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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.

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C - 2nd & 3rd August 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

FIRST READING

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes
(1:2; 2:21-23)
(What do people gain by all their work?).*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 89)

All: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Reader: You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

All: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Reader: You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

All: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Reader: Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

All: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Reader: In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

All: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SECOND READING

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians
(3:1-5, 9-11)
(Seek the things that are above where Christ is).*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 12:13-21

(To whom will all this wealth of yours go?)

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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)

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

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

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 15th August 2025 : Mass for solemnity feast of the Assumption (Holy day of Obligation) at 9:00am and 7:00pm.

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.

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

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.

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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.

2025 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or over 60 years of marriage are invited to attend the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 24 August 2025 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room. Pre-registering remains essential <https://dow.sh/MA2025> –

Invitation - **Darren McDowell** Ordination to Diaconate

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I invite you to attend my ordination to the Diaconate occurring on **Saturday 23rd August, 10am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong**. This will be a wonderful celebration for myself and for our Diocese. Please RSVP at <https://www.sjec.org.au/darren> so that we can arrange appropriate catering for the light lunch which will follow the mass.

menALIVE Regional

Weekend 9 – 10 August 2025,
Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong
Come along to our menALIVE weekend and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life.

For more information and to register: <https://menalive-weekend-2025>

Reflection **Wealth is not possession but enjoyment**

Once there was a miser who accumulated a large amount of money, and was looking forward to years of happy living. However, before he could make up his mind as to how best to spend his money, the Angel of Death appeared before him to take his life away.

The miser pleaded with the angel to be allowed to live a little longer. 'Give me three days of life and I'll give you half my fortune,' he begged. But the angel wouldn't hear of it and began to tug at his cloak. 'Give me just one day, I beg of you,'

said the miser, 'and you can have everything I accumulated through so much sweat and toil.' But the angel refused his request.

The miser managed to wring just one small concession from the angel - a few moments in which to write down this note: 'Oh you, whoever you are that happen to find this note, if you have enough to live on, don't waste your life accumulating fortunes. Live! My fortune couldn't buy me a single hour of life.'

It's not how many possessions we have but how we enjoy the ones we have that matters. Wealth is not in possession but in enjoyment. Many people have lost their capacity for enjoyment, especially those in affluent countries. They have to have more and more expensive gadgets. They can't enjoy the simple things of life, the way a child can.

It's not the amount of money we have but our capacity for enjoyment that makes us rich. To seek wealth while having no capacity for enjoyment is to be like a blind person who collects videos. We can become possessed by things. Many are so busy adding to their possessions that they have no time to enjoy life.

Money and power can imprison and inhibit just as effectively as barred windows and iron chairs. 'Set a bird's wings with gold and it will never fly.' (Tagore)

Some people have had to go to prison to discover how little we can get by with, and what extraordinary spiritual freedom and peace that can bring. It frees us to develop the spirit. 'People don't know what they are striving for. They exhaust themselves in the senseless pursuit of material things, and die without realising their spiritual greatness.' (Solzhenitsyn)

'People,' said the Little Prince, 'rush about in express trains, but they do not know what they are looking for. They raise ten thousand roses in the same garden, and they still do not know what they are looking for. Yet what they are looking for could be found in a single rose.' When we distinguish between our needs and our wants, we will be surprised to realise how little is enough.

Earthly things can never satisfy the human heart. Only God can give us the kind of happiness our hearts long for. Hence, St Paul says, 'Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth.' And Jesus urges us not to store up treasures on earth but to make ourselves rich in the sight of God. What makes us rich in the sight of God is not what we own, or even what we've done, but what we are.

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

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Jacinta Suggun / Glenn Rodriguez / Mercy Yaoapin /

Thanksgiving : Ugur (Sam) Lacin / Danica Pineda / Gabriel Natanauan / Pierrette Maurice /

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

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

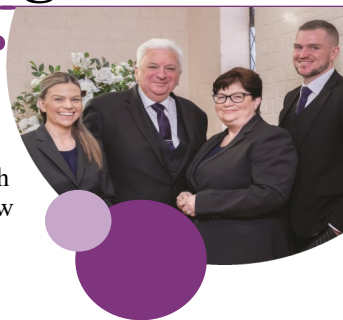
✠ Fr. David Catterall
✠ Marie Rafaud
✠ Cecilia Quiah
✠ Danica & Mile Vukovic
✠ Joseph Gomez
✠ Rodolfo Aclan
✠ Sonanita Ranili
✠ Lucien Sullivan
✠ Wasyl Skoczylas
✠ Danica Vukovic
✠ Anita Teresa Davis
✠ Deceased members of :
 De Vesser Families
✠ Pampilo Ona
✠ Joseph Fowler
✠ Matilde Ona
✠ Antera de Leon
✠ All Souls in Purgatory

✠ Pierre Ducasse
✠ Leticia Hernandez
✠ Terry Sumeo
✠ Jan Piela
✠ Cyril Rochecouste
✠ Cyril Houbert
✠ Emmanuel Bantug
✠ Avelino Angeles
✠ Frank Rochecouste



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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 - 9th & 10th August 2025

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

09/08 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

(1) Pierre Rochecouste (2) Shamila D'Souza
(3) Andres C / Irma G / Terry B / Teresa B
(4) Syona & Rosy

10/08- 8.00 am

(1) Petasi Sua (2) Louise Phillips
(3) Steve N / Lucy N / Emelia B / Mimi Cabrera
(4) Emmanuel Sailiese

10/08 - 10.00 am Mass

(1) Davitah S (2) Peter Thankachan
(3) Bennette S / John T/ Tina P / Carmen A / Threlly C / Nancy K
(4) Neejay & Nerayo Santos

Church Cleaners (09/08)

Kings

John Moors / Frank D'Souza / Philip Mendonca / Rudy / Babitha Constant