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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.

### 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year C - 9th & 10th August 2025*

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

##### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom (18:6-9)

*(Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you).*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord.

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 32)

**All: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

**Reader:** Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you

just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.

**All: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

**Reader:** The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**All: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

**Reader:** Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**All: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

##### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (11:1-2, 8-19)

*(We will look for the city designed and built by God).*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for the country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land,

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and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The Word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Be watchful and ready! You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 12:32-48

*(See that you are Prepared)*

## Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

## Notice:

Please note that as Fr. Bosco will be away on Tuesday, 12th August, there will be only a **Communion Service at 9:00 am** instead of Mass.

## 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.

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday 15th August 2025 :** Mass at 9:00am and 7:00pm. (Holy day of Obligation)

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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> –

**Ministry of the Tribunal :** In 2015, Pope Francis wrote that “charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her.” The Inter diocesan Tribunal of Sydney, which has an Office in the Diocese of Wollongong, is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church. The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, and remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church.

Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified. The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 4222 2409 or [tribunal@dow.org.au](mailto:tribunal@dow.org.au)

## Reflection ..... **Living with uncertainty**

Most people nowadays have been on a plane. Before the flight gets under way one of the attendants says something like this: ‘We’d like your attention for a few moments while we show you some of the safety features of this aircraft...’ The attendant then shows you how to fasten the seat belt, and advises you to keep it fastened during the flight. You are told the number and location of the emergency exits. And how, in the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, an individual oxygen mask will be lowered in front of you. You are told that under your seat there is a

life-jacket for use in the event of having to ditch into the ocean.

The idea behind all this is to help the passengers to be prepared for the unexpected. But few pay any attention to what the attendant is saying. If anything, it serves only to further unnerve the nervous.

In the Gospel Jesus gives us some instructions regarding the flight of life - a flight in which all of us are involved. He tells us to be prepared for the unexpected. Like faithful servants we should keep ourselves in a state of readiness / preparedness. Not in fear, but in trust and hope.

As life goes on we become increasingly aware of how fleeting it is, and how precarious is the hold we have on it. We are not made of stone but of very fragile material. Life can be taken away from in the twinkling of an eye. However, the brevity and fragility of life bring home to us how precious is the treasure we carry in earthen vessel. Jesus was aware of the uncertainty of life. His parable stresses the fact that death can come at any moment. It isn’t that God tries to catch us unawares like a thief breaking into a house. That would be unthinkable. Death, not God, is the thief that robs us of life.

The uncertainty of life should not prevent us from enjoying life in the present. All of us would like to be able to end our lives with our plans carried out and our work done. But we don’t know if we will have that chance. What we do have is an opportunity to be faithful to our responsibilities and commitments on a daily basis, like the servant Jesus spoke about. Then we can go forward into the unknown like Abraham did, trusting in God’s gracious and loving care.

Once upon a time there was a court jester who for many years had helped to amuse the king and the royal court. But then he committed an indiscretion and was sentenced to death. Before the sentence was carried out the king summoned him and said to him, ‘In view of the many happy moments you gave me over the years, I will allow you to choose the method by which you are to die.’

The jester thought for a moment and then replied, ‘Your Majesty, if it’s all right by you, I choose to die by old age.’ The king was so amused at his answer that he granted him his request. Most of us would make the same choice. But we don’t know if we’ll get it.

We are servants of the Lord and of one another. Blessed are those servants who are faithful and responsible. The faithful servant doesn’t fear the master’s return. He (she) welcomes it.

**Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies**

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## Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

**Birthday** : Anishka, Alijah, Aisaach / Evelyn Camcam

Marina Skoczylas / John Anthony Ibasco Sia /

**Thanksgiving** : Peter D'Souza / Alwyn Noronha /

**Wedding** : John Anthony Ibasco Sia & Diana Dacumos

## This week masses have been offered for the Sick and Special needs of :



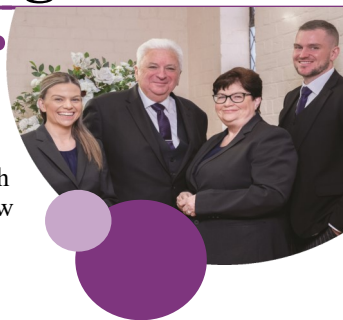
\* Dr Lydia de Jesus  
\* Dr Joycelyn de Jesus  
\* Jaypee Masangkay  
\* Aida Dayao  
\* Maria Vu  
\* Alan & Margaret Raisbeck  
\* Mick Jones  
\* Noelene Bartlet  
\* Wally Skoczylas  
\* Carmencita Palma  
\* Dr. Cyd Orosco  
\* Agatha Go Ay Nio  
\* Resty Perez  
\* Vivian Martin  
\* Andrea Tuazon  
\* 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

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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.*

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

† Trevor Stevenson  
† Catherine Buchanan  
† Mannuel Valderrama  
† Jose Cabacungan  
† Mile Vukovic  
† Joyce Sequeira  
† Mervy & Anton De Vesser  
† Saviour Bonello  
† C. Peter  
† Felizardo & Felicidad Berioso  
† Nicodemus Tagnipis  
† Narciso San Miguel  
† Deceased members of : Camcam & Cabanilla Families  
† All Souls in Purgatory

† Gerald De Vesser  
† Marhe Paulin  
† Nguyen Dinh Van  
† Iris Nolan  
† Floss Boorman  
† Narciso San Maguel  
† Maria Andreza  
† Crispina Contreras  
† Gilbert Roussel  
† Basilia Camcam



## Roster for Next Week - 16th & 17th August 2025

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

### 16/08 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

(1) Chloe Kreltszheim (2) Jenny Kreltszheim  
(3) Noel E / Jisha J / Noel S / Maria D  
(4) Syona & Rosy

### 17/08- 8.00 am

(1) Robyn Ashley (2) Lucy Niumata  
(3) Steve N / Lucy N / Emelia B / Mimi Cabrera  
(4) Jessica & Jayden Rego

### 17/08 - 10.00 am Mass

(1) Ashley Valencia (2) Tess Valesini  
(3) Eileen P, Tina P, Noel S, Bennette S, John T, Threlly C  
(4) Neejay Santos & Gabreil Wijaya

### Church Cleaners (16/08)

### Proverbs

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