



## 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.

## *The Ascension of the Lord*

### *Year B - 11th & 12th May 2024*

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### Entrance Antiphon (at the Vigil Mass)

Your kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;  
Praise the Lord, who ascends above the  
highest heavens; his majesty and might are in  
the skies alleluia.

##### Entrance Antiphon (at the Mass during Day)

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the  
heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending  
into heaven will return as you saw him go,  
alleluia.

##### FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-11)

*(Why are you standing here looking into the sky?  
Jesus has been taken into heaven).*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord.

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 46)

**All: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

**Reader:** All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

**All: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

**Reader:** God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

**All: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

**Reader:** God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

**All: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

# Parish News and Happenings

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians  
(1:17-23)

(He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.)

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL:

Mark (16:15-20)

*(The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God).*

## 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.

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

## Communion Antiphon

**Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.**

## **READINGS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**YEAR B : 18th & 19th May 2024**

**Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25;**

**Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15**

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

**For Baptism Preparation** please contact **Maria D'souza** through email :  
**[maria197114@gmail.com](mailto:maria197114@gmail.com) 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.

## **Vigil Mass time Change - on Dinner Dance Saturday:**

Please note that, on Saturday 25th May 2024, **Mass will be at 5pm** instead of 6pm due to our Annual parish dinner dance event.



**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**

# Parish News and Happenings

## Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, we ask your blessings on all mothers. May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom, strength and selfless love. Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good. Mary Mother of Jesus we ask you on this Mother's day to pray for our own dear mothers. May your Son, Jesus, reward them for all the care they have so lovingly given us over the years.

### **GOD BLESS ALL OUR MOTHERS**

*Wishing all of the mothers and grandmothers of our Mary Mother of the Church community a very Blessed Day.*



## Deceased Name Inscribed In The Memorial Garden Plaque

If you wish to have your beloved deceased family member's names to be inscribed in the Memorial Garden plaque of our parish, please email the names to the parish office by **30th June 2024**. A donation of \$300 for each name required. A Special Mass in memory of those departed faithful will be offered by the parish priest every year in the month of November. We will proceed with the plaque only if we get enough names. Thank You.

**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 Cuppa 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!

## Altar Servers

Our parish is currently considering the reactivation of the altar server ministry. 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. **Please note that altar servers must be 8 years of age or older and must have made their first Holy Communion.**

## **Reflection :**

## **A new and wider vision**

Jesus is presented as ascending to heaven from the top of Mount Olivet. A mountain is a place of vision. On a mountain top we feel somehow closer to God. Indeed, we feel we are in the presence of God.

A story is told about a man who had lived all his life in a clearing in the forest. The clearing was only about 100 yards across and was hemmed in by trees. The man's world was extremely enclosed. He had very little concept of space or distance. In such a world even comparatively small objects can appear larger than life because of one's nearness to them.

One day an explorer took him out of the forest and led him up to the top of a high mountain. He couldn't get over the wide open spaces that existed beyond the forest, the immensity of the sky, and the vastness of the horizon. He was amazed at discovering that a world existed in which there were no trees and very little vegetation. He was like a little child in his excitement. He was so happy that he wanted to remain up there.

But of course he had to go back down to his small, enclosed, narrow world. However, he never forgot his visit to the mountain top. It had a wonderful effect on him. It helped him to take a broader view of life, especially when things were becoming too much for him and the world was closing in on him.

When the time came for Jesus to leave this world, he took his apostles up to the top of the Mount Olives. He was returning to the Father. He was going to glory. As he ascended he directed their eyes upwards, towards the place where he was going. But he also pointed their eyes outwards. He showed them that there was a great world out there waiting to hear the Gospel. He gave them the task of bringing the Gospel to that vast world, and promised to send them the Holy Spirit to equip them for that task.

The apostles liked it on the hill, so much that they wanted to remain there. But a voice called them back to reality: 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking up into the heavens?' Even though they had to go back down into the real world, their lives would never be the same.

This feast is as much about journey lies. It is a goal and a destiny which defies even our imagination. It gives us a new and wider vision. It pushes out our horizons beyond the boundaries of this world. It gives an eternal dimension to our lives.

Jesus went back to the source, the Alpha and Omega. This is the meaning of his Ascension. It is not a journey into outer space, but a journey home. His Ascension does not represent his removal from the earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth. During his earthly ministry he could only be in one place at a time. But now that he is united with God, he is present wherever God is present; and that is everywhere.

We live in the hope that the words of Jesus will come true to us: 'Where I am, you too shall be.' Meanwhile we have a task to do: to preach the Gospel and to be his witness in the world.

# Parish News and Happenings

## Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

**Birthday :** Margaret & Konrad / Pulaa Faamausili  
**Thanksgiving :** Tina Pineda & family /  
 Crisbel Marie Artuz / Anishka, Alijah & Aisaach /  
 Sharon & Calvin Ambrose / Natalie Papain

## 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             |
| * Sue Aston             | * Feliciana Matildo   |
| * Vlado Kutle           | * Jake Valte          |
| * Wally Skoczylas       | * Teresa Tiu          |
| * Luis Vincente Marcelo | * Andrea Tuazon       |
| * Carla Geronimo        | * Baby Isabelle       |
| * Alana Beattie         |                       |

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



- ✠ Bishop Peter Ingham
- ✠ Albert & Juliana Menezes
- ✠ George Martis
- ✠ Flora Mendonca
- ✠ Gladys Sequeira
- ✠ Jose Guzman Cruz Sr.
- ✠ Marie Brisotto
- ✠ Janja Soldo
- ✠ Michael Hogan
- ✠ Christine Ferrer
- ✠ Feliciana Matildo
- ✠ Hiyazeene Cruz
- ✠ Chantal Chavry
- ✠ Edward Cruz
- ✠ Dolorosa, Arcadio, Antonio, Doroteo, Corazon, Epifanio, Guadalupe, Poldo, Paulina
- ✠ 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.*