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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.

### **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C** **25th & 26th January 2025**

#### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

##### **Entrance Antiphon**

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

##### **FIRST READING**

*A reading from the book of Nehemiah  
(8:2-6, 8-10)*

*(They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read).*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be

mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord.

##### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

(Ps 18)

**All: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

**Reader:** The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

**All: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

**Reader:** The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

**All: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

**Reader:** The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

**All: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

**Reader:** May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

**All: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

##### **SECOND READING**

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians  
(12:12-30)*

*(Together you are Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it).*

# Parish News and Happenings

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second prophets, the third to teaches; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teacher? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.*

**Alleluia!**

GOSPEL **Luke (1:1-4; 4:14-21)**

*(The scriptures were fulfilled on this day).*

## Communion Antiphon

*Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.*

## **Readings for 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C : 1st & 2nd February 2025**

**Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13;**

**Lk 4:21-30**

## 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 :** Lessons Cancelled until further notice.

**Sunday School :** Every Sundays during 10am Mass in the Logos Centre. (during the School Term)

**Bible Study Sessions:** The scheduled Bible study sessions have been cancelled starting this Sunday until further notice.

## Children's Choir

Children aged 4 to 12 years are warmly invited to join the Children's Choir!

The Children's Choir will sing at the **8:00 am Mass on the 1st Sunday of each month. Practice will take place last Saturday of every month at 2pm - 3.30pm in the church.**

If your child/children are interested in joining, please contact Star via SMS only **0417 697 979.**

## Parish Hospitality Ministry :

The Hospitality Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with our monthly Parish Cuppa, held after Mass on the first weekend of each month from **March to December.** This is a great chance to connect with fellow parishioners and strengthen our parish community over a cuppa. Sadly, without enough volunteers, we may have to discontinue this parish gathering.

If you'd like to lend a hand or know more, please contact the parish office. Thank You!

# Parish News and Happenings

## Catechist Ministry: Share the Good News!

At the end of every Mass, we are sent out to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. The easiest way is to join the Parish Catechists Ministry. This ministry allows you to bring the love of God and the teachings of Jesus to Catholic children in our local State Schools.

If you can dedicate 30 to 45 minutes on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons during the school term, we need your help! You will receive full training, resources, ongoing support, and personal spiritual enrichment.

Our Catechists will be available after all weekend Masses on the **1st and 2nd of February 2025** to answer any questions and provide more information.

If you're interested, please email our Catechist Coordinator, **Maria Nash**, at [maria.p.nash@gmail.com](mailto:maria.p.nash@gmail.com), or contact the parish office. Thank You!

## Parish Safeguarding Training:

**When: Saturday, 8th March 2025**

**Time: 10:00 am - 12:15 pm**

**Where: Mary Mother of the Church Refreshments provided**

The Diocese Safeguarding Team will deliver an essential training session for our parish volunteers, equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary to continue fulfilling their vocations. Session will cover the following topics: Understanding Safeguarding, Safeguarding other's, Safeguarding yourself, Mandatory Reporting, Reportable Conduct, Professional Boundaries etc. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the Attendance Sheet provided in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

## Formation Pathway for Parish Renewal Resumes!

**Topic:** Leadership Fundamentals

Understanding the non-negotiables of Christian leadership, the difference between managing and leading, and how to find the right people for your team (FACT Leadership & HHS).

**Date:** Campbelltown 4 February, **When:** 7-9pm

**Cost:** Free

**Registration:** [dow.sh/fpfeb2025](https://dow.sh/fpfeb2025) (required for catering)

## REFLECTION :

### **The Church is the Body of Christ**

Today in medicine there is so much specialisation that the body tends to be broken up into parts. Some Doctors specialise in the heart, others in the brain, others in the eye, others in the

ear, and so on. Specialisation is good but it can have a downside. Specialists may be concerned only with organs, not with human beings. They may know scarcely anything about the person whose eye or heart or hip they are treating.

The human body forms a unity even though it is composed of many members. Those members are very different from one another and have very different functions. Some undoubtedly are more important than other. Yet to be complete the body need all of them, and the members need each other.

So it is with the Church. We though many form one body in Christ (second reading). By means of our baptism we have become members of the Body of Christ, the Church. Some might wish to go it alone, independent of the community. But there can be no such thing as an isolated Christian. Those who deliberately cut themselves off wound the community. We are part of one another and must not try to go it alone.

Community makes demands on us. For this reason, the temptation to go it alone, to seek salvation independent of others, is strong. But this cannot be. We need each other, just as the parts of the body need each other. And the Church needs all of us. We need to have a sense of belonging to one another and to Christ. We have to get involved even when we would rather just look after ourselves.

