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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.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year - B – 2nd & 3rd November 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
Be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (6:2-6)

(Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord
with all your heart).

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 17)

All: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Reader: I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.

All: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Reader: Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

All: I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (7:23-28)

*(This one, because he remains for ever,
has an eternal priesthood).*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Parish News and Happenings

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark (12:28-34)

(This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it).

Communion Antiphon

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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,

Nhat Anh Le

&

Audrey Catherine Tran

Enter 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)

READINGS FOR 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B : 9th & 10th November 2024
1 Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

2024 Mass Attendance Count - during November

The annual Diocesan-wide Mass Count will occur over four weeks, commencing on the weekend of 2-3 November, concluding on November 24. All parishes and Mass centres across the Diocese of Wollongong will conduct the annual Mass attendance count. This year's count is again a very simple headcount at each Mass. The information will assist with local Parish and broader Diocesan planning for the future. Thank you for your co-operation.

Notice:

Fr. Bosco will be away from 6th to 15th November
Fr. Mike will be in the parish during that period.

Catechist Ministry:

Our parish is reaching out to those who feel called to make a difference in young lives by joining our team of Catechists and helpers, teaching Scripture to children in our local state schools. Each class is just 30 minutes, held once a week during school days with all training and materials provided to guide you in this important ministry.

Currently, we are blessed with 15 dedicated awesome Catechists, but with five of them retiring in 2025, and six schools to cover, we truly need more people to continue sharing the faith with these young hearts. **Our catechists will be available to talk to you on the weekend of 9th/ 10th November after weekend masses.**

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

Parish News and Happenings

Dates for your Diary

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

OUR NEW UPGRADED DONATION POINT TERMINAL HAS ARRIVED!

Our new Eftpos terminal is located in the Church foyer and is pre-set with four nominated amount of \$5, \$10, 25 & \$50. There is also the option to select your own amount maximum up to \$99. To use the machine, select one amount, or custom amount, on the screen, tap your card or device on the screen to make a donation.



Catholic Mission Appeal—Thank You!

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world. Our parish has raised **\$2,436.70** for this appeal. Thank you once again for your generosity and compassion.

Parish Cuppa Weekend

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY will be holding the monthly Parish Weekend Cuppa this weekend. **Please join us for the cuppa.** Gold coin donation appreciated. Thank You

Reflection : *The Greatest failure of Christians*

Failure to love is the great failure in a Christian. Often, alas, it is not even seen as a sin. Sin is recognized when it means doing harm to a neighbour, but not when it means failing to love, or withholding love.

A story is told about a man who sold an old 'banger' of a car to an unsuspecting stranger, and who later went to Confession. Afterwards he met one of his old pals in the local pub. When one of his pals heard he had been to confession, he said, 'I hope you told the priest how you cheated that man over the car'.

'I did no such thing', he replied. 'I tell the priest my sins. But he has no right to know my business'. The great danger facing church-going people is that they don't see the connection between what they do in church on a Sunday and what they do in relation to their neighbour on a weekday.

People may examine their conscience but leave whole fields untouched: the conscientious carrying out of one's duty, honestly in business matters, justice, respect and co-operation among those who live under the same roof... and so on. For such people religion is divorced from life. It is a private matter between them and God. According to the Bible, a religion like that is a distraction. Worse, it is an abomination.

It's very easy to separate the two great commandments. In a sense there is only one commandment - the commandment of love. It is like a coin, one entity with two sides. It is impossible to have one without the other. It's not that we hate our neighbours. No, we don't hate them. It's just that we refuse to take them into our heart. If the truth were told, we are indifferent to them.

All of us have a great capacity to love, but sadly we use it all too seldom. The actor, Christopher Reeve, was famous for his portrayal of Superman in the movies. However, as a result of a fall from a horse, he ended up in a wheelchair, paralyzed from the neck down. He said he got 100,000 letters of sympathy and support from people. This led him to ask: 'Why does it take a tragedy before we show our appreciation for one another?'

We leave it too late then are full of regrets. We wait until it is too late to tell or show others that we love them. We leave it too late to mend a quarrel, too late to enjoy health or the gift of our children or our parents.

Jesus said to Scribe, 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God'. Knowing which were the most important commandments was the first step. Putting them into practice was the second step. We are not far from the Kingdom - just a step away. In order to take that step we need God to touch our hearts.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Thilini & Olivier /
Rey Artuz & Family/

Birthday : Nikki Amos / Teng Manubay / Louise Ratinon / Michael Patterson /

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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| ✠ Beryl Elaine Burns | ✠ Mathew |
| ✠ Maria Hunkin | ✠ Axel Huron |
| ✠ Kim Tu | ✠ Harry Noronha |
| ✠ Alberto Concepcion | ✠ Patrick Vance |
| ✠ Merly, Nelly, Arlyn, Courdes | ✠ Michael Kenny |
| ✠ Immaculata di Palma | ✠ Josephine Ooi |
| ✠ Eliza D'Souza | ✠ Sr Liz Weimers |
| ✠ Kate & John Rosser | ✠ Ben Pineda |
| ✠ Pablo Tubera | ✠ Ramesh Boojharut |
| ✠ Jennifer Delmage | ✠ Monique S |
| ✠ Guillermo Ignacio | ✠ Josephine Ooi |
| ✠ Victorino Ignacio | |
| ✠ Gilles Dupuche | |
| ✠ Bienvenido Legaspi | |
| ✠ Geradine Toussaint | |
| ✠ 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**

November -Month of the Holy Souls:

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. Mass will be offered for your intentions during November and ongoing. We will also remember those whose names are inscribed in our memorial plaque and recorded in our Book of Remembrance.

Roster for Next Week - 9th & 10th November 2024

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| (1) First Reading | (2) Second Reading |
| (3) Ministers | (4) Altar Servers |

09/11 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Pierre Rochecouste | (2) Davitah S |
| (3) Irma de Guzman, Maria D'Souza | |
| (4) Neejay & Nerayo Santos | |

10/11 - 8.00 am

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| (1) Corrine Patterson | (2) Lucy Niumata |
| (3) Mimi Cabrera, Steve Niumata | |
| (4) Shakira & Audrey Liutai | |

10/11 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Tess Valensini | (2) Jackie Heeraman |
| (3) Bennette S, Edgar S | |
| (4) Tomjo Rinson & Jayson Huynh | |

Church Cleaners (09/11)

Exodus

Shirley Myers / George Hogan
Sue Titmarsh / Maria Koreti