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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.

## 2nd Sunday of Lent - Year C 15th & 16th March 2025

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide  
not your face from me.

#### FIRST READING

*A reading from the Book of Genesis  
(15:5-12, 17-18)*

*(God made a covenant with Abraham, his  
faithful servant).*

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it? He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord

made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:  
'To your descendants I give this land,  
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River'.

The word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 26)

**All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Reader:** The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

**All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Reader:** O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.'

**All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Reader:** It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help.

**All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Reader:** I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

**All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

# Parish News and Happenings

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians  
(3:17-4:1)*

*(Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into  
copies of his glorious body).*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## GOSPEL

**Luke 9:28-36**

*(As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lighting).*

### Communion Antiphon

*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

**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**



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
15th and 16th of March 2025

**Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank.

Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.

**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.



**Stations of the Cross : Every Friday at 7pm during lent.** All are invited to walk with our Lord.

Our Catechumens last Sunday on the day of "**Rite of Election**" with Bishop Brian



## **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

## Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday : 13th April 2025 - Usual Sunday Masses**

**Reconciliation (1st Rite) : Monday 14th April at 6pm**

**Holy Thursday, 17th April 2025**

Mass at 7pm

**Good Friday, 18th April 2025:**

Stations of the Cross at 9am

First Rite of Reconciliation at 10am

**Celebration of the passion of the Lord at 3pm**

**Holy Saturday, 19th April 2025:**

**Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm**

**Easter Sunday, 20th April 2025:**

Mass at 8am & 10am

**Feast of Pedro Calungsod :**

**Saturday April 5, at 8:30am mass**

**followed by shared meal in the hall.**

**Officiated by Fr. Mike and Fr. Jun Perez.**

**All welcome.**

**Bible Study Schedule:**

**March : 16th & 30th**

**April : 13th & 27th**

**At 2.30pm in the Logos Centre.**

**All welcome.**

**REFLECTION : The human Face**

The human face is very important. To remember someone is to remember the face. When we can't picture the face, the person becomes a shadow.

It's amazing the different expressions that can be seen on the human face. That's why faces are such an interesting study. The face always reveals who we are and what life has done to us. This explains why we use the word 'face' so much in talking about others.

We say: 'You should have seen her face when I said this!' In other words, on the face we can readily see what people are feeling inside, how they really are—whether they are sad or happy, shocked or indifferent. When Matt Busby (famed manager of Manchester United FC) died, Denis

Law was asked, 'What's your greatest memory of Matt Busby?' And he replied, 'His face the night we had won the European Cup.'

We talk about 'losing face' and 'saving face'. Here what's at stake is a person's reputation. We may say that a person is 'two faced'. This is a very serious thing to say that people are 'faceless'. This implies that they are hiding behind others or behind the system, and are too cowardly to come out from the shadows and take responsibility for their actions.

Each of us has many faces. At different times we wear the face of happiness or sadness, courage or fear, peace or unrest, hope or despair, weariness or relaxation, joy or pain, friendship or hostility... There is nothing to be ashamed of in all of this. It is part of being human. The only thing we should be ashamed of is a false face. These other faces are all real. They tell the truth, whereas a false face tells a lie.

Why is it that people are reluctant to their real face be seen? Why do they often insist on putting on a mask? It is that they are afraid to be seen in their weakness? Hence the need always to wear a smile, even when they are crying inside.

We are told that on the mountain Jesus' face shone like the sun. It's a mistake to think that was the real face of Jesus. What the apostle saw was real. It did reveal something of his inner glory that at other times was hidden from them. But to say that it was the real face of Jesus implies that all the other faces he wore were not real, which means they were false.

The face Jesus showed on Tabor was a very special one, but it was not his only face. He had all the faces that we have, except the false ones. At various times his face showed weariness, disappointment, anger, gentleness, compassion, sadness, fear, anguish, pain, and it was pale and frozen in death. All of these faces were real. Behind all of them lay the person of Jesus, human like us but also carrying within him the splendour of divinity: 'This is my beloved Son'.

Even though the face is called the window of the soul, every face conceals more than it reveals. What is essential about another person remains invisible. Each person remains a mystery. Our own divine greatness as well as that of others is hidden from us. Like Abraham, we have to live by faith. The faith that assures us that behind the most ordinary human face lies a son or a daughter of God, a brother or a sister of Jesus, bound for eternal glory.

# Parish News and Happenings

## Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

**Special Intentions :** Santos 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             | * Jake Valte          |
| * Nelia Ambat               | * Lita                |
| * Arman Diola               |                       |
| * Antoinette Lie Njoek Djin |                       |



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

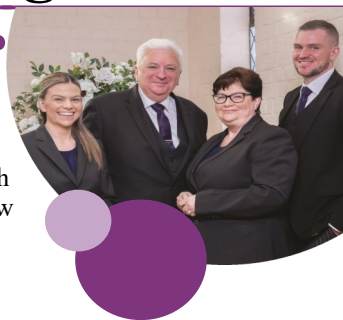


- ✠ Mabel Artuz
- ✠ Shirley Myers
- ✠ Ivor Collom
- ✠ Amparo Tampol
- ✠ Silvana Malatesta
- ✠ Naty Nebrija
- ✠ Benjie Nebrija
- ✠ All souls in Purgatory



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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 - 22nd & 23rd March 2025

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

### 22/03- 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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|---|---------------------|
| (1) Shamila D'Souza                       | (2) Sunita Mendonca |
| (3) Terry B / Teresa B / Irma G / Maria D |                     |
| (4) Syona & Rosy                          |                     |

### 23/03- 8.00 am

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| (1) Calvin Ambrose                       | (2) Jim Fogarty |
| (3) Emelia B / Mimi C / Alla B / Steve N |                 |
| (4) Emmanuel S / Neejay S                |                 |

### 23/03 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (2) Jackie Heeraman                      | (1) Davitha |
| (3) Carmen / Marc G / Nancy K / Eileen P |             |
| (4) Tomjo Rinson / Jayson Huynh          |             |

### Church Cleaners (22/03)

### Exodus

Sue Titmarsh / George Hogan  
Harold & Pierrette Maurice