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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.

### 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year C - 19th & 20th July 2025*

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

##### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis (18:1-10)

*(Lord, do not bypass your servant).*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said "I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have to come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said,

'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The Word of the Lord.

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 14)

**All: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

**Reader:** Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue.

**All: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

**Reader:** He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

**All: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

**Reader:** He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

**All: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

##### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians (1:24-28)

*(The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints).*

# Parish News and Happenings

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

### **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

### **Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 10:38-42**

*(Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.)*

## **Communion Antiphon**

O Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

### **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 guide you every step of the way.

**Come and meet our friendly catechists after Mass this weekend on 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

## **Parish Multicultural Day Celebration**

Join us for a vibrant celebration of our diverse community on **Sunday, September 14, 2025** following the 9:00 AM Mass, which will be the only Mass of the day.

### **Ways to Participate:**

- **Donate Boxed Items:** Contribute boxed items for our white elephant stall.
- **Organize a Food Stall:** Showcase flavors from your country by setting up a food stall. Contact us to reserve your stall space.
- **Solo or Group Performance:** Share your talents with the community through a cultural performance. Register your act in advance.
- **Invite Friends and Family:** Extend the celebration by inviting loved ones to join us for this special day.
- **Wear a Costume:** Embrace your heritage by dressing in traditional attire from your country.
- Help to clean up.

For participation inquiries, please reach out to the Parish Office or contact Eric D'Silva at 0434 869 426.

Let's come together to celebrate our diversity and unity as a parish community!

## **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.

**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  
Tickets are still available for sale, please  
see Lina for your tickets.**



**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.

## **RCIA Program**

We are inviting those adults who might like to discern becoming a catholic to take part in our RCIA program, which will begin in September 2025 and go through to the Easter 2026. If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about RCIA, please contact the parish office.

## **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.

## **Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion 2025**

Application Forms are now available in the Church Foyer. 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

**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 ..... Giving and Receiving**

I had a dream that the Lord was coming to my house as he came to the house of Martha and Mary. So I scrubbed it from top to bottom, cleaning and polishing everything. Then I set the table with the best tablecloth, best set of delf, best silverware, and put candles and flowers there too. As for food, I spared no expense. When all was ready and my guest was about to arrive, I rolled out the red carpet.

He came and I think I did him proud. I put on a great performance. I waited hand and foot on him. No king ever had such service lavished on him. I made sure that the conversation never flagged. He, for his part, was most gracious. He showed so much appreciation that I was embarrassed. Everything went off like clockwork. When he left I felt good, and yet something was bothering me.

For a while I was at a loss as to what this might be. Then a question arose within me: What did he want from me? Food? Hospitality? I wondered. But then I heard a second question sounding inside me: What was it that he wanted to give me? I felt sure that he wanted to give me something. But, whatever it was, I gave him no opportunity to give it to me. I created the impression that everything was perfect, and that I wanted for nothing.

Some people are very good at giving but extremely poor at receiving. Dr Marie de Hennezel set-up a unit for the terminally ill in a Paris hospital. In her book, *Intimate Death*, she tells of a woman who was brought to the unit. The woman had helped everyone but now was unable to help herself. She always wanted to be given lots of love, and now in the hospital unit she was getting it in abundance. But it was so difficult to receive it. She talked about her family's love, and that of her friends and those who took care of her, as 'a fountain from which she didn't know how to drink'. She needed to learn how to become a child again, humble enough to accept a gift. But this was not easy because she was the absolute opposite: she loved to give egoistically.

Self-centered people hate to receive. Why is this? Because it makes them feel inferior to others and puts them in debt to others. On the other hand, they love to give because it inflates their ego, thereby (unconsciously perhaps) making them feel superior to others.

Giving is important. But so too is receiving. None of us is self-sufficient. All of us are incomplete. We need to receive from one another and above all from God. It's nothing less than tragic not to be able to receive. It's not enough to know how to give, we must also know how to receive. Both are graced activities.

The Gospel story shows the essential difference between Martha and Mary. Martha was not able to receive, Mary was. Mary offered the Lord the gift of an open mind and a receptive heart. Martha, on the other hand, while very good at giving was very poor at receiving. Even the Lord couldn't give her anything.

**Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies**



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Rest in Peace

The funeral arrangements for Fr David Catterall, Oran Park Parish Priest are as follows:

**Wednesday 23 July 2025 : Vigil Mass** to be led by Bishop Brian Mascord at 6:30pm, Mary MacKillop Catholic Church Oran Park, St Benedict's hall.

**Thursday 24 July 2025 : Funeral Mass** to be led by Fr James Arblaster at 11.00am at St Paul's Catholic Church, Albion Park.

## Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

**Birthday** : Mackenzie Suggun / Amie Suggun / Lucinda Rose Suggun

**Thanksgiving** : Bakulic Family / Angieluz Sutton Family

## 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
- \* Francoise Catherine
- \* Dave Hitchcock
- \* David Dempsey

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



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



- ✠ Fr. David Catterall
- ✠ Luc Claude Fabien
- ✠ Helga Kopeinig
- ✠ Florinda Hendricks
- ✠ Herbert Kreltszheim Sr.
- ✠ Epifanio, Guadalupe, Percy, Eugenia, Emilyn, Antonio, Anthony, Corazon, Doroteo
- ✠ Rolando dela Cruz
- ✠ Pricila Alejandrino
- ✠ All Souls in Purgatory

- ✠ Claire Baird
- ✠ Ben Siqueira
- ✠ Giselle Pereira
- ✠ Letitia Lewis
- ✠ Walter Lewis
- ✠ Cynthia D'Silva
- ✠ Annette Ferrer
- ✠ Joel Domingo
- ✠ Helen Joseph
- ✠ Marina Handvsay



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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 - 26th & 27th July 2025

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

### 26/07 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

(1) Jennet Menezes    (2) Terry Beattie  
(3) Andres C / Irma G / Maria D / Teresa B  
(4) Syona / Rosy

### 27/07- 8.00 am

(1) Jim Fogarty                      (2) Corrine Patterson  
(3) Emelia B / Mimi C / Alla B / Steve N  
(4) Emmanuel Sailies

### 27/07 - 10.00 am Mass

(1) Noel Santos                      (2) Edyleen Santos  
(3) Eileen P / Tina P / Noel S / Bennette S / John T / Threlly C  
(4) Neejay / Nerayo Santos

### Church Cleaners (26/07)

### Exodus

Sue Titmarsh / Marieta / George Hogan / Harold & Pierrette Maurice