



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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year B - 4th & 5th May 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
Proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING

reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
(10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48)

*(The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out
upon the gentiles also).*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for

them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 97)

All: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reader: Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

All: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reader: The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

All: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John (4:7-10)

(God is love).

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have

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life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John (15:9-17)

(No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends).

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

READINGS FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY

YEAR B : 11th & 12th May 2024

**Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13 or Eph 1:17-23;
Mk 16:15-20**

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 in the Logos Centre. (during the School Term)

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.**

Altar Servers

Our parish is currently considering the reactivation of the altar server ministry. There is no greater honour than to serve at the altar during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Altar servers who assist at Mass on all Sundays/Easter/Christmas.

Please note that altar servers must be 8 years of age or older and must have made their first Holy Communion.

If you have children who are interested in becoming altar servers, please fill out the "Expression of Interest" sheet available in the Church Foyer or contact the parish office.

Notice: Fr. Bosco will be away from 7th - 14th May 2024. A visiting priest will be celebrating the masses during his absence.



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

Drinks : BYO

NOTE: You are requested to settle the money and return the books to Lina ASAP so that we know the exact numbers of attendees.

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

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Parish Feast Day : Monday 20th May,

following the great feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the Feast day of Mary Mother of the church. Mass will be at the normal time of 9am on the day.

However, we will have a special celebration with all our parishioners on the weekend of **18th / 19th May (Pentecost Sunday) after all the masses.** We are asking for volunteers to assist on the day, sign-up sheets are at the Foyer. Thank You!



**Most Rev
Peter W
Ingham AM
DD
Fourth Bishop
of Wollongong
(2001-2017)**

Died peacefully in the late evening of 26 April 2024. He was 83 years of age and almost 60 years a priest.

Funeral Details:

A SOLEMN RECEPTION of the body of Bishop Peter will take place at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour Street, Wollongong on Thursday 9 May 2024 at 6:30pm followed by Evening Prayer. **A SOLEMN VIGIL LITURGY** will follow at 7:30pm.

A SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Bishop Peter will be offered at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong, on **Friday 10 May 2024, commencing at 10:30am.** Interment will take place in the cathedral grounds at the conclusion of Mass.

Relatives, friends, and the people of God are invited to attend the vigil and funeral. Please note, there will be street parking only for the public. Due to the large number of invited bishops, clergy, relatives, dignitaries, and close friends attending the funeral, there will be very limited seating inside the cathedral. Therefore, a large marquee containing overflow seating with television screens will be erected in the carpark adjacent to the cathedral. Bishop Peter's casket will process past the marquee at the conclusion of the funeral Mass. The funeral will be livestreamed at <https://dow.sh/livestream>.

Reflection :

Where love is, God is

In a certain village in the Swiss Alps there is a small church which has been used by generations of worshippers. Even though it is no work of art, the local people have always had a special affection for it. What is it that makes it so beautiful in the eyes of the people? It is the story of how it came to be built on the particular spot. The story goes like this.

Two brothers worked a family farm, sharing the produce and profit. One was married, the other wasn't. The climate was harsh with the result that grain was sometimes scarce.

One day the single brother said to himself, 'It's not fair that we should share the produce equally. I'm alone, but my brother has a family to support.' So every now and then he would go out at night, take a sack of grain from his own barn, quietly cross the field between their houses, and place it in his brother's bin.

Meanwhile, his brother has a similar idea, and said, 'It's not right that we should share the produce equally. I have a family to support me but my brother is all alone.' So every now and then he would go at night, take a sack of grain from his barn, and quietly place it in his brother's bin. This went on for a number of years. Each brother was puzzled how his supply of grain never dwindled. Then one night they bumped into each other in the dark. When they realised what had been happening, they dropped their sacks, and embraced each other. Suddenly a voice from heaven said: 'Here I will build my church. For where people meet in love, there my presence shall dwell.'

What's the purpose of life if not to love? William Blake put it like this: 'We are put on earth a little space that we may learn to bear the beams of love.'

But we cannot give love unless we have first received it. A radiator cannot give out heat unless it has first received heat. This was true of Jesus too. He said to his disciples, 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.' The love he shared so generously with his disciples and with the people at large was the love he had received from the Father, and from Mary, Joseph and others too.

It is not a sign of weakness to admit one's need of love. We should acknowledge and be grateful for the love we have received. As far as God's love is concerned, we don't have to earn it. It is God who first loved us. God loves us, not because we are good, but because he is good. Our very existence is a sign of god's love. All we have to do is receive it, and then try to share it with others.

Love is well-being. It makes life fruitful. To refuse to love is to begin to die. To love is to begin to live. Few get the opportunity of showing their love for others by dying for them. But all have the opportunity to live for others.

There is a prayer which goes like this: 'Lord, don't let me die yet, because I haven't loved enough.' It's a prayer we would do well to make our own.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies
Flor McCarthy, SDB

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Anishka Gupta / Mario Yongching / Jocelyne

Thanksgiving : Tess Valesini

Special Intentions: Sion Gilchrist

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 |
| * Jaypee Masangkay | * Nancie |
| * Aida Dayao | * Mason Dulalia |
| * Victor Padura | * Jun & Charo Doctors |
| * Nelia Ambat | * TJ del Rio |
| * Vivian Martin | * Catherine Nguyen |
| * Lucinda Rose | * Resty Perez |
| * Christine | * Susan Biag |
| * Marie-ange Suggun | * Annie Beardley |
| * Maria Vu | * Cysiane |
| * Mick Jones | * Feliciana Matildo |
| * Marlene Yongching | * Jake Valte |
| * David Hitchcock | * Teresa Tiu |
| * Marina | * Andrea Tuazon |
| * Sue Aston | * Baby Isabelle |
| * Vlado Kutle | * Carla Geronimo |
| * Wally Skoczylas | |

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



- ✠ Bishop Peter Ingham
- ✠ Ulahannan
- ✠ Alain Vincent
- ✠ Rosemary Mariasson
- ✠ Phyllis Rozario
- ✠ Antoinette Yongching
- ✠ Josa
- ✠ Constance Victoria Denise
- ✠ T A Abraham
- ✠ Marc Le Miere
- ✠ Molly Teresa Gunnion
- ✠ Benito Inandan
- ✠ Alan Crooks
- ✠ Regina Guzman
- ✠ Teodoro Alegrid
- ✠ Delfin Contreras Sr.
- ✠ Mary Fanning
- ✠ Deceased Members of :
 - Wakefield 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.*