



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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year - B – 5th & 6th October 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis (2:18-24)

(They were two in one flesh).

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 127)

All: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Reader: O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.

All: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Reader: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

All: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Reader: Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace!

All: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (2:9-11)

(He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have the same origin).

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he

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submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark (10:2-16)

*(What God has joined together,
no one must divide).*

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

READINGS FOR 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B : 12th & 13th October 2024
Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

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.

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.

Lost & Found

We kindly remind all parishioners that our Lost and Found basket is located in the church foyer. If you have misplaced any items please check the basket as soon as possible. Please note that we will clear the Lost and Found basket on the last Sunday of each month. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity after this time. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep our church tidy. Thank you.

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

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1st Holy Communion

**Parents Information session on Tuesday
15th October 2024 at 7pm in the Church**

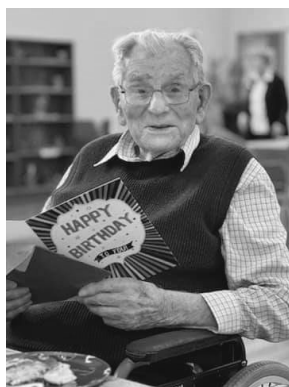
Altar Linen Ministry:

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. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Maryse Rochecouste**, who has faithfully served in this ministry for over a decade. Due to health reasons, she is now stepping down. We are deeply grateful for her many years of dedicated service.

Parish Notice:

Fr. Bosco and some parishioners visited our beloved parishioner Julius Medvecky to celebrate his 103rd birthday on October 2nd.

Thank you to everyone who could be there!



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

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – TO SUPPORT THE RETIREMENT AND HEALTH OF CLERGY AND THE SOUND AND HOLISTIC FORMATION OF SEMINARIANS

Thank you for your generous support of this appeal. **We have raised \$ 1,864.20** which will be forwarded to Bishop's office. Tax deductible donations are still being gratefully received online via the Diocese of Wollongong's website www.dow.org.au/giving

Reflection: The kingdom of childhood

Jesus says to us, 'Unless you become like little children you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.' We tend to regard childhood as something that we must grow out of, leave completely behind, as if there was nothing in it that was worth keeping.

We have to distinguish between being childlike and being childish. To be childish implies immaturity, throwing tantrums, being silly, being irresponsible... Children are not angels. These are things we should grow out of. But there are lovely childlike qualities which we should try to hold onto - openness, receptivity, sense of wonder, ability to live in the present...

Unfortunately what tends to happen is we lose some of the good qualities of the child and keep some of the worst. We cease to be childlike but continue to be childish. What have we lost with the loss of our youth?

Imagination is infinitely stronger in childhood. Every child is blessed with a sense of wonder. Their vision is so fresh and clear. Wordsworth put it beautifully: 'Heaven lies about us in our infancy.' Children are seeing everything as for the first time. Picasso's ambition was to paint like a child. He said that art should startle us into seeing the world anew like a child does.

Children teach us how to live. They have not yet got into grooves, or become prisoners of routine, habit, and prejudice. They are always themselves. This is what makes them so charming and unique.

Happiness is the natural state of little children. They have the capacity to wring enjoyment out of simple things. The shabbiest doll will delight a child's heart for half a year, but adults need so much more. Why? Because they have lost the soul of a child. It's one of the tasks of the Church to keep alive that soul.

Nothing is easier as life goes on than to grow old in heart, dry and disillusioned, cynical and selfish. Children put us in touch with the gentler and more innocent part of ourselves that we may have discarded in the struggle or battle of life. They revive in us too a sense of wonder, and it is the sense of wonder above all that keeps us young.

When Jesus says to us, 'Unless you become like little children you will not enter the kingdom of heaven,' he is recalling us to our lost childhood, so that though old and frail in body, we might be reborn in innocence of character.

Jesus says we can't enter the Kingdom unless we receive it like a child. The kingdom is a gift. No one can enter the kingdom who is not open to receive it as a gift.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Julius Medvecky

Thanksgiving : Virginia Kelly / Joanna Joaval / Sonny, Neri, Anishka, Alijah, Aisaach / Patrick & Gemma Munslow / Remigia Artuz / Mabel 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 |
| * 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 |

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



- ✠ Rita & Ivan Ambrose
- ✠ Maria Lourdes Navarro Yap
- ✠ Ben Pineda
- ✠ Saviour
- ✠ Marcelo Bala
- ✠ Michael Maher
- ✠ Jose Camcam
- ✠ Erlinda Ballesta
- ✠ Julian Saunders
- ✠ Norman Dulhunty
- ✠ Alice France
- ✠ Godofreda San Miguel
- ✠ 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.*