



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.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

15th & 16th June 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God my Saviour!

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel. (17:22-24)

(I have made the small tree great).

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 91)

All: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Reader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

All: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Reader: The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

All: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Reader: Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

All: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (5:6-10)

(Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord).

We are always full of confidence, when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be

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brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Mark (4:26-34)

(The mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all).

Communion Antiphon

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

READINGS FOR THE 12TH SUNDAY - YEAR B :

22nd & 23rd June 2024

Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

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)

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 Training

Altar serving is an important ministry at Mary Mother of the Church. A training session for Altar Servers will be held on **Sunday, June 30th, at 11:30 a.m.** After the training, new servers will be paired with experienced servers on the roster to help them build confidence and understand their role better. All young people interested in serving as altar servers are encouraged to attend.

2024 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass :

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Sunday 25 August 2024 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.** Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room. Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2024> or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by no later than Monday, 29 July 2024.

We are delighted to welcome Fr. Joseph, who will be assisting Fr. Bosco from June 15th to June 26th in our parish. Let's extend a warm welcome to Fr. Joseph!

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates:

Congratulations to our 35 young people who have received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit from Bishop Brian Mascord, on Saturday, 15th June 2024. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide them as they become strong Disciples of Christ.

We extend a sincere thank you to our parish catechists Team -Edyleen Santos, Jennifer Kreltszheim & Jessica Malama Parsons as well as teachers from St Francis Catholic college who helped to prepare these children. Thanks to our Acolytes, altar servers and Choir Members for giving up your time to serve the Lord and our parish community. Much appreciated.

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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.

Planned Giving

Our heartfelt gratitude for your extraordinary commitment and generosity as a giver of our church. We appreciate for your ongoing support through the second collection the main source of income for our Parish. Your planned gift not only support our ongoing ministries and projects but also serves as an inspiration to others who may be considering similar contributions.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are now available for collection after mass. Receipts for the current year will be available early July. If you would like to be part of Planned Giving or have any questions contact Jim Fogarty or the Parish Office.

Notice : Please note that from Tuesday, July 16th, to Thursday, July 18th, **Morning Mass will be at 8:30 AM** instead of 9:00 am. Fr. Bosco will be attending the Clergy-in-Service Conference in Campbelltown on these days.

MULTICULTURAL DAY RAFFLE

Trying to think of a way to support our parish? Collect a book of raffle tickets to sell to family and friends.

1st Prize : \$300

2nd Prize : \$150

3rd Prize : \$50

Plus Consolation Prizes

Ticket price : \$2/ticket

Draw : 8th September 2024

All proceedings will go towards parish projects. Thank you for your support.

Please see Lina for your book.

Reflection

The parable of the mustard seed was a reply to the question: Could the kingdom really grow from such humble beginnings? Mark's reply was that the little cell of disciples could indeed become a kingdom. Like the first parable.

It seems that what life intends to be great it first makes small. Perhaps that is where we go wrong. We're too impressed by the large. We tend to despise the small. Yet look at the atom. It is the smallest unit of matter, yet what energy it contains. Many great things and undertakings begin in small and often hidden ways. Examples: a building begins with one brick on another, a book begins with one word on a page, a journey with a single step, a forest fire from a single spark, a giant oak from an acorn, a huge river from a tiny spring, a lifelong friendship from a chance encounter. Things that have a certain integrity and trust always seem to start from humble beginnings.

Seeds need the darkness, isolation, and cover of the earth in order to germinate. Therefore, for something to begin small, hidden anonymous, is in fact an advantage. It means it can develop away from publicity. There are no pressures. No burden of expectations. It can develop at its own pace. There is no hurry. Hurry ruins many things.

Hence the importance of beginnings, of taking care of things in their beginnings. If you wish the adult to turn out well, then take good care of the child. We ignore the small at our peril. It is not the mega-rows that lead to marriage break-up, but the mini-rows. The treacheries which are destined to reach furthest in their consequences do not begin in an obvious or dramatic way. They begin humbly and unostentatiously, to bear their bitter fruit in maturity. We ascend the heights or sink into the depths a step at a time.

The true savour of life is not to be gained from big things but from little ones. To sample a wine the taster needs only a sip. Bad habits and illnesses creep up on us slowly and in little steps. The first step was of no seeming consequence. The roof leaks for the want of a handful of thatch. Alcoholism takes hold of a person a glass at a time.

If there is something which we want to do. Let us not hesitate and think too much. Let us make a start, however small. Let us take one step. Let us plant one seed. For, as Van Gogh says, 'The only thing that accumulates in the long run is the meager work of every day.'

**New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies
Flor McCarthy, SDB**

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Fellie Duggan / Channel, Felix, Matteo, Teresa

Thanksgiving : Danica & Tina Pineda / Erika & Everly / Teng Manubay & Family

Special Intentions: Maryse Rochecouste

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 |
| * Nelia Ambat | * Jun & Charo Doctors |
| * Vivian Martin | * Catherine Nguyen |
| * Lucinda Rose | * Resty Perez |
| * Christine | * Susan Biag |
| * Marie-ange Suggun | * Annie Beardley |
| * Maria Vu | * Lysiane |
| * Sue Aston | * Feliciana Matildo |
| * Vlado Kutle | * Jake Valte |
| * Wally Skoczylas | * Andrea Tuazon |
| * Luis Vincente Marcelo | * Baby Isabelle |
| * Carla Geronimo | * Catherine, Elizabeth & Monica |
| * Elaine Layton | * Daniela Vladislavic |
| * Hania Stoklosa | * Bayani Manuel |
| * Ricardo San Juan | |
| * Alan & Margaret Raisbeck | |
| * Aleyna Meryam Lacin | |

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



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| † Bishop Peter Ingham | † Anastacia Ferrer |
| † Laurell Caspersz | † John D'Souza |
| † Juvana Lopez | † Anna D'Souza |
| † Laufai Ligilolo | † Rutillo Ballinan |
| † Freddy & Joseph Roussel | † Chungwon Kim |
| † Peter Hanh Van Tran | † Beatrice Hart |
| † Roberto Torres Jr. | † Lawrence Deveige |
| † Virginia Mabilangan | † Sydney Meyne |
| † Marcellus Alexander | † Georges Cherval |
| † Tominiko Aualiitia | † Jelena Vukovic |
| † Margaret Gunasena | † John Bowes |
| † Dina Sahagon | |
| † Ernesto Lesaguis | |
| † Corazon La Guardia | |
| † Beryle Eastley | |
| † John Buchanan | |
| † 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.*