

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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 6th & 7th July 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reader: To you have I lifted up my eyes, you

who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their

lords.

All: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,

pleading for his mercy.

Reader: Like the eyes of a servant on the hand

of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us mercy.

All: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,

pleading for his mercy.

Reader: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain.

All: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,

pleading for his mercy.

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel. (2:2-5)

(The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst).

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 122)

All: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians. (12:7-10)

(I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me).

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am

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quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Mark (6:1-6)

(A prophet is despised only in his own country).

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

READINGS FOR THE 15TH SUNDAY -YEAR B: 13th & 14th July 2024 Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

Parish Cuppa this Weekend

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY will be holding the monthly Parish Weekend Cuppa this weekend. Please join us. Gold Coin donation appreciated.

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

<u>Bible Study</u>: 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.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Today, we join the Australian Bishops and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council in celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. As Australians, we are fortunate to share our home with the world's oldest continuing culture.

On this day, we honour and acknowledge God's presence in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, who have upheld their rich and diverse Cultural Traditions for thousands of years.

We give thanks for the deep and enduring legacy of these ancient peoples and their contributions to our Continent. Let us also take a moment to recognise and appreciate the land on which our Parish is situated and the people who have nurtured it over time. Together, let us continue to cultivate a spirit of unity and respect for all cultures and traditions within our community.

Notice:

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

St Vincent De Paul Society Winter Appeal

The Macquarie Fields St Vincent De Paul Members invite you to help local struggling families again this Winter. High inflation and large cost of living increases, due to rises in the cost of rent, food, energy bills and petrol have affected us all, but it has affected the marginalised in our community more acutely.

We assist residents living in Macquarie Fields, Glenfield and Edmondson Park areas.

Our parish will be holding the special collection this weekend on the 6th & 7th July 2024. Please donate generously. Thank You!

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Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation & Holy Communion 2024

- To enrol, your child must be in year 3 or above.
- Enrolments will commence on 24th June and close on 22nd of July.

(Application Forms are available in the Church Foyer)

Dates are at this stage planned for the following: For any further information about our parish sacramental process, please email or contact the parish office.

1st Reconciliation:

Briefing for parents:

Tuesday 23rd of July at 7pm

Lessons: 28th July - 25th August

on Sundays at 11:30am

Rehearsal: Sunday 25th August at 11:30am

1st Reconciliation:

Friday, 30th August 2024 commencing at 5pm

1st Holy Communion:

Briefing for parents:

Tuesday 15th October at 7pm

Lessons: 20th October - 17th November

on Sundays at 11:30am.

Reconciliation: Friday, 22nd November 2024

commencing at 5pm

First Holy Communion:

Saturday 23rd November 2024 (TBA)

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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

REFLECTION:

Two paupers wandered from town to town, begging for alms. One was a giant who had never been sick in his life; the other was a cripple who had never known anything but sickness. The giant used to laugh at the cripple. The cripple took his mockery very much to heart, and in his resentment prayed that God would punish his cruel companion.

At last the two paupers reached the capital city. They arrived just at the time when a great misfortune had happened to the king. Two of his most trusted servants had died suddenly. One was his personal bodyguard, the strongest man in the land; the other was his personal physician, the most skilful physician in the entire realm. So the king sent couriers into all the towns and villages of his kingdom to gather into the capital all the strong men and doctors who wished to apply for the vacant post.

The king finally chose one strong man and one doctor from among all the applicants. He then asked them to furnish proof of their fitness for the posts they were to fill.

'Your Majesty,' said the strong man, 'Bring to me the strongest and biggest man in this city and I will kill him with one blow of my fist.' And the doctor said, 'Your Majesty, bring me the most helpless cripple you can find and I will make him well in one week.'

So the king sent messengers throughout the city looking for the strongest man and the most helpless cripple. Luck was with them, for they soon came upon the two paupers. So they brought them before the king.

With one blow of his fist the strong man killed the giant. Then the doctor examined the cripple, and after a week's treatment he made him well.

The strength of the strong often proves to be their downfall, while the weakness of the weak often saves them. People don't fall because they are weak but because they think they are strong. Paul was content with his weakness. He said, 'It is when I am weak that I am strong.' The recognition of his own weakness made him rely on Christ, whose power then became available to him.

May the Lord help us to be aware of our weakness, and strengthen us against it.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday: Leo Ferrao / Sr. Susanna Lee Thanksgiving: Jenny / Kayleigh & Willow / Special Intentions: Rega / Sion Gilchrist

This week masses have been offered for the Sick and Special needs of:

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- Dr Lydia de Jesus
- Dr Joycelyn de Jesus
- * Leslie Reich
- Jaypee Masangkay
- Aida Davao
- Nelia Ambat
- * Vivian Martin
- * Lucinda Rose
- * Christine
- Marie-ange Suggun
- Maria Vu
- * Vlado Kutle
- * Wally Skoczylas
- Luis Vincente Marcelo
- * Carla Geronimo
- * Hania Stoklosa
- * Ricardo San Juan
- * Alan & Margaret
- Raisbeck
- * Aleyna Meryam Lacin
- * Mirella Autard-
- Catherine

- * Eva Silang
- * Carole Dimayuga
- Selda Dimayuga
- * Nancie
- * Mason Dulalia
- Jun & Charo Doctors
- Catherine Nguyen
- **Resty Perez**
- Susan Biag
- Lysiane
- Jake Valte
- Andrea Tuazon
- * Daniela Vladislavic
- * Mabel Artuz
- * Monique Yongching
- * Mary Brennan
- * Herbert & Sheila -Kreltszheim
- * Anica Lovrich
- * Jordan Joval

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



- ⊕ Hugo Savy
- ⊕ Wanda Gajewska
- ☆ Saviour Bonello
- ♪ Inmaculada Rodis
- Arjjon Manohur
- Jacqueline Armarsin
- Angel Gutierrez
- Joanne Muscat
- → Richard & Florinda Hendricks
- ☆ Cyril Doming Pereira
- ☆ Laufai Ligilolo
- → Oliver Grehan
- ⊕ Bobby de Leon
- → Noel Helene
- ⊕ Simon Dacutanan
- Peter Hanh Van Tran
- ☆ All souls in Purgatory

- ⊕ Catherine
- ⊕ Joseph
- Johnsmith
- Denis Lopez
- Mary Rose
- Elain Layton Marie Rafaud
- Leon Rego
- → Jesus Escuadro
- ⊕ Epifanio, Guadalupe, Doroteo, Corazon, Percy, Eugenia,
- 引immy
- Jan, Piela
- Feliciana Matildo
- Wilfred Tamayo
- ☆ Michael Kuljis

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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

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.