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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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1st & 2nd February 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

(1:4-5, 17-19)

(I have appointed you as prophet to the nations).

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 70)

All: I will sing of your salvation.

Reader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me.

All: I will sing of your salvation.

Reader: Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked.

All: I will sing of your salvation.

Reader: It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help.

All: I will sing of your salvation.

Reader: My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still.

All: I will sing of your salvation.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
(12:31-13:13)

(There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love).

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its

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fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind: it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror, but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

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 4:21-30

(Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews).

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

**Readings for 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C : 8th & 9th February 2025
Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11**

BAPTISMS are open. For **Baptism Preparation** please contact **Maria D'souza** through email : maria197114@gmail.com or **Contact the parish office.**

BAPTISMS on 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 11:30am

Sunday School : Starting from February 16, 2025

Sunday School will be held every Sunday during the 10 am Mass. We look forward to welcoming all children back for another year of faith formation. We sincerely thank our dedicated Sunday School teachers for their generosity in sharing their time and talents in this important ministry.

Women's Lenten Retreat - PRAYER Friday 21st Feb 7pm—Sunday 23rd Feb 4pm

Mount Schoenstatt

230 Fairlight Rd Mulgoa

Sr M Elizabeth Foley : 4773 8338

bookings@schoenstatt.org.au

Registration is essential by 12 February

Introduction to Alpha /w Alpha Australia Campbelltown Catholic Club

Monday, 24 February, 7-9:30pm

Zoom - Tuesday, 25 February, 7-9:30pm

Registration - dow.sh/alphafeb2025

Tania Rimac from Alpha Australia will facilitate the evenings, Parish Pastoral Councils / Leadership Teams are very welcome to attend.

The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord: Also known as Candlemas will be held this weekend

1st /2nd Feb. The feast commemorates when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem 40 days after His birth. Before the mass the priest blesses the candles that will be used throughout the year and the faithful to take home.

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)

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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 this weekend 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, 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

Required for all volunteers especially those involved in ministries working with children.

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 (required for catering)

REFLECTION : THE PRIMACY OF LOVE.

There is an essential link between faith and love. This is illustrated in a story that is told about George Herbert, an English poet, priest and amateur musician. One day on his way to a music session with some of his friends he came upon a poor man whose horse had fallen under his load.

Both man and horse were in distress and in urgent need of help. Herbert took off his clerical robes and helped the man to unload the horse, get him on his feet, and then load him up again. Then he gave the man some money to refresh himself and his horse. That done, he set out again to keep his appointment with his friends.

Normally he kept himself very clean and trim. So when he turned up with his hands dirty and his clothes soiled, his friends were very surprised. When he told them the cause of it, one of them expressed disapproval that he should have got himself involved in such dirty employment.

But he answered: 'The thought of what I have done will be like music to me at midnight. The omission of it would have caused discord in my conscience. For if I am bound to pray for all who are in distress, I am sure that I am bound so far as it is in my power to practice what I pray for.' Then he said, 'And now, let's tune our instruments.'

In today's Second Reading St Paul gives us what is acknowledged to be one of the best descriptions of love ever written. Love is a much-used word today. But what our culture calls love, in its songs and films, frequently is not love at all; it is the opposite to love. It is desire and control and possessiveness.

Today a lot of people are cynical about the existence of real love. They are skeptical about the existence of goodness unsullied by self-interest. One reason is that today we have a better understanding of the complexity of human nature, and the mixed motives behind everything we do.

St Paul was well aware of the mixed motives behind what people do. He understood how people could make great sacrifices, yet those sacrifices are worthless because they are done from motives of self-interest.

But still he believed in the possibility of love, and that it is central for the Christian. What he proposes in his description of love is clearly an ideal. An ideal is like a star. Though we can never reach it, it still guides us. But the main point Paul is making is the primacy of love in the life of a Christian. We must be willing to try. But we must also be willing to accept our weakness and failures without anger and frustration.

To be possessed with love is to be filled with a power which will not be denied; which will do anything, brave anything, suffer anything, endure anything, for the sake of who or what it loves.

Love, kindness, charity, doing things for others — these are the essential qualities. Love never fails. Other things fade and pass away, but love endures. If a person truly loves, he/she possesses all other virtues as well.

Faith, hope and love are three great virtues. These remain, and the greatest of these is love. All things pass away, but the kind word, the kind deed, never pass away.

Flor McCarthy, SDB

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Nino Pineda / Fr. Christopher Maher

Thanksgiving: Bui Family / Evelyn Camcam

Wedding Anniversary: Virgilio & Julita

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 |
| * Andrea Tuazon | * Danica Kutle |
| * Nelia Ambat | |
| * Shirley Myers | |



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



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| ✠ Lolita C. De Guzman | ✠ Belen Bandula |
| ✠ Anica Lovric | ✠ Mary Rey |
| ✠ Roberto Torres Jr. | ✠ Genowofa Somolik |
| ✠ Josefina Inoncillo | ✠ Margaret Fadyen |
| ✠ Irena Zdzieborska | ✠ Anthony Wah |
| ✠ Dr. Erlinda Garduno | ✠ Harry |
| ✠ Nateliano Padayon | ✠ Roman Kraljevic |
| ✠ Lorenza Padayon | ✠ Erlinda Anog |
| ✠ Carolina Sabado | ✠ Mercedes Gonzales |
| ✠ Artemio Sr. Sabado | ✠ Leslie Fanning |
| ✠ Rodolfo Kalaquian | ✠ Paterio Lisondra |
| ✠ Rolando Kalaquian | ✠ Sofia Grabowska |
| ✠ Richard Graham Timms | ✠ Loyal Symons |
| ✠ Annette Ferrer | ✠ Paz Solano |
| ✠ Helga Kopeinig | |
| ✠ Johana Langush | |
| ✠ Jennifer Nagarajan | |
| ✠ Deceased Members of : | |
| Bui & Tran family | |
| ✠ 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 - 8th & 9th February 2025

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

08/02 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Sunita Mendonca | (2) Herbert Kreltszheim |
| (3) Terry B / Teresa B / Irma G / Jisha J | |
| (4) Syona & Rosy | |

09/02- 8.00 am

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| (1) Louise Phillips | (2) Koreti Faasoa |
| (3) Mimi C / Alla B / Steve N / Lucy N | |
| (4) Jessica & Jayden Rego | |

09/02- 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Tess Valesini / Davitha | |
| (3) Tina P / Noel S / Bennette S / John T | |
| (4) Neejay & Nerayo Santos | |

Church Cleaners (08/02)

Exodus

Harold & Pierrette Maurice
Sue Titmarsh / George Hogan