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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.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1st & 2nd March 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Sirach (27:4-7)

(Do not praise someone before they have spoken).

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 91)

All: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Reader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

All: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Reader: The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

All: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Reader: Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing sap when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

All: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (15:54-58)

(Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ).

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

Parish News and Happenings

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke (6:39-45)

Communion Antiphon

*I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful
with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord
Most High.*

Readings for 1st Sunday of Lent

Year C : 8th & 9th March 2025

Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Ash Wednesday- 5th March 2025

Day of fast and abstinence

Masses at 9:00am and 7:00pm

Station of the Cross : Every Friday during Lent
at 7:00pm in the church.

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

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)



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion Sunday

1st and 2nd of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-



changing support to vulnerable communities in need

Please donate today.

You can also support Project Compassion 2025 by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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.

Paschal Precept

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

Lenten Penance & Obligations

Under 14 : No abstaining or fasting obliged.

14 - 17 : Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No fasting obliged.

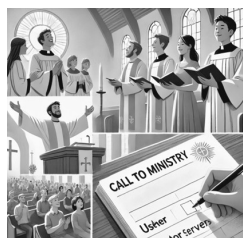
18 - 59 : Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting obliged.

60+ : No abstaining or fasting obliged, while maintaining the spirit of Lent.

Parish News and Happenings

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.

Reminder—Parish Safeguarding Training:

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.

When: Saturday, 8th March 2025

Time: 10:00 am - 12:15 pm

Where: Mary Mother of the Church Refreshments provided

Registration is now closed. Those who have registered, please ensure your attendance at the session.

Funeral Notice : With deep sadness, we announce the passing of our faithful parishioner, **Mabel Artuz**, on Tuesday 25th February 2025. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her family and friends and offer our prayers for the repose of her soul. Her funeral will be held on **Tuesday 4th March 2025** with a viewing immediately after 9am Morning Mass, followed by the Funeral Mass at 10:30am. May she rest in eternal peace.

REFLECTION : Attending to our own faults

It is easy to see another's weaknesses and faults, but a psychological wall prevents us from seeing our own. Each of us has a plank in our eyes which blinds us to our faults. We can be blind to certain facts about ourselves which are perfectly clear to anyone who has lived in the same house with us or worked in the same office.

Once there was a young monk who committed a serious fault. Immediately the elder monks assembled in community to pass judgement on

him. However, they wouldn't proceed until their abbot joined them. So they sent him a message: 'come, the community is waiting for you.'

The abbot arose, and taking an old basket which was riddled with holes, he filled it with fine sand. Then he started off, carrying the basket behind him. Naturally, as he went along, he left a trail of sand in his wake. The elders came out to meet him and asked him what he meant by this. And he replied, 'My sins are running out behind me. Everywhere I go I leave a trail of faults after me, only most of the time I don't see them myself. And today you want me to sit in judgement on my brother.'

On hearing this the elders felt ashamed of themselves. They abandoned the trial and pardoned their brother. Without realising it, we can become professional fault-finders and critics. But critics are not the ones who reform the world. Jesus tells us to take the beam out of our own eye first, and then we can think about removing the splinter from our neighbour's eye. We must put our own house in order first before daring to try to put someone else's house in order. If we neglect this, we will not judge our brother in care for him, but in hatred, and wishing to expose him. There are few things that give as much satisfaction to the ego as pointing out the mistakes and faults of others.

A leader can lead only if he sees the way himself. The teacher can impart only what he himself has learned. If one is to avoid being a blind guide one must exercise self-criticism.

How anxious we are to correct others. If only we could tell so and so about that fault of his, and get him to see the error of his ways, how fine our community would be. When we think this we are thinking only ourselves. But how we hate and dread being corrected ourselves! We find it unbearable especially if it is done by certain people.

An old sailor gave up smoking when his pet parrot developed a persistent cough. He was worried that the pipe smoke which frequently filled the room had damaged the parrot's health. He had a vet examine the bird. After a thorough check-up the vet concluded that the parrot did not have psittacosis or pneumonia. It had merely been imitating the cough of its pipe-smoking master.

Pseudo-religion, which Jesus calls hypocrisy, is forever trying to make other people better. True religion tries to make oneself better.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Albert Thomas /

Thanksgiving : Anishka, Alijah, Aisaach / Danilo Cabacungan / Bui Family /

Special Intentions: Ron & Angelo / Ben, Christine & Family

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 | * June Carroll |
| * Wally Skoczylas | * Fellie Duggan |
| * Carmencita Palma | * Stanislava |
| * Dr. Cyd Orosco | * Anthony Smith |
| * Agatha Go Ay Nio | * Elizabeth Messain |
| * Resty Perez | * Danica Kutle |
| * Vivian Martin | * Eliza |
| * Andrea Tuazon | * Monique Yongching |
| * Nelia Ambat | |
| * Arman Diola | |
| * Ivor Collom | |
| * Antoinette Lie Njoek Djin | |



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



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| ✠ Mabel Artuz | ✠ Simforiana Carbo |
| ✠ Shirley Myers | ✠ Rudolf Ciganok |
| ✠ Ofelia Tonogbanua | ✠ Gerard Rochecouste |
| ✠ C.O Mathew | ✠ Pat Wenden |
| ✠ Annamma | ✠ Jim Crowe |
| ✠ Annette Ferrer | ✠ Edilberto Perez |
| ✠ Regis & Ginette Laverdure | ✠ Ivan Gerek |
| ✠ Clotilde Angela | ✠ Michael |
| ✠ Francesco & John Milazzo | ✠ Virginia Ramirez |
| ✠ Danielle Huron | ✠ William King |
| ✠ Hugh Anton Janez | ✠ Doug Lennon |
| ✠ Veronica Skoczylas | ✠ Paul Sultana |
| ✠ Manuel Bayani Bukas | ✠ Cach Nguyen |
| ✠ Eueng San Miguel | ✠ Claude Serett |
| ✠ 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 March 2025

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

08/03- 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Maria D'Souza | (2) Jennet Menezes |
| (3) Terry B / Teresa B / Irma G / Jisha J | |
| (4) Syona & Rosy | |

09/03- 8.00 am

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| (1) Koreti Faaso | (2) Louise Phillips |
| (3) Alla B / Steve N / Lucy N / Emelia B | |
| (4) Shakira & Audrey Liutai | |

09/03 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Tina Pineda | (2) Edyleen Santos |
| (3) Carmen A / Marc G / Nancy K / Eileen P | |
| (4) Nerayo & Neejay Santos | |

Church Cleaners (08/03)

Judges

Corrine & Michael Patterson
Sharon & Calvin Ambrose