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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 of Lent - Year B

2nd & 3rd March 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he
rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
For I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus
(20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17)
(The Law was given through Moses).

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utter his name to misuse it.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 18)

All: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Reader: The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

All: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Reader: The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

All: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Reader: The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

All: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Reader: They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.

All: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians
(1:22-25)

(We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God).

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While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: (John 2:13-25)

(Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up).

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and
my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your
house, for ever singing your praise.

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)

Readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent
Year B : 9th & 10th March 2024
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

BAPTISMS are open.

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

Pieta - Lenten Program 2024 :

PIETÀ is an exquisite 80-page (full-color book) containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) is available for sale in the Church Foyer. Please see Lina for your copy Or visit parish office (during parish office hours).

Price : \$5/book

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Church

Lenten Reflection

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

Bible study resumes on April 14, 2024

Parish Cuppa Weekend

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY is holding the monthly Parish Weekend Cuppa this weekend of **2nd & 3rd March** . Please join us for a cuppa with some lovely conversation sharing.



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leaia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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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

Funeral Notice :

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved parishioner,

Lola Moors, who was actively involved in various parish ministries. Lola passed away on Tuesday, 20th Feb 2024.

We extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends and offer our prayers for the repose of her soul.



Rest in Peace Lola

Viewing : Tuesday 5th March between 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Funeral Service : Wednesday 6th March at 10:30am

Reflection : Righteous anger

The Gospel scene depicts an angry Jesus with a whip in his hand. This image of Jesus doesn't sit well with the traditional image of a meek and smiling Jesus. It seems to be so out of character with what we know of Jesus from the rest of the Gospels that we might be tempted to dismiss it. It would be a mistake to dismiss it. It shows us that there was another side to Jesus' character. Of course Jesus was gentle. But that doesn't mean he was weak. When the occasion demanded it he could be very strong and very assertive.

Still, it comes as a shock to see Jesus not just angry, but furious. And to see him resort to what looks like a form of violence. We may have been taught that all anger is sinful. But in itself anger is

just a feeling, and as such is neither good nor bad morally.

It's true that anger is a dangerous thing and result in us saying or doing things we later regret. But anger can also be a good thing. It can spur us to put right something that is blatantly wrong. There are times when we ought to be angry. An unjust situation should make us angry. Anger can be an expression of love.

We have to look at the things that make us angry. It is said that you can measure the size of person's soul by the size of the things that make him angry. Most of our anger is motivated by self-interest and we get angry about petty things.

A man lived on the outskirts of a village. About thirty feet from his house, a large lime tree grew. The tree was something of a village landmark. However, it was getting old. It was clearly only a matter of time before it came crashing down. Every time there was a storm, the man feared for his house and his life. One day, unable to bear the strain any longer, he cut the tree down. He felt sure that the villagers would understand. But he was wrong.

'Shame on you for cutting down such a splendid tree', said one. 'You've deprived the village of part of its heritage', said another. It's amazing how worked up people get when their own interests are threatened, however marginally. But how few get worked up when it's their neighbor's interests that are threatened.

Jesus didn't get angry on his own account. His anger resulted from his love of God and of his neighbor. His action in the temple has been seen as a protest against the commercialization of religion and the desecration of the temple. But it went deeper than that.

Firstly, he was protesting that Israel had failed to fulfil her universal mission to humankind. Religion had become narrow, nationalistic, and exclusive. The Temple, which was meant to be a house of prayer 'for all nations', remained the jealously-guarded preserve of Israel. Jesus was doing away with the notion of exclusiveness. Salvation was not just for the Jews, but for all peoples.

Secondly, he was attacking the very nature of Jewish worship. The whole temple worship with its ritual and animal sacrifices was irrelevant and could do nothing to bring people to God. He was replacing sacrificial worship with spiritual worship. Worship demands a lot more of us than the offering of things to God and the performance of certain rituals. What God wants above all is the worship of our lives.

May the Lord help us to make this house a house of Prayer, joy and unity. And may what we do here help us to give God the worship of our lives.

Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Andrew Fraser
Special Intentions : Frank, Monique & Family

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 |
| * Sybil Le Miere | * Resty Perez |
| * Mik Jones | * Susan Biag |
| * Lucinda Rose | * Annie Beardley |
| * Christine | * Cysiane |
| * Marie-ange Suggun | * Feliciana Matildo |
| * Maria Vu | * Bernie Hoey |
| * Maria D'Souza | * Thushara |
| * Stevie, Clarissa, Jacob | |

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



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| ✠ Lola Moors | ✠ Michael Joncich |
| ✠ Amy Wendon | ✠ Virginia Ramirez |
| ✠ Teresa Bernardo | ✠ William King |
| ✠ Veronica Skoczylas | ✠ Doug Lennon |
| ✠ Malili K Hakula | ✠ Paul Sultana |
| ✠ Kathreenamma | ✠ Cach Nguyen |
| ✠ Felizardo & Felicad Berioso | ✠ Carmen Trinidad |
| ✠ Sonanita Ranili | ✠ Eliberto Perez |
| ✠ Violet Salgado | ✠ Ivan Gerek |
| ✠ Jennifer Nagarajan | ✠ Harold Mayne |
| ✠ Winifred O'Neill | ✠ John Hodgkinson |
| ✠ Margaret Hodgkinson | ✠ Remo De Santis |
| ✠ Elpidio Dumrigue | ✠ Norman Gaynor |
| ✠ Georges Houbert | ✠ John Milazzo |
| ✠ Gerard Rochecouste | ✠ Nora Doohan |
| ✠ Vincent Augusty Nowing | |
| ✠ Bienvenida dela Cruz | |
| ✠ Leonnie Spendlave | |
| ✠ Christian Gutierrez | |
| ✠ Noel and Lucesse Helene | |
| ✠ Anthonipillai Peter | |
| ✠ 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.*