

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

Parish Priest: Fr. Bosco Sangbok Son SVD Parish Secretary: Veena Miranda

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.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C - 12th & 13th July 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

(30:10-14)

(Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you).

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 68)

All: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Reader: This is my prayer to you, my prayer for

your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards

me.

All: Turn to the Lord in your need, and

you will live.

Reader: As for me in my poverty and pain let

your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

All: Turn to the Lord in your need, and

you will live.

Reader: The poor when they see it will be glad

and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

All: Turn to the Lord in your need, and

you will live.

Reader: For God will bring help to Zion and

rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons and daughters of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall

dwell there.

All: Turn to the Lord in your need, and

you will live.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

(1:15-20)

(All things were created through him and for him).

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Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

(Who is my neighbour?)

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Can You Spare Just One Hour a Week? Make a lasting impact in a child's life by joining our Catechist Ministry!

The Catechist Ministry is in urgent need of volunteers to teach Scripture in our local state schools. Classes run for just 30 minutes once a week, usually around midday. You'll receive full training and support, and you won't be alone - we'll quide you every step of the way.

Come and meet our friendly catechists after Mass on the weekend of 19th/20th July to

learn more and see how you can get involved. If you need more information, please contact the parish office or our catechist co-ordinator Maria Nash: maria.p.nash@gmail.com

Upcoming Meeting: Events committee along with PPC meeting will be held on Thursday 17th July at 7pm in the Logos centre. All members are requested to attend.

Notice: Please note that due to the Clergy In-Service Conference, Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am instead of 9:00am on Tuesday, 15th July and Wednesday, 16th July 2025.

Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. The weekend of **July 26th/27th** we welcome to our parish ACN representatives who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

<u>Deceased Name Inscribed In The</u> <u>Memorial Garden Plaque</u>

If you wish to have your beloved deceased family member's names to be inscribed in the Memorial Garden plaque of our parish, please email the names to the parish office by **15th July 2025** A donation of \$300 for each name required. A Special Mass in memory of those departed faithful will be offered by the parish priest every year in the month of November.

Dinner Dance - Ticket returns

Please return the Dinner Dance sold books and money to Lina as soon as possible. This will help us to finalise numbers for the event. If you are available to help out on the day, please let the parish office know. Thank You.

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

Dress Code: Smart Casual

Drinks : BYO Price : \$45/adult

Children under 16: \$25



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

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MULTICULTURAL DAY RAFFLE

Trying to think of a way to support our parish? Collect a book of raffle tickets to sell to family and friends.

1st Prize: \$300; 2nd Prize: \$150; 3rd Prize : \$50 **Plus Consolation Prizes** Ticket price: \$2/ticket Draw: 14th September 2025

All proceedings will go towards parish projects. Please see Lina for your book.

Thank You Note from Vinnies

The Macquarie Fields St Vincent de Paul Society Conference members would like to offer our sincere thanks to the Mary Mother of the Church, Macquarie Fields parishioners for your generosity in contributing to our Winter appeal.

The total amount of money raised, is \$2,342.45, which is a fantastic response.

Parish awareness campaign 2025: **Protecting Older people from abuse**

Nearly 1 in 6 Australians experience some form of abuse each year. If you suspect someone is being mistreated, help is available. Call 1800ELDERHelp (1800 353 374) confidentially for advice or to report concerns. In emergencies always call 000

Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion 2025

Application Forms are now available in the Church Fover. Registration closes on Monday 21st of July 2025.

Parents must attend the Parents Meeting on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at 7:00pm

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

<u>Bible Study</u>: Fortnightly at 2:30 pm in the Logos Centre.

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Sunday School: Every Sundays during 10am Mass

Reflection: The Testing of Character

According to Tolstoy, a drama does not tell us the whole of a person's life. What it does is place a person in a situation. Then, from the way the person deals with that situation, his or her character is revealed to us.

This is precisely what Jesus does in his story. He places the priest, the levite, and the Samaritan in a situation. They are faced with a decision: To stop and help the wounded man, and no place to hide. They have to commit themselves one way or another. The priest and the levite decide to pass by; the Samaritan decides to stop and help.

