.*