



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

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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.

Third Sunday of Easter

Year B - 13th & 14th April 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
(3:13-15, 17-19)

(You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead).

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 4)

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Reader: When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Reader: It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Reader: 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Reader: I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John (2:1-5)

(Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world).

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments, Anyone who says, 'I know him',

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and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But anyone who obeys what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke (24:35-48)

(It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead).

Communion Antiphon

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

**READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR B : 20th & 21st April 2024
Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18**

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

Bible Study : Fortnightly on Sundays at 2.30pm in the Logos Centre. (Resumes on Sunday 5th May 2024)

Sunday School : Every Sundays during 10am Mass

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

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

Sacrament of Confirmation :2024

Requirements for the Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation :

- Baptized in the Catholic Church
- Received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion
- In year 6 or above
- Attend all preparatory classes

Parents Meeting : **Tuesday 23rd April at 7pm**
(Meeting with parent/guardian and candidate)

Enrolments are open now. (Application Forms are available in the Church Foyer)

Any queries, please contact the parish office.

Sunday School Notice:

Sunday school is now on break until the return of school term - Sunday 5th of May.



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

Vigil Mass on 25th May is at 5:00pm

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Ageing with Confidence

CatholicCare's Ageing with Confidence forum is returning to Campbelltown on **Wednesday 8th May at Campbelltown Catholic Club** (20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown) **at 9am-1pm.**

This half-day information session provides seniors with practical information on the aged care system and healthy ageing, with presentations from CatholicCare staff, Seniors Rights Services NSW and NSW Fire & Rescue Service. Places are limited. To register, call 02 4227 1122 or visit www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events

Notice:

There will be only a **Communion Service** on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 9:00am, and no mass.

Catechist Training Course Level 2

The Level 2 Course is a chance for all SRE Teachers and Helpers to take their knowledge of teaching and the Catholic Faith deeper. It focuses on a variety of topics to help you grow as a Catechist and Catholic.

Fridays – Campbelltown – Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown
Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

6 weeks course starting Friday 3rd May-Friday 7th June. To register, please contact the parish office or the catechist co-ordinator and link to register will be sent to you.

A vocation view

Third Sunday of Easter (14/4/24) Peter, who once denied even knowing Jesus, now boldly preaches in His Name. Do not let past weaknesses hold you back from being willing to share the power of His Message. (Acts 3:13-15,17-19)

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

Funeral Notice: It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved parishioner, **Joanne Mahoney** on Monday, 8th April 2024. We extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends. May her soul rest in peace.



**Funeral Service : Thursday
18th April at 10:30am**

3rd Sunday of Easter –Year B

Reflection :

Breaking Through

On Easter Sunday evening the apostles were gathered in the upper room with the doors locked. The room was haunted by absence, and was full of bitter-sweet memories for them. It was here the Master had washed their feet and celebrated the Last Supper with them. But it was here too that they had sworn loyalty to him, a loyalty which didn't even see the night through.

The apostles were wounded individually - by fear, doubt, guilt, grief and despair. But they were also wounded collectively because their unity was broken: two of their number were absent - one was dead (Judas), the other (Thomas) was going through a crisis of faith. Like all people in pain, they had erected a barrier around themselves.

Jesus didn't wait for them to come to him. He came to them, while they were still fearful and guilt-ridden (because of their cowardice and betrayal). In one bold move he broke through that barrier, and stood among them. He didn't blame them or even scold them for failing him. There was no blame, no recrimination. He knew how they were feeling, so he didn't rub salt into wounds. Instead, he brought them something they desperately needed. He said to them, 'Peace be with you.' He said it not once but twice, to make it sink in. In receiving his peace, they received his forgiveness.

Suddenly the greatness and wonder of it struck them: death had been overcome, evil had been overcome, their sins and betrayal had been overcome. Good had triumphed over all the evil forces that had been arrayed against him. A fresh start was possible. As a result they were filled with joy.

Jesus' approach was so gentle. There was no harshness in him. The humble Jesus, who triumphed over death, gave courage to his crushed apostles, healed their wounds, renewed their hope, gave them life, and empowered them. From utter collapse and failure, something totally and utterly new arose. The result was that they not only believed in him, but also in themselves. What a joy to be fully known and fully loved at the same time.

Easter doesn't take away our pain or remove our fears. But it does introduce a new element into our lives. It gives a meaning to our pain. It lights it up with hope. All is different because Jesus is alive and speaks his words of peace to us as he spoke them to the apostles. When we fail under trial and temptation we can draw encouragement from the story of Jesus' own disciples, all of whom failed during the passion.

Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us and deep sense of peace because we know that life is stronger than death.

Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

13th & 14th April 2024

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Aaron Prajitno / Shirley Suggun /
Monica Vu / Eliza Molina /

Thanksgiving : Yvette Drayne / Crisbel Artuz /
Rey & Mabel Artuz and Family /
Virginia del Rosario - Santillan

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 | * Resty Perez |
| * Lucinda Rose | * Susan Biag |
| * Christine | * Annie Beardley |
| * Marie-ange Suggun | * Cysiane |
| * Maria Vu | * Feliciano Matildo |
| * Maria D'Souza | * Thushara |
| * Mick Jones | * Jake Vacte |
| * Marlene Yongching | * Ricardo Bernardo |
| * David Hitchcock | * Nelson Bernardo |
| * Marina | * Teresa Tiu |

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



- ✠ Joanne Mahoney
- ✠ Jessica Hanna
- ✠ Dode Motha
- ✠ Feliciano Matildo
- ✠ Sybil Le Miere
- ✠ Frances Guillaume
- ✠ Maria Inandan
- ✠ Eladio Lisondra
- ✠ Norma Kirk
- ✠ Regis Yongching
- ✠ Michael Maher
- ✠ Deceased members of :
 - Leuelu Family
 - Vu & Dinh 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.*