



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

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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 of Lent - Year C

5th & 6th April 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless, From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (43:16-21)

(I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people).

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 125)

All: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Reader: When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

All: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Reader: The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

All: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Reader: Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

All: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Reader: They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

All: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (3:8-14)

(Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him).

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ

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Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

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

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

(Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone).

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)

Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

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



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Holy Week : All readers please check the Holy Week Roster in the foyer, tick your name if you are available and get a copy of the roster. Booklet will be given in advance to the assigned readers. Please contact Tina Pineda - 0408785626 for any queries.

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

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!

Parish Cuppa : Join us after Mass this weekend for a friendly Parish Cuppa! A gold coin donation is appreciated. If you'd like to volunteer with our Hospitality Ministry, please contact the parish office.

Sunday School : This Sunday will be the final Sunday School session for the term. We will resume on **27th April 2025**. Have a wonderful Easter break.

REFLECTION : **No one is without sin**

Once upon a time a man was caught stealing and was brought before the king, who immediately gave orders that he be hanged. However, as he was being led to the gallows, the man told the prison governor that he knew a wonderful secret, which was taught him by his father. He claimed that using this secret he could plant the seed of a pomegranate and make it grow and bear fruit overnight. He said that it would be a pity if the secret died with him, and that he was willing to reveal it to the king.

The governor was so impressed that he halted the execution, and brought the man back before the king. There the man dug a hole in the ground, and taking a pomegranate seed said, 'Your Majesty, the seed must be planted by a person who has never taken anything that didn't belong to him. I being a thief cannot do it.' Then turning to one of the king's officials he said, 'May be you would like to plant it.'

But the official refused, saying, 'In my younger days I kept something that didn't belong to me.' Then the man turned to the king's treasurer and said, 'well then, may be you would like to plant it.' But the treasurer too refused, saying, 'Over the years I've handled a lot of money. Now and again I might have kept a little for myself.'

And so it went on. Finally there was only the king left. Turning to him the man said, 'Perhaps your majesty would do the honour of planting the seed.' But the king said, 'I am ashamed to say it, but once I kept a watch that belonged to my father.' Then the thief said, 'All of you are great and powerful people and want for nothing. Yet none of you can plant the seed, whilst I who have stolen a little because I was starving am about to be hanged.'

The king pardoned him. This story would have ended very differently if the king had not been prepared to listen. Instead, thanks to his patience and to the imagination of the condemned man, no one died and they all learned a salutary lesson.

The Gospel scene could have ended in a very ugly manner. If Jesus had gone along with the script of the Scribes and Pharisees, the woman would have died a horrible death. Who would have benefited from that? Instead, thanks to the understanding and compassion he showed her, she was able to put it behind her and make a new start.

The fact that he didn't condemn her does not mean that he thought lightly of adultery. He realized that she had already been condemned. What she needed now was compassion. He treated her in such a way that it made her want to reform her life.

What God wants is not the death of the sinner but that he/she be converted and live. In his wisdom God understands our weakness, and in his mercy he forgives our sins. He not only helps us to put our sins behind us, but to draw good from them. And surely the fact that we have all sinned, and therefore stand continually in need of God's mercy, will make us refrain from casting stones at others.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Edyleen & Noel Santos

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 | * Jason Garrick |
| * Antoinette Lie Njoek Djin | * Monique Yongching |
| * Esther - Ling Ling | * Romulo Cabrera |



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



- ✠ Mabel Artuz
- ✠ Lydie & Edgar Adolphe
- ✠ Guadalupe Cabacungan
- ✠ Norma Martinez
- ✠ Christine Ferrer
- ✠ Elaine Layton
- ✠ Bill Fullerton
- ✠ 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 - 12th & 13th April 2025

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

12/04- 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Noel Santos | (2) Edyleen Santos |
| (3) Noel E / Andres C / Irma G / Jisha J | |
| (4) Syona Miranda / Rosy D'Souza | |

13/04- 8.00 am

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| (1) Rachelle Fogarty | (2) Louise Phillips |
| (3) Alla B / Steve N / Lucy N / Emelia B | |
| (4) Freddy & Cathy Bernard | |

13/04 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Elisha Sailago | (2) Jaiden V |
| (3) Tina P / Noel S / Bennette S / John T | |
| (4) Neejay & Nerayo Santos | |

Church Cleaners (12/04)

Proverbs

Niumata Family
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