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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.

Palm Sunday - Year C *12th & 13th April 2025*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please pick a Palm Sunday Booklet & return it after the Mass"

Entrance Antiphon

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel Hosanna in the highest.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (50:4-7)

(I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed).

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 21)

All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Reader: All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Reader: Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Reader: They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Reader: I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11)

(He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high).

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself

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to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

PASSION

Luke 22:14-23:56

(If you are the king of Jews, save yourself).

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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 : Fortnightly at 2:30 pm in the Logos Centre. April sessions are on 13th & 27th

Sunday School : Every Sundays during 10am Mass in the Logos Centre. (during the School Term)

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



Thank you to all those who during lent have been supporting Project Compassion - the annual awareness raising and fundraising campaign of Caritas Australia. The funds raised through Project Compassion go to support the marginalised and vulnerable. As the Lenten Season comes to a close we are asked to return our Project Compassion boxes and envelopes this week onwards.

Divine Mercy Sunday : 27th April 2025

2pm - exposition of Blessed Sacrament,
silent adoration, divine mercy chaplet and prayers,
3pm benediction followed by Holy Mass.

All Welcome!

Notice :

Holy Thursday (17/04/2025) - There will be No Morning Mass at 9am

Holy Saturday (19/04/2025) - There will be No morning mass at 8:30am

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.

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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

(Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament till 9.30pm. The faithful are encouraged to spend a suitable period of time during the night in the hall in adoration)

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

The Veneration of the Cross :

You are welcome to bring your own cross for the veneration on Good Friday. You are welcome to touch the cross but no kissing of the cross.

Holy Saturday, 19th April 2025:

Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm

Easter Sunday, 20th April 2025:

Mass at 8am & 10am

Good Friday - Holy Land Collection

For 800 years, the Holy Land Franciscans have served in the land made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. **The annual Holy Land Collection will be held on Good Friday, 18th April 2025.**

Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Please come prepared and donate generously. Thank You.

Girls day out at the Shrine:

9:30 am—4:30pm at Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa.

Three option available for different age groups starting from 11 years—18years. Please see the notice board for more details / flyer

Holy Week roster for Readers :

Readers, please check the notice board if your name is on the roster for Holy Week. Thank You.

Reflection :

The triumph of love

Each year on this Sunday the Church reads an account of the Passion of Jesus. As we listen to it, we are reminded of the cowardice of the followers who abandoned him in his hour of greatest need, of the wickedness of the religious leaders who plotted his death, and of the cruelty of the soldiers who carried out his execution. And we need to be reminded of these things, because we have a kinship with them. But that is not the purpose of the Passion reading. We hear too much bad news as it is.

The emphasis is not there. The emphasis is on Jesus, the central character in the story. What we are remembering is the fidelity, the courage, and the sheer goodness of Jesus. Against the darkness of Calvary his goodness shines all the more brightly. The day of his death is not called 'Bad Friday' but 'Good Friday'. What makes it good is the love of Jesus, 'Greater love no man has than to who lay down his life for his friends.' It is that love that we are remembering this week.

The early Christians saw in the passion and death of Jesus the triumph of failure. With the help of the scriptures, they came to understand that this was precisely how Jesus triumphed and entered into his glory. His glory cannot be separated from his passion. On the surface, it may seem as if it was a defeat for Jesus. It was not a defeat. It was a victory. It was the triumph of good over evil, of love over hate, of light over darkness, and of life over death.

The Passion Story shows how Jesus responded to what was done to him. He absorbed all the violence, transformed it, and returned it as love and forgiveness. This was the victory of love over all the powers of destruction. There was nothing but love in him. Even when they nailed his hands and feet, he was loving. It helps to think about that when we are going through hard times.

It is a consolation for us to know that Jesus suffered. Yet his suffering would have been wasted if he had not endured it with love. It was not Jesus' suffering that saved the world but his love. Anyone who pretends to love suffering is crazy. Suffering is something that you would give almost anything to avoid. Yet we are glad to suffer for someone we love. Our love gives a meaning to our suffering. Jesus was the Good shepherd dying because he loved his sheep.

Suffering that merely endured does nothing for our souls, except perhaps harden them. It is the spirit in which we bear our burden that matters. All the coal and firewood in the world are no use without a fire. It is not suffering that redeems the world, but love. It is not our suffering that God wants but our love.

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Rosemary Blossom D'Souza / Aaron Prajitno / Olivia Mariam John
Thanksgiving : Constant Family /
Special Intentions : Ron 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 | * June Carroll |
| * Noelene Bartlet | * Fellie Duggan |
| * Wally Skoczylas | * Stanislava |
| * Carmencita Palma | * Anthony Smith |
| * Dr. Cyd Orosco | * Elizabeth Messain |
| * Agatha Go Ay Nio | * Danica Kutle |
| * Resty Perez | * Eliza |
| * Vivian Martin | * Jake Valte |
| * Andrea Tuazon | * Lita |
| * Nelia Ambat | * Monique Yongching |
| * Arman Diola | * Romulo Cabrera |
| * Antoinette Lie Njoek Djin | |
| * George Serrano | |



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

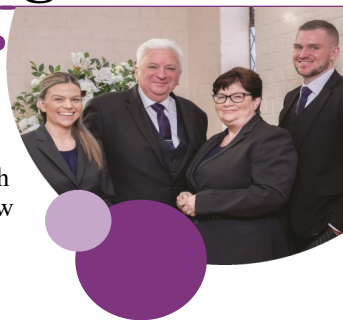


- ✠ Maria Dinh
- ✠ Eladio Villarosa
- ✠ Catherine Nguyen
- ✠ Marina Grebe
- ✠ Michael Maher
- ✠ Esther Iliana - Ling Ling
- ✠ Mabel Artuz
- ✠ Clotilde Milazzo
- ✠ Giovanna Kendall
- ✠ Aalap Ghosh
- ✠ Eloisa I. Gutierrez
- ✠ Theresa
- ✠ Romiel & Prema Kodagoda
- ✠ Deceased Members of :
 - Fernando Family
 - De Vesser Family
 - Sullivan Family
 - Marie Fernando's family
- ✠ 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 - 19th & 20th April 2025

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

19/04- 7:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

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| (1) Rose Fernandes | (2) Maria Dsouza |
| (3) Terry Beattie | (3rd Reading) (4) Jaiden Valencia |
| | (4th Reading) |
| (3) Teresa Beattie / Irma G/ Jisha J | |
| (4) Syona Miranda / Rosy D'Souza / Jayson Huynh | |

20/04- 8.00 am

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

20/04 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Edyleen Santos | (2) Noel Santos |
| (3) Carment A / Marc G / Nancy K / Eileen P | |
| (4) Gabriel Wijaya & Nerayo Santos | |

Church Cleaners (19/04)

Judges

Corrine & Mike Patterson / Sharon & Calvin Ambrose