



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 Easter- Year C

17th & 18th May 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (14:21-27)

(They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them).

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 144)

All: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Reader: The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

All: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Reader: All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign.

All: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Reader: Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

All: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
(21:1-5)

(He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes).

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all

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dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

*(I give you a new commandment:
love one another).*

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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.

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

Readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter

Year C : 24th & 25th May 2025

**Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23;
Jn 14:23-29**

Parish Feast Day :

Monday 9th June 2025, following the great feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the Feast day of **Mary Mother of the church**. Mass will be at the normal time of 9am on the day.

However, we invite all parishioners to join us for a **special cuppa on the weekend of 7th and 8th June (Pentecost Sunday)**, after all Masses.

If you are available to assist the Hospitality Team with the cuppa, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE

**Mary Mother of The Church
Annual Dinner Dance 2025
St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish
Campbelltown Hall
On Saturday 2nd August 2024 at 6:30 pm**

Music, Dance, Door Prizes and Buffet Dinner

Tickets are available for sale.

Please see Lina or Contact the Parish Office

Price : \$45 /adult

Children under 16 years: \$25

Children under 5 years : Free

(limited to 2 kids/table)

Dress Code : Smart Casual

Drinks : BYO

We need your presence and support to make this event a success. Your participation helps us continue our mission and activities.

Vigil Mass on 2nd August is at 5:00pm

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Confirmation 2025 – Important Dates

Lessons: Five Lessons will be held on Sundays from **11:30 AM to 12:30 PM**, starting this **Sunday, 4th May 2025**.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Friday, 13th June 2025 at 5pm

Sacrament of Confirmation: Celebrated on **Saturday, 21st June 2025** during the **10:00am** and **12:00pm** Masses.

Ageing with Confidence

CatholicCare's Ageing with Confidence forum is returning to Campbelltown on **Wednesday 23rd July 2025 at Campbelltown Catholic Club** (20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown) **at 10am-1pm**.

This half-day information session provides seniors with practical information on the aged care system and healthy ageing, with presentations from CatholicCare staff, Seniors Rights and social justice Services NSW. To register for this free event, call 02 4227 1122 or online at catholiccare.dow.org.au/events

Feedback on Bishops Vision and Parish Life :

Bishop Brian invites all parishioners across the Diocese, to take the time to prayerfully reflect on his vision for renewed parishes, 'In the Parish I see', by completing the online activity @ **dow.sh/csgmactivity** The activity takes approximately 30-45 minutes and will help you both engage with Bishop's Vision and share your valuable perspectives.

Altar Server Training Session :

All active Altar Servers are required to attend a **practical training session** on **Saturday 31st May, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am**, facilitated by our acolyte **Mike Patterson**.

This session will focus on hands-on practice to refresh your serving skills.

If you are available to attend, please add your name to the attendance sheet in the church foyer.

Reflection : True Happiness

A story is told about a twelve-year-old called Stephen who was lame from polio. He had a brother, Mark, who was ten. Though they fought a lot, as boys will, deep down they were good to each other. At times Stephen envied his brother who had two good legs.

One night he dreamt that he was in a deep and mysterious forest. There he came to a dark cave. At the centre of the cave a bright fire burned. Then out of the shadows came a man wearing a long robe. He told Stephen that he was the warlock of the forest, and that as a reward for finding the cave he could have one wish fulfilled — just one wish, anything he desired.

Stephen didn't need much time to make up his mind. 'I wish that I may have two good legs,' he said. With that the warlock threw his cloak around him and before he knew it Stephen was back in his own bed. His brother was sleeping soundly in the next bed. The warlock lifted the blankets off Mark's legs.

'What are you doing?' asked Stephen. 'I'm beginning the operation?' said the warlock. 'What operation?' 'The transference. When the operation is over you will have Mark's legs and he will have yours. But don't worry. No one will ever know. They will think that it was always like that.' 'I never thought it was going to be like this,' said Stephen. 'You hardly expected me to pluck a pair of good legs out of the air, did you?'

But Stephen was in a state of deep shock. A picture flashed through his mind. He saw himself running freely along, and behind him, dragging his leg came his brother Mark. He couldn't do that to his little brother.

'I don't want it,' he cried out.

On hearing this the old warlock was very angry and went away. Stephen was glad to see the back of him. Next morning he awoke and looked across at his brother. Remembering his dream, he smiled. From that day on he never again felt envious of his little brother and he loved him more than ever.

Stephen wanted to be happy but not at the expense of causing misery to his brother. True happiness is found only in unselfish love. To love is to put the other person first.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Constant Family /
Monique & Frank Yongching /
Tina Pineda & Family / Crisbel Artuz / Bui Family /
Colado Family/ Alwyn Noronha
Frank & Shamila D'Souza

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
- * George Serrano
- * Adela Montalua

- * Eva Silang
- * Carole Dimayuga
- * Selda Dimayuga
- * Nancie
- * Mason Dulalia
- * Jun & Charo Doctors
- * June Carroll
- * Fellie Duggan
- * Stanislava
- * Anthony Smith
- * Elizabeth Messain
- * Danica Kutle
- * Jake Valte
- * Monique Yongching
- * Wendy Yongching
- * Sr. Patricia
- * John Unzillo
- * Edward Webster



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



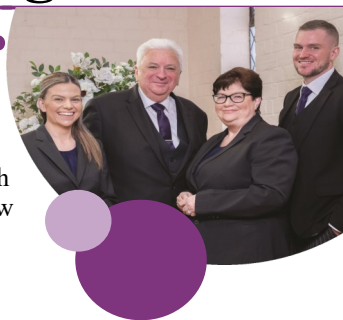
- ✠ Catherine Nguyen
- ✠ Maria Nguyen
- ✠ Maria Dinh
- ✠ Clotilde Milazzo
- ✠ Angela Milasso
- ✠ Lucretse Helene
- ✠ Antoinette Yongching
- ✠ Saviour Bonello
- ✠ Benjamin V. Gutierrez
- ✠ Milagros Ballinan
- ✠ Francisco Alegrid
- ✠ Slarica Pospischil
- ✠ Leonardus Chandradjaja
- ✠ Sanele Ivale Nickel
- ✠ All souls in Purgatory

- ✠ Frank Coutinho
- ✠ Annette Ferrer
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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 - 24th & 25th May 2025

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

24/05- 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

(1) Jenny Kreltszheim (2) Noel Santos
(3) Noel E / Andres C / Irma G / Maria D
(4) Syona & Rosy

25/05- 8.00 am

(1) Lucy Niumata (2) Corrine Patterson
(3) Mimi C, Alla B, Steve N, Lucy N
(4) Emmanuel Sailiese / Neejay Santos

25/05 - 10.00 am Mass

(1) Tina Pineda (2) Edyleen Santos
(3) Tina P, Noel S, Bennette S, John T
(4) Gabriel Wijaya / Jayson Huynh

Church Cleaners (24/05)

Proverbs

Niumata Family
Regimol Jaison / Sheeba