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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.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year - B – 14th & 15th Sept 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (50:5-9)

(I gave my body to those who struck me).

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 114)

All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Reader: I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him.

All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Reader: They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me.

All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Reader: How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me.

All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Reader: He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of James (2:14-18)

(Faith without good works is dead).

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

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This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark (8:27-35)

(You are the Christ... The Son of Man was destined to suffer much).

Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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)

Parish Multicultural Day

Thanks

Our deepest gratitude for your outstanding involvement in our parish's Multicultural Day held last Sunday, which was an extraordinary success. Thanks to your dedication, commitment and support that made it possible.

I particularly thank all the parish ministries, groups, and volunteers for your invaluable contributions. Please do convey my thanks to all your team members for their efforts.

A heartfelt thanks to our MC - Nino Pineda, the talented performers who generously shared their gifts with us, and a special appreciation to the food stall holders for their hard work in offering such a delicious and diverse selection of food, which truly brought people together.

We were able to raise a total of **\$ 16,131.70**, which will be contributed to Parish Projects. The contributions of the stalls are listed below:

African	\$150.00
Filipino	\$1,383.20
Indonesian	\$1,740.40
Pancake	\$548.00
Sausage Sizzle	\$500.00
Samoan	\$805.00
Parish Samoan & Pacific	\$1,400.00
Samoan next Generation	\$350.00
Indian	\$1,429.00
Indian	\$316.00
Mauritian	\$250.00
Lemonade	\$30.00
Raffle Ticket	\$6,260.00
Garage Sale	\$970.10
	\$16,131.70

Multicultural Day Raffle ticket Winners:

1st Prize : Violet Hogan

2nd Prize : Ina

3rd Prize : Sefo

Consolation Prizes : Felomena, Georgette, Neel Berioso, Rita B Shack, Geol, Alisha, Carmen Claravall, Joshua Menezes, Hyein Lee, Menacle Smith, Esther & Peta

Congratulations to all the Winners. If you haven't claimed your prize please see Lina or contact the parish office.

Parish News and Happenings

"COME & SEE, GO & MAKE" Formation Opportunity!

Introduction to Parish Renewal (Module 103)
What is parish renewal? How do we recognise and honour all that is good in our communities and courageously move forward into the future? Then we can walk the path of renewal of heart, culture, and practice, and rediscover our reason for being.

**Campbelltown – Tuesday, 1 October,
7-9:30pm**

**Wollongong (& Zoom) –
Wednesday, 2 October, 7-9:30pm**

Registration essential: <http://dow.sh/oct2024>
All welcome!

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.



THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL IN SUPPORT OF CLERGYCARE:

The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be promoted in our parish next weekend on 21/22 September. Please come prepared and donate generously.

"Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired clergy, who have always cared for us; and a sound and holistic formation of our young seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop.

I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated."

+ **Bishop Brian Mascord**

REFLECTION: Faith without good works

Mrs. O'Reilly received the news that one of her neighbours was seriously ill. She said to the person who gave her the news, 'Tell her that I'll remember her in my prayers, and that I hope she'll soon be feeling better'.

And she was as good as her word. That same night as she said her customary night prayers she prayed very sincerely and fervently for her neighbour. She said to God, 'Lord, I want to commend my neighbour to you. She's very seriously ill. She needs a lot of help, a lot of support.'

When she finished her prayers, she felt better. And yet, something was bothering her. She sat down to think about it. Then she fell into a dream like state in which she heard God saying to her, 'I can see that you're very concerned about your neighbour.'

'Yes, Lord, I really am,' she replied with no little pride. 'And I understood that your neighbour is in great need of help,' said God. 'So I've been told,' said Mrs. O'Reilly. 'You know, what she most needs is someone to spend a little time with her, said the Lord. 'You're absolutely right Lord. I was thinking the same myself,' Mrs O'Reilly answered. 'Now when you asked me to help her, you weren't expecting me to come down from heaven to visit her, were you?' 'No, Lord, I wouldn't expect you to do that. Nor would my neighbour expect it either. In fact, I think the shock of it might kill her.' 'But she does need someone to call on her?' 'She Does, Lord.' 'Who can I send?' After a long pause, Mrs O'Reilly said, 'Send me, Lord.' When she woke up from her dream, she knew exactly what she had to do.

St. James says, 'If someone comes to you who is lacking food or clothing, it's not enough just to say him, "I wish you well," and leave it at that.'

It's not enough to say to a needy person, 'I'll pray for you.' We must not think that we have done our bit once we have referred the matter to God. That sounds very like passing the buck. When we pray for another person we are in effect saying to God, 'Here I am, Lord. Send me.'

Our prayer should commit us to some positive action, no matter how small. But even a small act, such as a visit, could prove to be a costly gesture, because it means putting ourselves alongside a suffering person. And to do that is to lay ourselves open to that person's pain. We will inevitably absorb some of that pain.

Peter got the identity of Jesus absolutely right. His faith was perfect far as words went. But when the time came for action, he was woefully lacking. When Jesus asked him to watch with him during his agony in the garden, he fell asleep. And later that night he denied that he had ever known Jesus. There is a faith that consists only in words. And there is a faith that flows into deeds. We need God's grace, not only to profess our faith, but also to live it.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Amado Manubay

Thanksgiving : Joseph Quiah

Special Intentions: Cynthia Montenegas / Constant

Wedding Anniversary : Angela & Amarnath

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 |
| * Alwyn Noronha | * Fellie Duggan |
| | * Ricardo Villarosa |

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



- ✠ Bishop Denis Browne
- ✠ Lolita De Guzman
- ✠ Patrick Joseph Maher
- ✠ Irineo Mendoza
- ✠ Raymundo Reyes
- ✠ Kathleen Hogan
- ✠ Irineo Mendoza
- ✠ Thresia
- ✠ Santiago M. Hernandez
- ✠ Roberto Bhoy Torres
- ✠ Mervyn De Vesser
- ✠ Mary De Vesser
- ✠ P.C. Albert
- ✠ 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.*