Crisis does not create character, it merely reveals it. In times of crisis people reveal what is already inside them - the generous person or the selfish person, the hero or the coward. One moment or event may cause a person to reveal his essential being. The encounter with the wounded man was such a moment for the priest, the levite and the Samaritan.

What did it reveal about the characters of the priest and levite? It revealed a very damning thing, namely, that they were self-centered persons. They would not put themselves out to help another person. When the crunch came, they put themselves first.

And what did it reveal about the character of the Samaritan? A very admirable thing, namely that he was a caring person. He was the kind of man who could not pass another human being in pain without wanting to relieve that pain.

Life is continually testing us. Every day we are tested in little ways, and now and again in big ways. These tests reveal the kind of people we are - fundamentally unselfish people, or fundamentally selfish people.

Big opportunities are rare, and few could perform them. But we get many small, less spectacular opportunities to show care and concern for another human being in need.

The extent of our virtue is determined, not by what we do in extraordinary circumstances, but by our normal behaviour. It is modest, everyday incidents rather than extraordinary ones that most reveal character. Every little action shapes our character. **Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies**

SVD Multicultural Event:

Society of the Divine word missionaries would like to invite Mary Mother of the Church parishioners to ioin them to SVD multicultural event:

Date: Sunday 24th August 2025

Location: 199 Epping Road NSW 2122 Eucharist: 9 –10:15am followed by cultural performances and Multicultural Banquet: 12:45pm (bring some traditional food to share) If you would like to contribute a cultural

performance please contact Fr. Viet - 0402 366 38

viet.nguyen@divineword.com.au

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Baptism

Through the waters of Baptism,

Evan Roy Fernandes Shaurya (Shaun) Yadav & Vir Yadav

Enter into the life of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday: Jaison / Lizmaria Arackal **Thanksgiving**: Thanh Nguyen & Nhung Bui

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
- * Romulo Cabrera
- * Arman Diola
- * Antoinette Lie Njoek Djin
- * George Serrano
- * Adela Montalva
- * Tony Oldfield
- * Mary Hargreaves
- * Françoise Catherine
- * Dave Hitchcock
- * David Dempsey



- * Eva Silang
- * Carole Dimayuga
- * Selda Dimayuga
- * Nancie
- * Mason Dulalia
- * Jun & Charo Doctors
- * Anthony Smith
- * Elizabeth Messain
- * Danica Kutle
- * Jake Valte
- * Monique Yongching
- * Wendy Yongching
- * Sr. Patricia
- * John Unzillo
- * Edward Webster
- * Jean-Pierre Catherine
- * Alejandrino
- * Anita Menezes
- * Aidan Pereira
- * Allan & Irma Torres
- * Peter D'Souza
- * Norm Cook
- * Florentino San Miguel
- * Lisapeta Kalasito
- * Mike Enriquez
- * Nestor Henriques

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



- ☆ Fr. David Catterall
- Daisy Noronha
- ⊕ Mervyn Robinson
- ⊕ Ivor Collom
- 母 Gilbert Thomas
- ♣ 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 wonderous 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 intersession of His Mother Mary. Amen.

Roster for Next Week - 19th & 20th July 2025

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

19/07 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

- (1) Davitah S
- (2) Maria D'Souza
- (3) Noel E / Jisha J / Noel S / Terry B
- (4) Syona / Rosy

20/07- 8.00 am

- (1) Lucy Niumata
- (2) Robyn Ashley
- (3) Mimi C / Alla B / Steve N / Lucy N
- (4) Jessica & Jayden Rego

20/07 - 10.00 am Mass

- (1) Tina Pineda
- (2) Jeanette Sagana
- (3) Bennette S / John T / Tina P / Carmen A / Threlly C/ Nancy K
- (4) Gabriel Wijaya / Nee jay Santos

Church Cleaners (19/06)

Deuteronomy

Catherine & Pierre Rochecouste / Jenny & Mario K