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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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year - B – 26th & 27th October 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly
seek his face.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (31:7-9)

*(I shall lead them back in mercy - both the
blind and the lame).*

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout: "The Lord has saved his
people, the remnant of Israel!" See, I will bring
them back from the land of the North and gather
them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the
blind and the lame, women with child, women in
labour: a great company returning here. They had
left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them
back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a
smooth path where they will not stumble. For I
am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born
son.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 125)

**All: The Lord has done great things for
us; we are filled with joy.**

Reader: When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then
was our mouth filled with laughter, on
our lips there were songs.

**All: The Lord has done great things for
us; we are filled with joy.**

Reader: The heathens themselves said: 'What
 marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

**All: The Lord has done great things for
us; we are filled with joy.**

Reader: Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land. Those who are
sowing in tears will sing when they
reap.

**All: The Lord has done great things for
us; we are filled with joy.**

Reader: They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing: they
come back, they come back, full of
song, carrying their sheaves.

**All: The Lord has done great things for
us; we are filled with joy.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (5:1-6)

*(You are a priest for ever, in the line of
Melchizedek).*

Every high priest has been taken out of
mankind and is appointed to act for men in their
relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for

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sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark (10:46-52)

(Master, grant that I may see).

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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)

2024 Mass Attendance Count - during November

Starting the weekend of 2-3 November and continuing each weekend throughout November, all parishes and Mass centres across the Diocese of Wollongong will conduct the annual Mass attendance count. This important initiative aims to provide a complete picture of Mass attendance to aid in local parish and broader Diocesan planning. All sites holding public weekend Masses are required to participate in this mass count.



Baptism

Through the waters of Baptism,

Antonia Danica Vukovic

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

Parish Cuppa Weekend

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY will be holding the monthly Parish Weekend Cuppa on the **weekend of 2nd/ 3rd November.**

You are welcome to bring something sweet or savoury to share. Gold coin donation appreciated. Thank You! If you would like to join our Welcome & Hospitality Ministry please contact the parish office.

Notice:

Please note that, on Monday, 28th October, there will be only a Communion service, no Mass.

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.
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Come & See, Go & Make Formation Pathway

NOVEMBER REGISTRATION OPEN
Campbelltown Tuesday 12 November 7 – 9:30pm
Wollongong & Zoom Wednesday, 13 November 7-9:30pm. Register today @ dow.sh/nov2024

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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

December 1: First Sunday of Advent

Monday December 9: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 9am

Saturday December 14: Parish Carols after 6:00pm vigil mass followed by sausage sizzle.

Monday December 16: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at 6pm

December 16-24 :Dawn Masses at 5am daily

Tuesday December 24 : Christmas Family Mass at 7pm

Tuesday December 24: Midnight mass at 11:30pm

Wednesday December 25: Christmas Day Mass at 9am

Tuesday December 31: End of year Thanksgiving with Adoration at 6:30pm followed by mass

Wednesday January 1, 2025: New Year's mass at 9am

November Masses:

November is a special time to pray for the dead. If you would like Masses offered for your deceased relatives and friends, please write their name(s) on November Mass envelopes clearly. You can place the envelope in one of the collection baskets at Mass or drop the envelope into the parish office. Mass will be offered for your intentions during November and ongoing.

Reflection : RETELLING THE STORY:

My name is Bartimaeus. Let me try to tell you what it was like for me to be blind. To be blind is to be cut off from other people. It is to be in a world of one's own. At times loneliness enfolded me like a cold mist. I was cut off from all the things which make life worthwhile, things which sighted people take for granted.

I was forced to beg for a living, which meant I was totally dependent on the charity of others. I was sitting at the roadside of life. My future was a long road, but a road without a goal. Life would never be any different. I would always be in the dark. Always on the margins,. Always lonely and cut off.

I longed for one thing — to be able to see. That longing would not leave me. If only it would go away then maybe I would have some peace inside myself.

Some kind people gave me a coin as they passed. But no one stopped to talk to me. No one entered my lonely world, not even for a minute. The indifference of others — that is what hurt me most. It's terrible to be treated as if you had no feelings — like a block of wood.

