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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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year - B – 12th & 13th October 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom (7:7-11)

(In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing).

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and besides her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 89)

All: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Reader: Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

All: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Reader: In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune.

All: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Reader: Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

All: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (4:12-13)

(The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart).

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The Word of the Lord.

Parish News and Happenings

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark (10:17-30)

(Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me).

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

READINGS FOR 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B : 19th & 20th October 2024
Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

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.**



Baptism

Through the waters of Baptism,
Brielle Marie Torres Magura
Enters into the life of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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)

Catholic Mission Parish Appeal



In Mongolia, vulnerable people requiring social services often face stigma for using them. Those in need are often impacted by domestic violence or homelessness. Unfortunately,



support services are limited in number and the demand for them is growing.

This means some of our brothers and sisters in Mongolia are going without the help they need.

This month, we invite you to support the Church in Mongolia on their journey to provide more support for vulnerable people in need. Your kindness will ensure that more of our brothers and sisters can receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet.

On the weekend of 19th and 20th October 2024 we will be holding catholic mission appeal to support vulnerable people in need. Please come prepared and donate generously.

CATHOLIC CARE Aged Care PRESENTATION –

Monday 21 October :

CatholicCare will be visiting Mary Mother of the Church Parish to provide a comprehensive and important presentation on Aged Care, covering topics such as: How to get into the Aged Care system and also the services that CatholicCare can provide. Presentation to commence after 9am Mass. Morning Tea will be provided.

RSVP : Veena - Parish office :
mfields@dow.org.au OR call 9605 6169



Altar Linen Ministry:

We are seeking volunteers for the Altar Linen Ministry to assist with washing and ironing the altar linens once a week. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office. Thank You!

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday 15th October : Parents Information Session at 7:00pm for 1st Holy Communion in the Church.

Thursday 17th October : Liturgy & Events combined Meeting at 7:00pm in the Logos Centre. All members are requested to attend.

Parish News and Happenings

The Light: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2024 - a beautiful 88-page book of daily reflections designed to deepen your spiritual journey from the beginning of Advent (1 December 2024) through to the Baptism of the Lord (12 January 2025), offering profound insights and contemplative thoughts that invite you to explore the depths of your faith and anticipate the joy of God's presence in the world.

**Limited copies available now in the Church Foyer. Please see Lina for your copy.
\$3.00 / Book**

Dates for your Diary

Friday, November 1 : All Saints Day
- **Mass at 9am and 7pm**

Saturday, November 2: All Souls Day
- **Mass at 8:30am and 11am**

Saturday November 23: First Holy Communion
- **Mass 10am & 12 pm**

Sunday November 24: Christ the King Feast

Saturday, November 30: Volunteer Thanksgiving
- **Mass at 11am**
followed by lunch in the Parish Hall

Come & See, Go & Make Formation Pathway

NOVEMBER REGISTRATION OPEN

Campbelltown Tuesday 12 November 7 – 9:30pm
Wollongong & Zoom Wednesday, 13 November 7-9:30pm

"Principles & Foundations of Come & See, Go & Make" (Module 107). Register today @ dow.sh/nov2024

Reflection: Asking the important questions

The young man asked Jesus, 'Master, what have I to do to inherit eternal life?' It's obvious that he had already asked another question, if not of Jesus, then of someone else. That question was: What is the purpose of life? The answer to which is: to gain eternal life.

These are the two most important questions in life. Most of us asked the same sort of questions when we were young. Perhaps we don't ask them any longer? Here we are, on the train of life, being carried forward inexorably, and it seems at an ever-increasing speed, but where the train is bound for is no longer a burning issue with us. Why is this? Could it be that we are so preoccupied with the baggage, or with amusements and distractions, that we simply have no time for such matters? Or could it be that, like the young man who came to

Jesus we have found that it is dangerous to ask such questions?

The climate we live in doesn't encourage this kind of questioning and reflection. Spiritual questions are seldom a topic of conversation at dinner tables, or even in intimate talks among friends. People focus more on work, family problems, and the political and economic issues of the day. Discussions about moral values and spiritual beliefs seldom happen. In fact, they are more or less taboo.

We are practical people. We want answers, not problems. Moral and spiritual matters are difficult issues. An American psychiatrist has said: To a large extent our lives are spent in avoiding a confrontation with ourselves. Most of our daily activities facilitate this. They distract us from ourselves, and from reflection. We are tranquillized by the trivial.

Jesus answered the young man's question thus: 'Keep the commandments.' And the young man said, 'I have kept the commandments.' For Jesus, keeping the commandments was just the bare minimum. He saw that this young man was capable of more. In fact, he was capable of greatness. So he said to him, 'If you want to be perfect, sell what you have, give the money to the poor, and then come and follow me.'

The young man stood on the brink of a new and exciting world. However, he realized at once that he could not enter this new world without saying good-bye to his old world. He hesitated. He thought about it. He looked back at that old world, and began to weigh up the things he was leaving. Suddenly he realized he couldn't do it. There was too much in that old world which he loved and wanted. So he refused the invitation of Jesus.

Jesus demands the best of us as he did of the young man. He will not allow us to settle for anything less. The challenge — 'if you wish to be perfect' — is issued to us too. However, the thing we might be called upon to sacrifice in order to take up that challenge could vary for each of us. We have to look into our own hearts to see what it is that we would have to give up in order to respond to it.

Our presence here every Sunday brings us face to face with these great questions. We are reminded that life is a pilgrimage to God's eternal kingdom. We listen to the Word of God, and receive the Eucharist. But we must remember that salvation is always God's achievement. Those who trust in themselves and their possessions can never be saved. Those who trust in the saving power and redeeming love of God can enter freely into salvation.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Julius Medvecky

Thanksgiving : Herbert & Sheila Kreltzhaim / Corinne Patterson / Stanyswava / Rudy & Jeseфа /

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 | * June Carroll |
| * Alwyn Noronha | * Fellie Duggan |
| * Sr Juliana Ioane | * Ricardo Villarosa |
| * Sion Gilchrist | |

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



- ✠ Donald Borthwick
- ✠ Concordia Ignacio
- ✠ Peter James Cartwright
- ✠ Teresita Fernandez
- ✠ Florine Ferrao
- ✠ Feliciana Matildo
- ✠ Jean Sullivan
- ✠ Benjamin Pineda
- ✠ Thelma Macher
- ✠ Joseph Panjikaran
- ✠ Ramesh Boojharut
- ✠ Maria Hunkin
- ✠ Alfredo Pineda
- ✠ Deceased members of : Camcam & Cabanilla families
- ✠ 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.*