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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.

The Ascension of the Lord - Year C

31st May & 1st June 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon (Vigil Mass)

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

Entrance Antiphon (Sunday Mass)

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-11)

*(Why are you standing here looking into the sky?
Jesus has been taken into heaven).*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised

with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 46)

All: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Reader: All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

All: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Reader: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

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All: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Reader: God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

All: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians
(1:17-23)

(He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven).

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlightened the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Luke 24:46-53**

(While blessing them, he was taken to heaven).

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Readings for The Pentecost Sunday

Year C 7th & 8th June 2025

Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

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, to celebrate our parish feast day, we invite all parishioners to join us for a special cuppa next weekend 7th and 8th June (Pentecost Sunday) after all Masses.

Thank you :

We extend our sincere gratitude to **Michael Patterson** for generously volunteering to lead the Altar Servers' practical training session on Saturday. We also thank all the altar servers who were able to attend and participate in the session.



SAVE THE DATE

**Mary Mother of The Church
Annual Dinner Dance 2025
St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish
Campbelltown Hall
On Saturday 2nd August 2025 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

Parish News and Happenings

Confirmation 2025 – Important Dates

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.

Celebrating New Catholics:

A celebration of those who have become Catholics in the last 12 months will occur on Sunday, 8 June 2025 with Evening Prayer at 2:30pm pm in St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong, to be followed by light refreshments.

New Catholics and their families and their Godparents are invited to take part in this celebration. If you are going please let the parish office know. RSVP by 2nd June 2025.

Bishop Brian looks forward to celebrating with our new Catholics.

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

A Spiritual Retreat for Women

Sunday 15th June 2025

10:00am to 4:00pm

at Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby NSW. For booking contact Maria D'Souza on **0447 057 078**

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)

Reflection :

The Story of Joseph

Once upon a time there was a father who had twelve sons. Though he loved each of them he had a soft spot in his heart for the second youngest of them, Joseph. The others became jealous of Joseph and decided to kill him. However, at the last minute, they changed their minds and instead sold him to some passing merchants. They told their father that he had been killed by a wild animal.

Joseph was taken in chains to Egypt, where he was sold as a slave. He had a wretched life. To make matters worse, he was falsely accused and ended up in the dungeons. Though surrounded by hardened criminals, he continued to trust in God and to live a good life. He even made friends among the criminals. Eventually he cleared his name, and was released.

Then, foreseeing that a terrible famine was coming, he advised the king to get the people to save corn. The king not only took his advice but put him in charge of the operation. Joseph did a splendid job.

The famine duly arrived and the people were able to draw on the corn they had stored away. But things were going badly in the neighbouring countries. People came from all over to Egypt looking for corn. And the king would say to them: 'Go to Joseph.'

One day Joseph's brothers arrived looking for corn. When they recognised him they trembled with fear. But instead of taking revenge, Joseph received them with great kindness, and gave them as much corn as they wanted. He told them to come back and bring their father with them.

The aged father was overcome with joy on hearing that his beloved son was alive. A great treachery had been committed against Joseph by his brothers. But good came out of it all. He was able to save his brothers from the famine, and reunite the entire family.

The story of Joseph is one of the greatest stories in the Bible. Joseph is a figure of Jesus, the Father's beloved Son, sold by one of his friends, put to death, but now raised up by the Father and placed at his right hand in glory. From his exalted position he saves us, his brothers and sisters, from sin and eternal death. And he seeks to bring together all the scattered members of God's family.

This is the day we celebrate the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of his Father. It is a day of joy. But he has given us a task to perform for him. Not to distribute corn, but to preach the Good News to all the world.

Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies
Flor McCarthy, SDB

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Joseph Family / Prechila Carreau / Thanh Nguyen & Nhung Bui

Birthday : Maryse Rochecouste / Maria D'Souza / Tabitha

Wedding Anniversary : Neisha & James Ferrao / Maria & Peter 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
- * Tony Oldfield
- * Mary Hargreaves

- * 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 :



- ✠ Consolacion Pacanot
- ✠ Walter Noronha
- ✠ Roberto Torres Jr.
- ✠ Phyllis Simpson
- ✠ Jennifer Nagarajan & Bala
- ✠ Tristram Patterson
- ✠ Ivor Collom
- ✠ Luc Claude Fabien
- ✠ Thomas Malcolm
- ✠ Abelardo Bella
- ✠ Thomas Gunnion
- ✠ James Mahoney
- ✠ Ella Frances Christopher
- ✠ All souls in Purgatory

- ✠ Tara Taudofai
- ✠ Edward Bittar
- ✠ Mabel Artuz
- ✠ Godwin White
- ✠ Milagros Garcia
- ✠ Romito Ebal
- ✠ Mary Malcolm
- ✠ Inocencia Crescini



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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 - 7th & 8th June 2025

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

07/06- 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

(1) Jennet Menezes (2) Davitah S
(3) Noel E / Andres C / Maria D / Jisha J
(4) Neejay / Nerayo Santos

08/06- 8.00 am

(1) Rachelle Fogarty (2) Matilda
(3) Lucy N / Emelia B / Mimi C / Alla B
(4) Shakira & Audrey Liutai

08/06 - 10.00 am Mass

(1) Davitha S (2) Jackie Heeraman
(3) Tina P / Noel S / Bennette S / John T
(4) Jayson Huynh/ Tomjo Rinson

Church Cleaners (07/06)

Deuteronomy

Catherine & Pierre Yves Rochecouste
Jennifer & Mario Kreltszheim