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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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year - B - 30th Aug & 1st Sept 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
(4:1-2, 6-8)

(You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord).

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 14)

All: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Reader: Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart.

All: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Reader: He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

All: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Reader: He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

All: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of James
(1:17-18, 21-22, 27)
(Be doers of the word).

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a

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sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark (7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

(You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition).

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

READINGS FOR THE 23RD SUNDAY -YEAR B :

7th & 8th Sept 2024
Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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.

Happy Father's Day!

Today we celebrate Father's Day. It is a day for people to show their appreciation for fathers and father figures including priest in our church.

Dear God, we thank You for the gift of fathers and the love they bring into our lives. Bless them with strength, wisdom and good health. Guide them as they continue to provide, support and nurture their families. For those who are no longer with us, we ask for Your comfort and peace. May we honour their memory by living with the values they taught us and reflecting the love they shared. Help us show our appreciation and love, not just today, but every day. Amen.

MULTICULTURAL DAY RAFFLE

Draw : Next Sunday - 8th September 2024

All proceedings will go towards parish projects.

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

Parish Multicultural Day

Multicultural Day of Mary Mother of The Church is on next Sunday the **8th of September 2024.**

Mass is at 9:00am, after 9:00am mass there will be live entertainment and many food stalls on the Church Grounds. We encourage all parishioners to come along for a fun filled day and partake in the community Spirit. You are welcome to wear traditional costumes for Multicultural Day.

Festivities:

- * Procession at 8.30am
- * Cutting of a cake for Mother Mary
- * Singing of the Australian National Anthem
- * Cultural song and dance
- * International Food stalls
- * Sausage Sizzle & Tea Coffee Stall
- * White Elephant goods stall

Please help clean up after the festivities.

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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.

**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>

Are you called to be a Catechist?

We still need catechists and helpers to join our ministry and teach Scripture in our local public schools for 2025. We warmly encourage you to respond to this call. It is a wonderful opportunity to be part of something very rewarding. Come and share your faith with the children and pass on the Good News.

Classes are 30mins and held once a week during school days. Books and training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.



Around the Diocese:

Ignite Conference 2024: Rise Up! (Sydney) 26-29 September 2024

A conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Join with young people from our Diocese and over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church.

The Diocese of Wollongong is taking a group 30 young people to the conference at a subsidised cost. There are a few spots left, if you would like to join us, know someone who would, or would like to sponsor someone to attend, please contact Arnie Hurdoyal, Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader, Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au or 0431 611 128.

REFLECTION:

The Evil within

Only a fool would wash the outside of a cup and ignore the inside. We make sure to wash at least the inside, whatever about the outside. Jesus said we should do the same with ourselves. We should get the inside clean, whatever about the outside. In fact, if the inside (the heart) is clean, the outside (our behaviour) will also be clean. But if the inside is unclean, then the outside will be unclean too. The outside will reflect the state of the inside.

The Pharisees saw evil as something outside themselves — in things and especially in other people. They prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. If evil was outside themselves, then they could protect themselves from it by avoiding contact with people, or where this was not possible then by ritual washings.

The Pharisees were sincere people. It's just that their efforts were directed at the wrong target. For them the exterior was everything. Hence, their concern about outer cleanness, and neglect of what was more important — inner cleanness, or cleanness of heart.

Jesus said that the source of evil is within us. It has its roots in the heart. We can't guard ourselves from it by separation from others. All those horrible things he lists, and which we read about in the newspapers — fornication, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride — all these things start inside a person. Their seeds are within us all. These are the things which make a person unclean in the eyes of God.

This is a very disturbing truth, and one we ignore at our own peril. A great problem of our time is our failure to know ourselves, to recognise evil and deal with it within ourselves. Yet there is a kind of comfort and freedom in knowing and accepting this humbling truth.

Today there is a huge preoccupation with cleanness of body. Hence, all the ads about soaps and perfumes. And there is a great preoccupation with the environment — with the quality of the water we drink, the food we eat, and the air we breathe. It's not that these are unimportant. It's just that there is another environment which is even more important — the moral environment. Evil is the worst kind of pollution of all.

But if the source of evil is within us, so too is the source of good. All our thoughts, words, and deeds flow from the heart like water from a hidden spring. If the spring is clean, then all that flows from it will be clean. We must purify the source.

We must strive for cleanness of heart. Total purity of heart is unattainable here on earth. It is a struggle that will always go on. A pure heart is not the same as an empty heart. A heart that is full of love is a pure and healthy heart.

Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Tiffany / Aleyna Lacin / Xavier Savelio Silao

Thanksgiving : Anishka, Alijah & Aisaach / Gavin Noronha / Bakulic Family / Raisbeck Family Virgilio & Julita Arreola /

Special Intentions: Babitha

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 | * Jordan Joval |
| * Mirella Autard-Catherine | * Rey Manoto |
| * Mick Jones | * Katarina Klindic |
| * Lavina, Joseph & Lawry | * Dominique Autard |
| * Sue Aston | * Mona |

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



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| ✠ Philippe Tranquille | ✠ Thi Phan Le |
| ✠ Sylvia Dularens | ✠ Lelita de Leon |
| ✠ Richard & Florinda Hendricks | ✠ Henry Monty |
| ✠ Ceferino Evangelista Sr. | ✠ Karen Medvecky |
| ✠ Mieczyslan Wozniczka | ✠ Mary Mahoney |
| ✠ Alejandro Madriaga | ✠ George Billett |
| ✠ Cupertina Madriaga | ✠ Marie Rfaud |
| ✠ Genaro San Miguel | |
| ✠ Serge Rochecouste | |
| ✠ Elvera Kreltzhaim | |
| ✠ Magdalena Torres | |
| ✠ Genaro San Miguel | |
| ✠ Leticia Hernandez | |
| ✠ France Rochecouste | |
| ✠ May Anne de Livera | |
| ✠ 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.*