



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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year - B - 17th & 18th August

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs (9:1-6)

(Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared).

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says. 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 33)

All: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reader: I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

All: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reader: Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

All: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reader: Come, children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

All: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reader: Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek the strive after peace.

All: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (5:15-20)

(Be watchful that you may know the will of God).

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms

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and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John (6:51-58)

(My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink).

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

READINGS FOR THE 21ST SUNDAY -YEAR B :
24th & 25th August 2024
Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

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.**

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)

Catechist Retreat 2024: Known and Loved

9:30am – 2:30pm

Friday 20 September 2024

**Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church,
80 Demetrius Rd, Rosemeadow.**

All who support the Catechist ministry, including SRE Teachers, Helpers, Prayer Partners, and Spouses are invited to attend what will be an excellent Catechist Retreat, Known and Loved. Facilitated by Katherine Stone MGL, the retreat will help us to gain a greater understanding of who Jesus is and who we are in the light of Jesus.

The retreat will include Mass, reflections, prayer, and friendly discussion. Morning Tea will be provided, but please BYO lunch.

Registration is essential. Please register: dow.sh/KnownLoved2024

RCIA Program

We are inviting those adults who might like to discern becoming a catholic to take part in our RCIA program, which will begin in September 2024 and go through to the Easter 2025. If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about RCIA, please contact the parish office.

Parish Multicultural Day Celebration

Join us for a vibrant celebration of our diverse community on **Sunday, September 8, 2024**, following the 9:00 AM Mass, which will be the only Mass of the day.

Ways to Participate:

- **Donate Boxed Items:** Contribute boxed items for our white elephant stall.
- **Organize a Food Stall:** Showcase flavors from your country by setting up a food stall. Contact us to reserve your stall space.
- **Solo or Group Performance:** Share your talents with the community through a cultural performance. Register your act in advance.
- **Invite Friends and Family:** Extend the celebration by inviting loved ones to join us for this special day.
- **Wear a Costume:** Embrace your heritage by dressing in traditional attire from your country.
- **Help to clean up.**

For participation inquiries, please reach out to the Parish Office or contact Eric D'Silva at 0434 869 426.

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Formation Pathway for Come & See, Go & Make

These sessions are designed for clergy and Parish pastoral councils/leadership teams but, open to all members of our parish community. For those looking to actively implement Bishop Brian's vision for parishes, this is an excellent opportunity.

- Introduction to "Come & See, Go & Make" (CSGM) & Facilitating CSGM Worksheet Activities (Double-event)
- Exploring the vision for parishes, why it matters, and how we can have hope for the future & understanding the parish approach to the Worksheet Activities.

**Campbelltown – Monday 2 September,
7-9:30pm**

Wollongong (& Zoom) – Wednesday 4 September,
7-9:30pm

Registrations for the first three events are now open:

September – <http://dow.sh/sept2024>

October – <http://dow.sh/oct2024>

November – <http://dow.sh/nov2024>

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.

Please return the sold books and the money to Lina as soon as possible.

A vocation view :

Because we have been called, formed, and nourished by Christ, our actions must be in accord with the great gifts we have received. To strive for holiness every day of our lives is to live in accord with the promises made at Baptism. (Eph. 5:15)

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

REFLECTION: Places at Table

Once there was a wealthy merchant who had his newly married son and his wife in his household. The son had a kind heart, and devoted himself to charitable works, helping every poor person who asked for his assistance.

In time the young wife gave birth to a son. In honour of the occasion, the happy grandfather arranged a great feast. Shortly before the festivities were about to begin, the son asked.

'Tell me, father, what arrangement have you made for the seating of the guests? If you do the conventional thing and seat the rich at the head table and the poor near the door, it will distress me. You know very well how I love the poor. As this is my celebration, let me honour those who get no honour. Promise me, then, to seat the poor at the head table and the rich at the door.'

His father listened attentively and replied, 'My son, it is difficult to change the world. Look at it this way: Why do poor people come to a feast? Because they are hungry and would like to eat a good meal. And why do rich people come to a feast? To get honour. They don't come to eat, because they have enough at home.'

'Now just imagine what would happen if you seated the poor at the head table. They would sit there, very self-consciously, feeling everybody's eyes on them, and so would be ashamed to eat their fill. And what they'd eat they wouldn't enjoy. Don't you think it would be better for their sake that they sat unnoticed at the door, where they could eat to their hearts content without being ashamed?'

'Then again, suppose I were to do what you're asking and seat the rich at the door. Don't you think they'd feel insulted. They don't come for the sake of the food, but for the honour. And if you don't give them that, what will they get?'

The Eucharist is the banquet Jesus provides for his followers. All of us come to this banquet hungry; all of us need the bread that only Jesus can give - the bread of eternal life. And all of us come here poor before God. Here all of us are nourished. And here all of us are honoured, because here every place is a place of honour.

Furthermore, through the Eucharist a spiritual bond is forged between us. Through our shared intimacy with Jesus, we are united also with one another, something which we must try to live out in our ordinary lives through mutual love, forgiveness and concern.

Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Elizabeth Smith / Leni Valencia / Sion Gilchrist / Justin Duggan

Thanksgiving : Tiffany Nicole Rivela - Baptism
Anishka, Alijah & Aisaach / Maria Vu & Katherine Nguyen

Special Intentions : Babitha / Angelina Smith

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 |
| * Maria Vu | * Susan Biag |
| * Vlado Kutle | * Lysiane |
| * Luis Vincente Marcelo | * Jake Valte |
| * Carla Geronimo | * Andrea Tuazon |
| * Hania Stoklosa | * Daniela Vladislavic |
| * Ricardo San Juan | * Mabel Artuz |
| * Alan & Margaret Raisbeck | * Monique Yongching |
| * Aleyna Meryam Lacin | * Mary Brennan |
| * Mirella Autard-Catherine | * Jordan Joval |
| * Mick Jones | * Rey Manoto |
| * Lavina, Joseph & Lawry | * Katarina Klindic |
| * Sue Aston | * Dominique Autard |

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



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| ✠ Norberto I. Gutierrez | ✠ Gisele Danton |
| ✠ Betty Ona De Leon | ✠ Leandro de Leon |
| ✠ Bill Fullerton | ✠ Elizabeth Toohey |
| ✠ Zenaida Patricio Santos | ✠ Aline Leal |
| ✠ Erlinda Nazareth | ✠ Lucena Pelaez |
| ✠ Ben Siqueira | ✠ Analisa Colot |
| ✠ Alejandrina Manubay | ✠ Joselito Colot |
| ✠ Lucia Arcilla | ✠ Pamfilo Brase |
| ✠ Cion Mabilangan | ✠ Trinidad Brase |
| ✠ Larry Nemer SVD | ✠ Benita Reyes |
| ✠ Laurence Lee OFM | ✠ Yagappan |
| ✠ Madeleine Saninadon | |
| ✠ Amanda Butcher | |
| ✠ Deceased members of: Ratinon 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.*