Belonging to a community has obvious benefits. Take reeds for an example. Individually they are weak and easily broken. But tie a bundle of them together, and they are virtually unbreakable. So it is with people. Great strength results from togetherness. People take courage from knowing each other, encouraging each other, and from standing together. Great things can be done when people work together.

The emphasis on community comes from Jesus himself, only he used a different image to describe it. He used the images of a vine and its branches: 'I am the vine, you are the branches.' It is a simple but profound illustration of unity and interdependence.

It's obvious that the branches need the vine. But the vine also needs the branches, because it is the branches that produce the fruit. This is how Jesus wanted it to be between him and his disciples. This is the way he wants it to be between him and us. He is the vine, we are the branches. Or to use Paul's language: 'Jesus is the head of the body, we are the limbs of the body.' Without a sense of belonging together, of caring for one another and being responsible for one another, one is not really a Christian.

The fruit which Jesus desires from us in primarily that of unity among ourselves. By this all will know that we belong to him - by the bond that exists between us and the care we show for one another.

**New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies  
Flor McCarthy, SDB**

# Parish News and Happenings

## Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

**Birthday** : Nino Pineda / Fr. Christopher Maher  
**Thanksgiving:** Sheila Kreltszheim  
**Wedding Anniversary:** Jun & Zeny Asuncion / Tina & Gerry Pineda /

## 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              |
| * Maria Vu                 | * Mason Dulalia       |
| * Alan & Margaret Raisbeck | * Jun & Charo Doctors |
| * Mick Jones               | * Catherine Nguyen    |
| * Noelene Bartlet          | * Mabel Artuz         |
| * Wally Skoczylas          | * June Carroll        |
| * Carmencita Palma         | * Fellie Duggan       |
| * Dr. Cyd Orosco           | * Danica Pineda Lacin |
| * Agatha Go Ay Nio         | * Stanislava          |
| * Resty Perez              | * Anthony Smith       |
| * Vivian Martin            | * Elizabeth Messain   |
| * Shirley Myers            |                       |
| * Danica Kutle             |                       |



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



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| ✠ Dr. Erlinda Garduño    | ✠ Carmen Ibanez      |
| ✠ Gulsen Ali             | ✠ Amy Dorthy Francis |
| ✠ Rajan George Manuel    | ✠ Alexandra          |
| ✠ Emilio Carbero         | ✠ Rogerio Pineda     |
| ✠ David Beattie          | ✠ Alexandra Dederá   |
| ✠ Emma Ocampo            | ✠ Heath Ledger       |
| ✠ Frank McKoy            | ✠ Juan Nellás        |
| ✠ Genie Lynch            | ✠ Cedric Hill        |
| ✠ Mariano Ocampo Jr.     | ✠ Carlos Carbo       |
| ✠ Fred Boorman           | ✠ Leslie Fanning     |
| ✠ Winnifreda Biacolo     |                      |
| ✠ Benjamin Silverio      |                      |
| ✠ Arthur Gallagher       |                      |
| ✠ Magdalena Torres       |                      |
| ✠ William Doggett        |                      |
| ✠ Anthony Sultana        |                      |
| ✠ 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**

**Parish Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, we thank you for the loving and supportive environment in our Parish, where people of diverse backgrounds come together to encounter You in the Holy Eucharist and glorify Your name in prayer and song. We pray for all priests and parishioners who have given their time and service to You through ministries in the Parish and local community. We pray that through the wonderful gifts of the Holy Spirit we may continue to grow stronger in faith and spread your message of love and forgiveness. All of this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ through the intercession of His Mother Mary. Amen.*

## Roster for Next Week - 1st & 2nd February 2025

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| <b>(1) First Reading</b> | <b>(2) Second Reading</b> |
| <b>(3) Ministers</b>     | <b>(4) Altar Servers</b>  |

### 01/02 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Pierre Rochecouste                   | (2) Shamila D'Souza |
| (3) Noel E / Andres C / Noel S / Maria D |                     |
| (4) Neejay & Nerayo Santos               |                     |

### 02/02- 8.00 am

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| (1) Lucy Niumata                         | (2) Corrine Patterson |
| (3) Alla B / Steve N / Lucy N / Emelia B |                       |
| (4) Shakira & Audrey Liutai              |                       |

### 02/02- 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Edyleen Santos                        | (2) Noel Santos |
| (3) Tina P / Noel S / Bennette S / John T |                 |
| (4) Tomjo Rinson & Jayson Huynh           |                 |

### Church Cleaners (01/02)

### Deuteronomy

Catherine & Pierre Rochecouste  
 Jennifer & Mario Kreltszheim