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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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

8th & 9th February 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (6:1-8)

(Here am I! Send me).

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said :

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am Lord, send me.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 137)

All: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Reader: I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

All: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Reader: I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered: You increased the strength of my soul.

All: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Reader: All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: 'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

All: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Reader: You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

All: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)

(I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe).

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Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you - believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me too, it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

(They left everything and followed him).

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Readings for 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C : 15th & 16th February 2025

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

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.

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

Upcoming Meeting : Combined Liturgy & Events committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, 13th February 2025 at 7pm** in the Logos Centre. All the committee members requested to attend. Thank you!

Volunteer Safety Reminder : For the safety of all our volunteers, we kindly request that closed-toe shoes be worn when engaging in tasks such as cleaning, lifting, gardening, or any work involving sharp tools. This precaution is essential to help prevent injuries. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping our parish a safe place for everyone.

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)

Parish News and Happenings

Catechist Commissioning Sunday

Next Sunday, 16th February, during the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses, we will commission our SRE Catechist teachers, helpers, and Sunday School teachers. These dedicated volunteers come from all walks of life, sharing God's love and teachings with the children of our parish.

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin another year of guiding young hearts and minds in faith. There are still more children that we could be reaching! Can you give around an hour of your time a week to teach or help out in a class room? Celebrate with us next weekend the great difference that SRE catechists make and please speak to our Parish priest / Catechist co-ordinator if you would like to get involved.

Level 1 Catechist Course :

The Level 1 course is essential for all new volunteers to the catechist ministry and is also helpful as a refresher for experienced SRE Catechists. The course will run from 9.30am till 1:30pm in Campbelltown on the following dates:

Campbelltown: Fridays 7, 14, 21, 28 February, and 7 March. To register please contact the parish office or CCD office : sue.clark@dow.org.au

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.

REFLECTION :

At your word, Lord

Night-time was the time for fishing. If anyone else had said to Peter, 'Launch out into the deep and let down the net for a catch,' he would have said, 'Are you mad? Do you want me to make a fool of myself in front of all these other

fishermen? If we didn't catch anything during the night, what chance have we of catching anything in broad daylight?'

But when Jesus said those words to Peter, Peter's spontaneous response was, 'Lord, we fished all night along and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will let down the net.'

For Peter, the word of Jesus was different from the word of anyone else. It carried an authority which no other word carried. Hence, if Jesus called for it, then no matter how hopeless the situation might seem, or how tired he was, or how foolish he might appear, he would try again.

Peter had absolute trust in Jesus. At his word he was prepared to attempt the impossible. We see this again later in the Gospel when he attempted to walk on water at the word of Jesus. How many people are there whose word we would take seriously? Whose word we would trust absolutely? Whose word we would completely rely on? The answer is, 'Very few.'

Fishing is a worthy calling. However, Jesus saw that Peter was capable of other things. He was the kind of man he wanted to have helping him with his work. What qualities did Jesus see in Peter that made him call him to share in his work? He had the first and most essential one - faith in Jesus. He also had humility.

The Gospel story is not so much a story about fishing, but about trust. Jesus was saying to Peter: 'How far are you prepared to trust me?' It was a turning point in the life of Peter. What started out in failure ended in a new beginning, starting out in a new direction.

Fishing was an important occupation. But Jesus was calling Peter and his companions to an even more important occupation. He was offering them not just a new work, but a cause to which to dedicate their lives. They understood that he was calling them to service of others: 'I will make you fishers of people.' When the leaders of cults call people to follow them they turn them into their personal slaves. Jesus called the apostles, not to service of himself, but to service of others.

The Lord still calls people, and the need is just as great today. And there still are those who respond. Some people (like the apostles) are called to dedicate themselves totally and in a 'professional' way to the following of Christ. But not all Christians are called to follow Christ in this way.

By our baptism we too are called to follow Christ. But what does following of Christ mean for the ordinary person? It means to be a Christian where you are and in your chosen profession. There are more ways than one of serving Christ and his Gospel. The call in the first instance is not to an apostolate but to discipleship.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

Flor McCarthy

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Izadora Maria Gomez / Daniel Wijaya / Ezekiel Wijaya / Yasmina Mclean / Blaise Jacinto / Ashley Duggan

Wedding Anniversary: Bobby Mathew & Soosamma Mathew

Special Intentions: Babitha Constant Family / Bui 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 | * 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 |
| * Andrea Tuazon | Messain |
| * Nelia Ambat | |
| * Shirley Myers | |
| * Arman Diola | |



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



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| ✠ Felicisima Adajar | ✠ Ana Dobbie |
| ✠ Ildebrando Viking | ✠ Anita Cobby |
| ✠ Rubico Mariano Jr. | ✠ Violet Amelia Cook |
| ✠ Felizardo Berioso | ✠ Aproniano Alcondo |
| ✠ T.A. Francis | ✠ Amparo Salazar |
| ✠ Clifford Quiah | ✠ Sam Morell |
| ✠ Margaret Quiah | ✠ Antonio Torres Sr. |
| ✠ Cicelia Quiah | ✠ Desamparados Paz |
| ✠ Marie Therese Ratinon | ✠ William Robinson |
| ✠ Savidor | ✠ Carmen Rebolledo |
| ✠ John Fernandez | ✠ Luis Arriagada |
| ✠ Antonia Yagappan | ✠ Joan Cross |
| ✠ Vinko Galic | ✠ Josef Kuballa |
| ✠ Bernard Alfonso | ✠ Janja Soldo |
| ✠ Tanya Selvan | ✠ Ruslan Pandapotan |
| ✠ Loreto Angangan | ✠ Sonia O'Connor |
| ✠ Jesus Escuadro | ✠ Rupert Toohey |
| ✠ Bastian Pillai | ✠ Tom Patterson |
| ✠ All souls in Purgatory | ✠ Frances Rowan |



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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 - 15th & 16th February 2025

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

15/02 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Alisha Joseph | (2) Noel Santos |
| (3) Noel E / Andres C / Irma G / Jisha J | |
| (4) Syona & Rosy | |

16/02- 8.00 am

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| (1) Rachelle Fogarty | (2) Matilda Faasoa |
| (3) Emelia B / Mimi C / Alla B / Steve N | |
| (4) Immanuel Sailiese / Freddy Bernard | |

16/02- 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Jackie Heeraman / Marc Ghignone |
| (3) Tina P / Noel S / Bennette S / John T |
| (4) Neejay Santos & Gabriel Wijaya |

Church Cleaners (15/02)

Ruth

Renato de Guzman / Louise Phillips / Cynthia K / Marie Fernando