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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.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 22nd & 23rd February 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

FIRST READING

*A reading from the first book of Samuel
(26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23)*

(The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you).

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there

was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 102)

All: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reader: My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

All: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reader: It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

All: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reader: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

All: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reader: As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

All: The Lord is kind and merciful.

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SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. (15:45-49)

(Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image).

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke (6:27-38)

(Be merciful as your Father is merciful).

Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Readings for 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C : 1st & 2nd March 2025

Sir 27:4-7; Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

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

Ash Wednesday, 5th March 2025

Masses at 9:00am and 7:00pm

Parishioners are requested to bring your old palms to be burnt for ashes. Please leave them in the Box kept in the Church Foyer. Thank you.

RCIA: The Rite of Election for 2025

Sunday 9 March 2025 at 2pm

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

Wollongong

From our parish community, the following persons will be presented to the Bishop and community who are seeking full initiation (Catechumens).

Vinal Sharma

Patrick Ross

Nikki Amos

Sokunthea Suos

Tafale Rosemary

Manivanh Vongratsavai

They will join other catechumens of our Diocese for the Rite of Election in Wollongong Cathedral. Please keep them in your prayers.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2025

Copies of the 2025 Diocesan Lenten Book, "Metanoia" will be available for purchase from the Church foyer for **\$5.00**. Please see Lina. (Limited copies ordered this year)

This Lent, embark on a journey of *metanoia*—a transformative change of heart inspired by the Gospels. Let this beautifully designed, 76-page, full-colour companion guide your spiritual renewal through daily reflections, Sunday readings and reflections, spiritual direction, prayers, and group discussion questions.

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 : Resume on Sunday March 16, at 2:30 pm then fortnightly.

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

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Baptism

Through the waters of Baptism,

**Lucas Cunanan Epler
Alexander Jimeno-Dow
& Emerson Jimeno-Dow**

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

Call to Ministry – Serve in Our Parish!

Our parish is inviting all parishioners to consider joining one of our ministries. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith, connect with our parish community, and be a part of the mission of the Church.



Call to Ministry forms are available in the Church foyer. Please take a moment to fill one out, tick the ministry where you want to serve, and drop it in the box in the church foyer.

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.

Pilgrimage Passport : In response to Pope Francis' call to embrace the historic tradition of pilgrimage, Bishop Brian Mascord has designated the 6 pilgrimage locations within the Diocese of Wollongong as official Jubilee pilgrimage sites for the Holy Year. Visiting these sacred places provides the faithful with a unique opportunity to participate in the grace of the Jubilee plenary indulgence. Please take home a copy of your **Pilgrimage Passport** (available in the church foyer) and have it stamped at each site as we journey together in hope across the Diocese.



REFLECTION :

Do Not Judge

How easy it is to be destructively critical, to be over hasty in making judgements, to be intolerant of the faults of others. How terribly arbitrarily and superficially people criticise and judge. By our judgements we convict ourselves. Jesus says to us, 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves.'

A true story. One morning a priest was saying Mass when he noticed a woman coming in very late. He was so annoyed that when she came up for Communion, he refused to give her communion. He didn't stop to consider that she might have had a very good reason for being late. No, unfortunately he rushed to judgement. In doing so, he made a terrible mistake and hurt her deeply.

Obviously he didn't know the first thing about the woman or about her home situation. She was a very good mother and deeply committed Catholic. She was not in the habit of coming late to Mass. But she was trying to cope with a very sick husband and a handicapped daughter. Daily Mass, and Communion in particular, meant the world to her. Why was she late for Mass that morning? She had to take her handicapped daughter to the bus so that she could get to a day-care centre. But the bus was half an hour late.

Where others are concerned, we seldom see the wider picture, much less the full picture. Even so, it doesn't stop us from jumping to conclusions and rushing to judgement. Even when we do see the full picture, we still should refrain from hasty judgements. Even then we are still only on the surface. In every person there is a dimension which escapes the powers of judgement of any other human being. We can't see into the mind and heart of another. We may see the deed, but we cannot see the motives behind the deed.

We should be very slow to judge other people because we seldom know all the facts. Even when we do, we still have no right to judge them. At some time or other all of us have been the victims of hasty judgements, and we know how unhelpful and hurtful this can be. When it happens, it makes us hate all judgement.

All of us are sinners. Though we deserve God's judgement, which of us wants to receive that judgement? Do we not all long for mercy and forgiveness rather than judgement? As people who are conscious of our own needs, not for judgement and condemnation, but for forgiveness and compassion, let us not rush to judgement. If possible, let us refrain from judgement altogether.

**New Sunday and Holiday Liturgies
Flor McCarthy SDB**

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Siloma Walton /
Thanksgiving : Ngoc Vu Le (Johnny) /
 Bao Chau Tran (Annie) / Danya /
Special Intentions: Babitha Constant

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 | * Stanislava |
| * Agatha Go Ay Nio | * Anthony Smith |
| * Resty Perez | * Elizabeth Messain |
| * Vivian Martin | * Danica Kutle |
| * Andrea Tuazon | * Eliza |
| * Nelia Ambat | * Monique Yongching |
| * Arman Diola | |



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



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| ✠ Shirley Myers | ✠ Nora Doohan |
| ✠ Lola Moors | ✠ Kathleen Robinson |
| ✠ Axel Huron | ✠ John Hodgkinson |
| ✠ Maggie Lalusin | ✠ Joe Colagro |
| ✠ Genaro Mabilangan | ✠ John Milazzo |
| ✠ Harold Meyne | ✠ Elpidio Dumrigue |
| ✠ Antonio, Doroteo, Emelyn, Eugenia, Cristino | ✠ Georges Houbert |
| ✠ Ong Agus Murdono | ✠ Gerard Rochecouste |
| ✠ Ruslan Pandapotan | |
| ✠ Rupert Toohey | |
| ✠ Johnny Domingo | |
| ✠ Bambi Graham | |
| ✠ Cesar De Leon | |
| ✠ Alfonso Aranda Sr. | |
| ✠ Tony Fitzpatrick | |
| ✠ Winifred O'Neill | |
| ✠ All souls in Purgatory | |



Please pray for the soul of **Shirley Myers**, who passed away on Wednesday 12th Feb 2025. Her funeral will be on **Tuesday 25th Feb 2025 at 10:30am**. She was a devoted member of our parish, generously dedicating her time to the Church cleaning ministry. Rest in peace.

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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 March 2025

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

01/03- 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Edyleen Santos | (2) Davitah S |
| (3) Noel E / Andres C / Noes S / Maria D | |
| (4) Neejay Santos & Nerayo Santos | |

02/03- 8.00 am

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| (1) Corrine Patterson | (2) Lucy Niumata |
| (3) Steve N / Lucy N / Emelia B / Mimi C | |
| (4) Jessica Rego & Jayden Rego | |

02/03 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Jaiden V | (2) Elisha Sailago |
| (3) Tina P / Noel S / Bennette S / John T | |
| (4) Tomjo Rinson / Jayson Huynh | |

Church Cleaners (01/03)

Proverbs

Niumata Family / Regimol Jaison / Sheeba