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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.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C - 16th & 17th August 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

(38:4-6, 8-10)

(You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world).

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 39)

All: Lord, come to my aid.

Reader: I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stopped down to me; he heard my cry.

All: Lord, come to my aid.

Reader: He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm.

All: Lord, come to my aid.

Reader: He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord.

All: Lord, come to my aid.

Reader: As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay.

All: Lord, come to my aid.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (12:1-4)

(Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us).

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in

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the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition for sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53

(I have come not to give peace, but discord.)

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy;
In him is plentiful redemption.

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

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,
5:00pm 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)

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 0434869426

White Elephant Stall Donations :

If you have **boxed items** to donate for our Multicultural Day White Elephant Stall, please drop them off at the Parish Office on or before **6th–7th September**. Please no books, toys, or clothes, only boxed items will be accepted.

Invitation to Host a Food Stall and Cultural performance on Multicultural Day- 14th Sept

We warmly invite **all ethnic and cultural groups** to participate in our upcoming multicultural day by **organizing a food stall** and **presenting the cultural performance**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share the unique flavours and traditions of your country with the wider community. To reserve your stall or for Cultural performance , please contact the parish office or Eric. We look forward to celebrating together.

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 or fill out the RCIA enquiry form available in the church foyer and submit.

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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 - Dinner Dance

A big thank you to everyone who came to our recent Parish Dinner Dance. It was a night full of joy, laughter, and a wonderful sense of community. We were so happy to see so many of you there - this year with our highest number of attendees yet.

Special thanks to our volunteers and Event Committee for all their hard work in making the evening possible. We look forward to seeing you at our future events to share more great moments together.

Thanks From ACN : We want to offer our thanks to the parish for welcoming us recently. It was wonderful to be present with the community at the weekend Masses, meet people, and of course speak about the work and mission of Aid to the Church in Need. We would encourage anyone who might have been stuck by our work in support of the suffering Church to visit www.aidtochurch.org. We also have an online store at www.thatcatholicshop.com. Thanks and god bless you. Aid to the Church in Need AU/NZ

A vocation view:

Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can share His love with zeal. (Luke 12) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

Reflection The prophet as "troublemaker"

Jesus was a transparently good person. We would have expected then that he would have been universally loved. Yet he stirred up so much hatred that he ended up being crucified. How could that happen? It happened because Jesus was a prophet, a religious prophet, and a prophet is always persona non grata to the powers-that-be. Most prophets are persecuted and some are killed.

Jeremiah is a good example. He was called to be a prophet from an early age. He lived out his vocation during a time of great turmoil, which saw the defeat of Israel and the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple. He was the conscience of his country. He loved his people dearly and never lost faith in the power of God to save them. Yet he was accused of being a troublemaker, and lived with constant threats to his life.

Prophets are 'troublemakers' - in the best sense of that term. There is no greater disturber of the peace than the person who preaches justice and truth. Take Martin Luther King in America. He was a man of peace. Yet by calling for an end to discrimination against black people, he created more turmoil in America than anyone else in his generation. And take the Russian scientist, Andrei Sakharov. He too was branded a 'troublemaker' by the communist authorities when he called for an end to the persecution of dissidents and to the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Sometimes what we call peace is not really peace at all. Any peace that is not founded on justice is a phoney peace. The late Archbishop Helder Camara of Brazil described it as resembling moonlight over a swamp. Jesus came to bring peace, but not that kind of peace. Just as there is a phoney peace, there is also a phoney unity - one which tolerates discrimination and inequality.

When the South African writer Laurens van der Post was released from a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp and returned to freedom, he was shocked almost as much by the brutalities of peace as he had been by those of war. And Solzhenitsyn says that when soldiers came back to civilian life they were appalled by the callous, often totally unscrupulous way in which people treated each other. By providing them with an opportunity to serve a cause greater than any egotistical pursuit of themselves, war had brought out the best in them.

How abnormal is much of what is accepted as normal. For instance, the inequalities in society, the gap between helpless poverty and insolent wealth. We get so used to all this that it ceases to shock us. We accept it as normal. Hence, we need someone to jolt us out of the sleep of lethargy and indifference.

Jesus says he came to kindle a fire upon the earth. It's only an image, a metaphor. But it's a powerful one. Fire is not something one can remain indifferent to. It's not a weak, pale, lifeless thing. Fire warms and comforts. But it also burns up what is useless, and refines what is impure.

The Gospel message is fire, it is the leaven of the world. We, the followers of Jesus, are the tenders of the fire.

**Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies
Flor McCarthy, SDB**

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Tristan & Tyler / Justin Duggan / Sion Gilchrist /

Thanksgiving : Anishka, Alijah, Aisaach / Elizabeth Anne Marie Smith / The Vu 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
* Allan & Irma Torres
* Peter D'Souza
* Norm Cook
* Florentino San Miguel
* Lisapeta Kalasito
* Mike Enriquez
* Nestor Henriques
* Helen
* Mary Bittar
* Hervi Ducasse
* Teresa Beattie

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

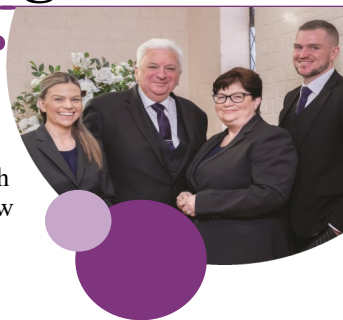
† Mrs. Mary Brennan
† K. L Chacko
† Gerard Ducasse
† Nester Henriques
† Richard Dennis
† Lucena Pelaez
† Norberto I. Gutierrez
† Braedyn Torlaschi
† Sebastian & Mary Kutty
† Nandani Ganegoda
† Phyllis Christian
† Godafreda Suarez
† Alejandrina Manubay
† Madeline Saminadon
† All Souls in Purgatory

† Bill Fullerton
† Carmel Thomas
† Amanda Butcher
† Gisele Danton
† Leandro de Leon
† Elizabeth Toohey
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† Antonio, Anthony, Percy, Doroteo, Corazon, Epifanio, Guadalupe



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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 - 23rd & 24th August 2025

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

23/08 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

(1) Noel Santos (2) Edyleen Santos
(3) Andres C / Irma G / Terry B / Teresa B
(4) Syona & Rosy

24/08- 8.00 am

(1) Corrine Patterson (2) Jim Fogarty
(3) Steve N / Lucy N / Emelia B / Mimi Cabrera
(4) Cathy & Freddy Bernard

24/08 - 10.00 am Mass

(1) Tina Pineda (2) Marc Ghignone
(3) Carmen A, Threlly C, Nancy K, Eileen P, Tina P, Noel S
(4) Tomjo Rinson / Jayson Huynh

Church Cleaners (23/08)

Corrine & Michael Patterson / Sharon & Clavin Ambrose

Judges