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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.

3rd Sunday of Easter- Year C

3rd & 4th May 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(5:27-32, 40-41)

*(We are witnesses of these words, and so
is the Holy Spirit).*

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said:, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 29)

**All: I will praise you, Lord, for you
have rescued me.**

Reader: I will praise you, Lord, you have
rescued me and have not let my
enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you
have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who
sink into the grave.

**All: I will praise you, Lord, for you
have rescued me.**

Reader: Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love
him, give thanks to his holy name. His
anger lasts but a moment; his favour
through life. At night there are tears,
but joy comes with dawn.

**All: I will praise you, Lord, for you
have rescued me.**

Reader: The Lord listened and had pity. The
Lord came to my help. For me you
have changed my mourning into
dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank
you for ever.

**All: I will praise you, Lord, for you
have rescued me.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

(5:11-14)

*(The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given
power, wealth, glory, and blessing).*

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In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ is risen; the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John (21:1-19)

(Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish).

Communion Antiphon

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.
And he took bread and gave it to them, 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)

3rd Sunday of Easter - Year C

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

Catholic Care - Diocese of Wollongong

Cross+Gen free technology training for seniors

Catholic Care Cross+Gen technology program has been recognised with a prestigious Award for Innovation and Contribution from the Australian Institute for Intergenerational Practice (AIIP) at their annual conference in February.

Due to the popularity of the Cross+Gen technology program, CatholicCare, will again partner with St Benedict's Oran Park and CEDoW to assist with the technology issues that you may be struggling with. Bring your device, your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident in downloading apps, sending messages or even using google maps.

The dates are as follows, and afternoon tea will be provided:

☐ **Tuesdays 13 May, 27th May, 3rd June & 10th June from 1pm-2.30pm**

Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors and students. Please contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417 018 152 or email janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

A Spiritual Retreat for Women with powerful teaching and testimonies followed by a healing service led by Anastasia Rebello and team.



Sunday 15th June 2025 (10:00am to 4:00pm) at Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby NSW 2250. For further details contact

Maria D'Souza on 0447 057 078

3rd & 4th May 2025

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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 **10:00 AM** and **12:00 Noon** Masses.

Notice :

Please note that **Morning Mass at 9am on Wednesday, 14th May 2025** will be held in the **Church Hall**. This is due to the replacement of the Church air-conditioning units scheduled on that day.

We appreciate cooperation. Thank You.

Bible Study : This Sunday, 4th May 2025 at 2:30pm in the Logos Centre. All Welcome!

Upcoming Meeting : Combined Liturgy & Events committee meeting along with PPC will be held on **Thursday, May 8th 2025** at 7pm in the Logos Centre. All members are requested to attend.

Parish Cuppa : Join us after Mass this weekend 3rd & 4th May 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 : Sunday School will be back next Sunday 11th May 2025 - during 10am Mass.

Suffering for the Lord

Ever since the time of the apostles there have been Christians who, by the grace of God, have been able to overcome fear and witness to the Gospel, even in the most difficult circumstances.

In March 1983 the Russian poet, Irina Ratushinskaya, was sentenced to seven years hard la-

bour and five years internal exile. Her crime - writing poetry which the communist authorities didn't approve of. In prison she suffered beatings, forced feeding and solitary confinement in freezing conditions. She developed heart, liver and kidney trouble, as well as chronic bronchitis. Even in such conditions she continued to write, smuggling the poems out on scraps of paper given to sympathetic warders, soldiers, and visitors. She was released in October 1986.

Her Christian faith was vital to her survival. She says: 'When you are in trouble, under pressure, God always seems closer. God was like a hand on our shoulder in the camp.'

Another key to Irina's survival in the camp was the incredibly strong relationships she had with the dozen other women prisoners of conscience in the camp. Danger binds people together and makes them feel responsible for one another. With the pace and pressures of modern life we are so self-absorbed that it takes an accident or an illness to teach us how much we depend on one another.

Irina and her companions regularly went on hunger strike if one of their number was ill-treated. She says: 'I feel happy that all of us survived. During the time I was there, one-third of the population of the male camp died. All the women who were in the camp are Christians now, even if they weren't at the beginning. One of them has become a Catholic nun.

'My faith also taught me how to prevent my psychological life being damaged by hatred and bitterness. The experience has taught me a lot about the enormous capacity of the human spirit to be happy in spite of any circumstance.'

People like Irina and her companions are an inspiration to us. They expand the possibilities of human love and courage. It's easy to believe in God when you are on your knees with your eyes closed, just as it is easy to be a Christian far away from the clamour and the trials of the world of people. But it's a poor religion that believes God is to be found only in places far removed from the world. God can't be confined in this way.

We are disciples of Jesus. He depends on us to bear witness to him in the world today. Few of us will be called on to suffer what the apostles or people like Irina and her companions suffered. But we may have to face something which is almost as bad - the deadly indifference of our fellow citizens.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Lucy Maher & Family / Ben & Eryln / Angelina Smith / Luka Noronha /
Dominica Fernandes

Special Intention: Losana Raikivi / Joanna Joval

Birthday : Anna Kassl / Christopher Gunanwan /
Rachel Gracelynn Chandra / Anishka /

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
- * Sarah
- * 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
- * Eliza
- * Jake Valte
- * Lita
- * Monique Yongching
- * Romulo Cabrera



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



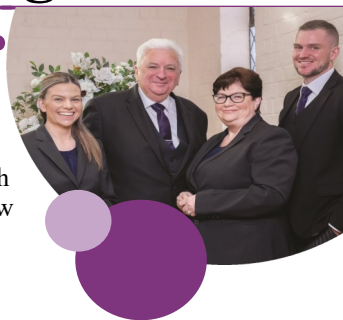
- ✠ Noha Chamoun
- ✠ Ian Howe
- ✠ Jennifer Nagarajan
- ✠ Silvy Schucroft
- ✠ Marry George Sofo
- ✠ Molly Teresa Gunnion
- ✠ Delfin Contreras Sr.
- ✠ Mary Fanning
- ✠ Teodoro Alegrid
- ✠ Lorna Hendricks
- ✠ Ivor Collom
- ✠ Loretto Maryanne Kreltszheim
- ✠ Deceased members of:
- Kreltszheim Family
- ✠ All souls in Purgatory

- ✠ Robert Stanley
- ✠ Audrey
- ✠ Alan Crooks
- ✠ Regina Guzman
- ✠ Benito Inandan



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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 - 10th & 11th May 2025

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

10/05- 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

(1) Calvin Ambrose (2) Alisha Joseph
(3) Noel E / Andres C / Noel S / Maria D
(4) Syona / Rosy

11/05- 8.00 am

(1) Matilda Faasoa (2) Rachelle Fogarty
(3) Steve N / Lucy N / Emelia B / Mimi Cabrera
(4) Freddy & Kathy Bernard

11/05 - 10.00 am Mass

(1) Herbert Kreltszheim (2) Lucy Maher
(3) Tina P / Noel S / Bennette S / John T
(4) Neejay & Nerayo Santos

Church Cleaners (10/05)

Ruth

Renato de Guzman / Louise Phillips
Cynthia K / Marie Fernando