The priest told me that my blindness was caused by sin. This meant that even God had no time for me, that he too had pushed me out.

That's how it was for me until one day I heard the sound of a large crowd. I enquired and was told that Jesus was passing by. Suddenly hope flared up inside me, and I began to cry out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!'

The people tried to silence me. They said I was an embarrassment. But I refused to be silenced. I cried all the louder.

Then I was told that he had heard me and was calling me. Throwing aside my cloak, I groped my way to meet him. He asked me, 'What can I do for you?' I said, 'Please, let me see.' He asked no further questions. He just said, 'Go on your way, it was your faith that saved you.'

How could I go my own way and forget all about him? I followed him along the road. I became a disciple of his. What a joy it was to be able to see! I wanted to reach out and touch everyone. I looked on them all as my friends. In my meeting with Jesus I had felt his love. He had not only brought me in from the margins, but had given me a place of honour at the banquet of life.

Jesus said that his mission was 'to open the eyes of the blind.' His mission was not so much a question of bringing physical sight to people, but of bringing them vision, of giving them another way of looking at life. It wasn't a question of opening people's eyes physically, but of opening their minds, their imaginations, and especially their hearts. The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.

Jesus opened the eyes of Zacchaeus to the danger of riches, and got him to share with the poor. He opened the eyes of the dying thief to God's mercy, and welcomed him into paradise.

We don't have to be physically blind to feel in the dark. At times any of us can feel lonely and cut off. We find ourselves on the margin of things. We are no longer useful or wanted. People ignore us. Without love the world is very dark. And people want us to keep quiet. And we ourselves may be too ashamed to cry out.

At those times we must have courage and the humility to cry out to the Lord, 'Lord, that I may see.' Jesus is the one who brings us in from the margins. He tells us that we are precious to the Father. He gives us a seat at the banquet of the Kingdom.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies
Flor McCarthy, SDB

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Sanju Jacob / Neejay Santos / Cris Artuz

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 |
| * Jaypee Masangkay | * Selda Dimayuga |
| * Aida Dayao | * Nancie |
| * Nelia Ambat | * Mason Dulalia |
| * Vivian Martin | * Jun & Charo Doctors |
| * Lucinda Rose | * Catherine Nguyen |
| * Maria Vu | * Resty Perez |
| * Vlado Kutle | * Susan Biag |
| * Luis Vincente Marcelo | * Lysiane |
| * Carla Geronimo | * Jake Valte |
| * Hania Stoklosa | * Andrea Tuazon |
| * Alan & Margaret Raisbeck | * Daniela Vladislavic |
| * Aleyna Meryam Lacin | * Mabel Artuz |
| * Mirella Autard-Catherine | * Monique Yongching |
| * Mick Jones | * Jordan Joval |
| * Lavina, Joseph & Lawry | * Katarina Klindic |
| * Sue Aston | * Dominique Autard |
| * Alwyn Noronha | * June Carroll |
| * Sr Juliana Ioane | * Fellie Duggan |
| * Sion Gilchrist | * Jackie Heeraman |
| * Noelene Bartlet | |

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



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| ✠ Jennifer Nagarajan | ✠ Antonio, Epifanio, Doroteo, Corazon, Emilyn, Eugenia, Anthony, Guadalupe |
| ✠ Lola Moors | |
| ✠ Ricardo Villarosa | |
| ✠ Rolando Dela Cruz | ✠ Alfonso, Edna, Remedios, Marcial & Eric Lao, |
| ✠ Marian Domer | |
| ✠ Silveria Esko Yu | ✠ Ademar Ballinan |
| ✠ Ana Yanez | ✠ Ricardo San Juan |
| ✠ Joseph Screpiz | ✠ Mary Stevenson |
| ✠ Gabrielle Rochecouste | ✠ Veronica Webster |
| ✠ Carmen Ibanez | |
| ✠ Frank Rodriguez | |
| ✠ Henrietta Maurice | |
| ✠ Frank Rochecouste | |
| ✠ Odette Gaulrag | |
| ✠ Daisy Noronha | |
| ✠ Thamrin Prajitno | |
| ✠ 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.*