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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.

4th Sunday of Lent - Year C *29th & 30th March 2025*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Joshua (5:9-12)

(The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover).

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 33)

All: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reader: I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

All: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reader: Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.

All: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reader: Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.

All: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (5:17-21)

(God reconciled us to himself through Christ).

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we made in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Parish News and Happenings

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and
against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

*(Your brother here was dead and has
come to life).*

Communion Antiphon

*You must rejoice, my son, for your brother
was dead and has come to life; he was lost
and is found.*

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)



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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



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.*

Sacrament of Confirmation :2025


Requirements for the Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation :

- Baptized in the Catholic Church
- Received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion
- In year 6 or above
- Attend all preparatory classes

Parents Meeting : **Friday 2nd May 2025 at 7pm**
(Meeting with parent/guardian and candidate)

Enrolments are open now. (Application Forms and Information sheets are available in the Church Foyer)

Any queries, please contact the parish office.



**If you're 18 - 35,
sign up to the stem cell
donor registry.**

You could save a life.



stemcelldonors.org.au/appeal/david

Please Support Fr David's urgent appeal for Stem Cell Donors across our Diocese. Fr David Catterall - former parish priest of Mary Mackillop Parish Oran Park will soon be undertaking a stem cell transplant. Each year, over 1,100 Australians, like Fr David, search for a stem cell donor to help save their life. Australia's small donor pool means only 80 patients are helped annually, leaving many struggling to find a match. If you're 18 - 35 and generally healthy, you can join Fr David's appeal by visiting **stemcelldonors.org.au/appeal/david**.

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 : The revelation of hearts

Let us look at Jesus' parable from the point of view of the heart.

A man had two sons. Though the older son was obedient and dutiful, he was rather formal and distant. He was a cold-hearted person. The younger son, on the other hand, was warm-hearted and affectionate. However, he had a wild and irresponsible streak in him. He was determined to do his own thing, no matter what anyone else might think. One

day he selfishly demanded his share of the inheritance, and having got it, left for foreign parts.

There he gave full rein to the most base desires of his heart, living foolishly and recklessly. But when his money ran out, he found himself without a friend or helper.

Suddenly his heart felt very empty. Then, when he realised what he had done, it filled up with bitterness and self-disgust. However, his own pain helped him to see the pain he had caused to others. He had broken the hearts of his parents.

So he decided to go back home. He set out empty-handed. The only thing he brought back was a humble, repentant heart. And his father was waiting for him. As far as the father was concerned, he had never left home because he still carried him in his heart. So, when the father saw him coming, his heart went to him. And they ended up in each other's arms.

But then a surprising thing happened. He went towards his older brother, only to discover that he didn't want to know him. There was no room for him in his older brother's heart. Instead of his heart filling up with joy at his brother's safe return, it filled up with bitterness and resentment. He had sought the way to his father's heart through duty rather than love. Sadly, it seems that he had never entered it. Because if he had, his own heart would have been enlarged. Instead it was small, narrow, cold and unwelcoming.

The story of the Prodigal Son is a story about hearts: selfish hearts and generous hearts, closed hearts and open hearts, cold hearts and warm hearts, broken hearts and joyful hearts, unrepentant hearts and repentant hearts, unforgiving hearts and forgiving hearts, resentful hearts and grateful hearts.

It reveals so much about the vagaries of the human heart. When all is said and done it is the heart that matters. But how can one sum up the heart? The heart is what I am deep down. It is the real me. Darkness of heart is the blackest night of all. Emptiness of heart is the greatest poverty of all. A heavy heart is the most wearisome burden of all. A broken heart is the deepest wound of all.

But the parable reveals how steadfast is the heart of God. God's heart doesn't blow hot and cold. God never closes his heart to any of his children. No matter how far from home they may wander, no matter what they do, if they come home, the one thing they can be sure of is a warm and generous welcome.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies
Flor McCarthy, SD

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Kristine Mae Manubay

Thanksgiving : Carmen Sofia Oliva Dizon /
 Lourdes Carbero / Noronha Family /
 Fiero Fernandes

Special Intention: Laarni and Luke /
 Esther - Ling Ling / Losana Raikivi

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
 * Esther - Ling Ling



* 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 :



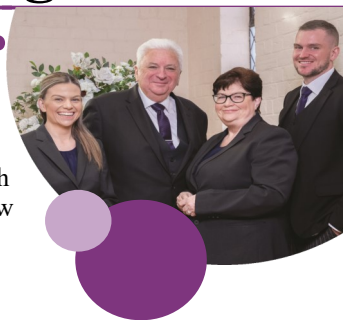
✠ Albert & Juliana Menezes
 ✠ Terence McNamara
 ✠ Patricia Mc Namara
 ✠ Terry Touzell
 ✠ Marija Soldo
 ✠ Marie Florise Fabien
 ✠ C.M. John
 ✠ Gaudencia Mendoza
 ✠ Lorenzo Fernandes
 ✠ Deceased Members of :
 - Noronha Family
 - Sequeira Family
 ✠ All souls in Purgatory

✠ Norma Martinez
 ✠ Kurian
 ✠ Max Serret
 ✠ Jozef G
 ✠ Maria Ho Bay
 ✠ Maria Dinh



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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 - 5th & 6th April 2025

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

05/04- 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

(1) Chloe Kreltszheim (2) Jenny Kreltszheim
 (3) Noel Santos / Maria D'Souza
 (4) Neejay / Nerayo Santos

06/04- 8.00 am

(1) Louise Phillips (2) Koreti Faasoa
 (3) Steve Niumata / Mimi Cabrera
 (4) Shakira / Audrey Liutai

06/04 - 10.00 am Mass

(1) Lucy Maher (2) Tina Pineda
 (3) Nancy K / Eileen P
 (4) Joseph Huynh / Neejay Santos

Church Cleaners (05/04)

Kings

John Moors / Rudy
 Phillip Mendonca / Frank D'Souza