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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.

3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C

22nd & 23rd March 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus (3:1-8, 13-15)

(This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you).

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. "There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean

to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.

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 does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons.

All: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Parish News and Happenings

Reader: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For, as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

All: The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (10:1-6, 10-12)

(All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit).

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL **Luke 13:1-9**

(Unless you repent you will all perish as they did).

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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



Baptism

Through the waters of Baptism,
Sierra Eve Oceane Idiculas
Enters into the life of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Third Sunday of Lent 22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural



Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his



graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.

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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

Notice: Please be advised that the **Blood of Christ (Sacramental Wine)** will not be offered during our weekend masses until Fr. Bosco's return.
Appreciate your understanding. Thank you!

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 : 30th
April : 13th & 27th
At 2.30pm in the Logos Centre.
All welcome.

REFLECTION : A second chance

The Pharisees had no time for sinners. They believed they should just be written off. Jesus didn't agree, and told them so in a story.

A Vineyard is a very special place, normally reserved for vines only. Yet in his parable Jesus talks about a fig tree which was planted in a vineyard. At that time this was not unusual. Soil was so scarce that trees were planted wherever there was soil. We are dealing then with a tree planted in a very privileged place.

In the normal course of events takes three

years for a fig tree to reach maturity. If by that time it is not fruiting it is not likely to fruit at all. Such was the case with the tree Jesus was talking about it. For three years the owner had been coming to it and finding it barren. He came to the conclusion that the tree was useless. It was drawing nourishment from the ground but giving nothing back. It had to go. It was taking up valuable space. So he told his gardener to get rid of it.

But the gardener, who had a great knowledge of fig trees, and was a very patient man, replied, 'Sir, give it one more year. I'll dig the earth around it, and put on plenty of dung. Then, if there are no figs on it this time next year, we'll cut it down.'

The owner of the vineyard agreed. We are not told what happened to the fig tree, but it doesn't matter. Jesus had made his point. Just as that gardener was patient with the fig tree, so God is patient with sinners.

This Gospel had been called the Gospel of the second chance. God is patient. The history of the Church is full of examples of barren fig trees that in time became fruitful; in other words, sinners who repented and became saints.

Moses, who is the centre of today's First Reading, is a good example. As a young man he had killed another man. Yet God didn't write him off. True, he had a fiery temper. But there was good in him. He was that rare being - the kind of man who couldn't stand idly by when he saw an injustice or a crime happening. It was because of this quality that God chose him to lead his people from slavery to freedom.

Einstein was arguably the greatest mind of the twentieth century. Yet he didn't learn to talk until he was two years old. His parents were so worried about him that they consulted a doctor. Later, one of his teachers was so disappointed in him that he said, 'You'll never amount to anything.' As yet there were no signs of his future greatness. But his parents and teacher had judged him too soon. Some people develop slowly and late, but are all the better for that.

What such people need is someone to believe in them, someone to have patience with them. Otherwise a lot of talent will go down the drain. We tend to be harsh on others until we need a second chance ourselves. We must extend to others the kind of patience and leniency we would like for ourselves.

But the parable also makes it clear that there is such a thing as a last chance. If people refuse chance after chance, the day finally comes, not when God has shut them out, but when they have by deliberate choice shut themselves out. But which of us would want to be barren when we might be fruitful?

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

Parish News and Happenings

Mary Immaculate Parish Eagle Vale Notice:

Stations of the Cross with L'Esqtro Armonico,
String Orchestra.

Friday 4th April, 7pm

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Tiffany Nicole

Thanksgiving : Jesuina Quintaon and family

This week masses have been offered for the Sick and Special needs of :



- * Dr Lydia de Jesus
- * Dr Joycelyn de Jesus
- * Jaypee Masangkay
- * Aida Dayao
- * Maria Vu
- * Alan & Margaret Raisbeck
- * Mick Jones
- * Noelene Bartlet
- * Wally Skoczylas
- * Carmencita Palma
- * Dr. Cyd Orosco
- * Agatha Go Ay Nio
- * Resty Perez
- * Vivian Martin
- * Andrea Tuazon
- * Nelia Ambat
- * Arman Diola
- * Antoinette Lie Njoek Djin

- * Eva Silang
- * Carole Dimayuga
- * Selda Dimayuga
- * Nancie
- * Mason Dulalia
- * Jun & Charo Doctors
- * Catherine Nguyen
- * June Carroll
- * Fellie Duggan
- * Stanislava
- * Anthony Smith
- * Elizabeth Messain
- * Danica Kutle
- * Eliza
- * Jake Valte
- * Lita
- * Jason Garrick
- * Monique Yongching
- * Romulo Cabrera



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



- ✠ Mabel Artuz
- ✠ Shirley Myers
- ✠ Andres Pacanot
- ✠ Maria Dinh
- ✠ Mervyn De Vesser
- ✠ Mariyama George
- ✠ Maria Hunkin
- ✠ Rodger Lerch
- ✠ Thomas James
- ✠ Gunn Park
- ✠ Elvio Irdoslavac
- ✠ 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 - 29th & 30th March 2025

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

29/03- 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Herbert Kreltszheim | (2) Alisha Joseph |
| (3) Noel Elardo / Andres Calado | |
| (4) Syona & Rosy | |

30/03- 8.00 am

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| (1) Lucy Niumata | (2) Corrine Patterson |
| (3) Emelia B essant/ Lucy Niumata | |
| (4) Jessica & Jayden Rego | |

30/03 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Marc Ghignone | (2) Herbert Kreltszheim |
| (3) Tina P / Noel S | |
| (4) Gabriel Wijaya / Nerayo Santos | |

Church Cleaners (29/03)

Ruth

Renato De Guzman / Louise Phillips
Cynthia K & Marie Fernando