



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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year - B - 7th & 8th Sept 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (35:4-7)

(Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak).

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, Vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 145)

All: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Reader: It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

All: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Reader: It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger.

All: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Reader: The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

All: Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of James (2:1-5)

(Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?).

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers : it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The Word of the Lord.

Parish News and Happenings

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Mark (7:31-37)

(He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak).

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

READINGS FOR THE 24TH SUNDAY -YEAR B : **14th & 15th Sept 2024**

Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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)

Safeguarding Sunday

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

Baptism

Through the waters of Baptism,

Alexandra Buenaventura

Enters into the life of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

MULTICULTURAL DAY RAFFLE

Draw : Sunday - 8th September 2024

All proceedings will go towards parish projects.

If you haven't returned the raffle books and money, please see Lina.

Parish Multicultural Day

Multicultural Day of Mary Mother of The Church is this 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.

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.

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 on the weekend of 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: *The handicaps of the normal*

The Gospel concerns the cure of a handicapped man. For that reason we might dismiss it as having no relevance for us. But, in truth, all of us have got our handicaps. The fact that ours are not as visible as those of the man in the Gospel doesn't make them less real.

In one way or another all of us are wounded. We see evidence of this in husbands who take refuge in work because they are no longer attracted to their wives, or wives who are wounded by lack of attention and love from their husbands, or parents in conflict with their children, or children who don't receive the love they need or who are stifled by parents who are too possessive.

Some people carry deep wounds from bad childhood experiences. Others are wounded by sickness, or by the death of a loved one, or by the non-acceptance of themselves. More are wounded by failures in work and in relationships. People are wounded by the inability to forgive, and by the experience of rejection which makes them in turn reject.

Inside each of us there lies a hidden world of suffering. But some are more wounded than others. The deepest wounds are those that are not visible to the eye. What we see as the obvious sufferings of others are almost certainly not their deepest suffering.

In some people the inner wounds have led to drink and/or depression. In others the same inner wounds have bred a compelling need to prove themselves, to be successful, to win, to dominate, to be well known, even to save others.

The first step in the road to healing is to recognise our wounds. Then counselling may be called for. Psychology may help unravel the origins of some of these wounds.

Here is a paradox: people who are limited physically and intellectually due to mental handicaps, are often more gifted than others when it comes to the things of the heart and to relationships. A handicapped person observed: 'Living as a cripple in a wheelchair allows you to see more clearly the crippled hearts of some people whose bodies are whole and sound.'

It is above all the heart that has to be healed. If only the heart was right we could give so much more. But, alas, the heart is often empty, often cold and unwelcoming, often hard and unyielding, often weighed down with worry, often lonely, often wounded, and sometimes broken. We shouldn't be surprised that this is so. All it means is that we have a heart of flesh, and not one of stone. But we have to heal the wounds of the heart in order to be able to bear the fruits of love, joy and peace.

In touching the ears and tongue of that handicapped man, Jesus also touches his wounded heart. It was that above all that made the man new. That was the real miracle.

Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Rethesh John / Nerayo Santos / Babitha Constant / Johndel Cabacungan / Gabriel Wijaya / Wally Skoczylas /

Thanksgiving : Analou, Neri, Malangis / Jayanthini Reanson /

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 :



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| ✠ K.T Thomas | ✠ Robert Bartlet |
| ✠ Kathleen Hogan | ✠ Albert Menezes |
| ✠ Patrick Dempsey | ✠ Juliana Menezes |
| ✠ Feliciana Matildo | ✠ M.K Paul |
| ✠ Clotilde Milazzo | ✠ George Valesini |
| ✠ Francesco Milazzo | ✠ Leonila Antiola |
| ✠ Jose & Guadalupe Cabacungan | ✠ Antonio |
| ✠ Consuelo Cabanilla | ✠ Doroteo |
| ✠ Catherine Buchanan | ✠ Corazon |
| ✠ Saviour Bonello | ✠ Epifanio |
| ✠ Charlotte Rose Sabellano | ✠ Guadalupe |
| ✠ Josph Cong Tu Pham | ✠ Eugenia |
| ✠ Ernesto Ballesta | ✠ Celestine |
| ✠ Gaudencia Mendoza | ✠ Emilyn |
| ✠ All souls in Purgatory | ✠ Celso |
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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.*