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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.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Year A - 6th & 7th December 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (11:1-10)

(He judges the poor with justice).

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a

signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 71)

All: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Reader: O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

All: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Reader: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

All: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Reader: For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

All: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Reader: May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name.

All: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Parish News and Happenings

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
(15:4-9)
(Christ, the hope of all people).

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: **Matthew 3:1-12**
(Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand).

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 : Resume in 2026

Sunday School : Every Sundays during 10am Mass in the Logos Centre. (during the School Term)

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

The Promise

Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2025

- Limited copies available now in the Church Foyer.
Please see Lina for your copy. **\$3.00 / Book**

The Word in other Words - Bible Diary 2026

The cost is \$25.00 / each. Please see Lina for your copy. Enquiries: Tina Pineda - 0408 785 626

Novena Dawn Masses

The traditional Dawn Masses in our Parish will commence on 16th till the 24th December daily at 5am. Mass will be offered by different guest priests. If you wish to sponsor a mass with your intentions please contact tina Pineda on 0408 785 626

2nd rite of Reconciliation : Will take place on **Monday, December 8, at 6:00 pm** in the Church. 3 priests will be available to hear confessions on this special evening. We encourage everyone to attend and take this opportunity to renew your commitment to the Lord as we prepare for Christmas.

Christmas Carols



Join us for the Parish Carol singing on next **Saturday, 13 December 2025 after 5:00pm vigil mass** followed by sausage sizzle. All Choir members & musicians, parishioners, children & Youth are cordially invited to share your talents at our carol singing. Thank you!

Christmas Pageant:

Would your child/ren like to be part of our special Christmas Pageant? We're excited to bring the story of Christmas to life and warmly invite children aged 5–12 years to participate in this beautiful celebration during the **Family Mass on 24th December - Christmas Eve at 7 PM.**

If your child is interested, please contact Star via SMS at **0417 697 979** or reach out to the Parish Office directly. Practices will be held on weekends. Let's join together to create a heartwarming and festive experience for our community.

Parish News and Happenings

Dates for your Diary

Monday December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 9am

Monday December 8: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at 6pm

Saturday December 13: Parish Carols after 5:00pm vigil mass followed by sausage sizzle.

December 16-24 : Dawn Masses at 5am daily

Wednesday December 24 : Christmas Family Mass at 7pm

Wednesday December 24: Midnight mass at 11:30pm

Thursday December 25: Christmas Day Mass at 9am

Wednesday December 31: End of year Thanksgiving with Adoration at 6:30pm followed by mass

Thursday January 1, 2026: New Year's mass at 9am

Thank You!

The 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 Christmas appeal. The total amount of money raised is **\$2,005.05**, which is a fantastic response.

Sunday School Update:

Our Sunday School program will conclude for the year on **next Sunday, 14th December 2025**. We will take a break over the holidays and resume in February 2025, aligning with the start of the school term.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our Sunday School teachers, parents, and children for their dedication and active participation throughout the year. Your support and involvement have been a blessing to our parish community.

2026 Rosters: New Roster for Church cleaning, Altar Servers, Readers (6pm) and Ministers (6pm & 8am) are now available in the church foyer

Church Cleaners Needed:

A few of our dedicated church cleaners are stepping back due to health challenges, and we're reaching out for volunteers to join the 2026 Roster and help carry on their meaningful work. Cleaning is usually scheduled on Saturdays after the morning Mass, but it can be done on Fridays as well depends on your availability. If you're able to assist, please contact the parish office. Thank you for considering to serve in this important ministry.

Reflection :

God's Promises

The Advent readings glitter with bright promises - promises of the wonderful things that would accompany the coming of the Messiah. Mountains would be levelled out, valleys filled in, winding roads made straight, the desert would bloom, the poor would see justice done, the weak would no longer be exploited, war would be banished from the face of the earth.

Christ has come, yet little seems to have changed. So we might well ask: What has become of the great promises? Were they mere mirages? Look at the state of the world. Famine still plagues humankind, the poor are still exploited, and world-wide peace is still an elusive dream.

The Bible shows us that God's people are led forward by promises. Promises play a big part in our lives. When you want a child to behave or to do something, you promise the child something. The child is motivated to work or to behave. In adult life promises are still very important. Married people promise lasting fidelity to one another. They build their lives on that promise.

A promise gives people hope. It gives them a goal to aim at. It motivates and energises them. It makes them struggle for something. This is a good thing. People who have no goal are aimless. It is when people are satisfied that they stagnate. The settled, satisfied person fails to develop further.

The central theme of Advent is that of the faithfulness of God. In spite of the infidelities of his people, God did not forget the covenant he made with their father, Abraham. The Advent liturgy makes us aware of God's faithful love for us, and the wonderful gift he has made to us in Jesus.

The wonderful promises of the prophets are not just promises. They are judgements too. Hence, Advent is not so much about the past as about the present. It awakens us to the presence among us of the Saviour. It reveals his true identity and the nature of his mission, which is to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. We have a vital part to play in making this Kingdom a reality. Advent provides us with a great opportunity to commit ourselves anew to Jesus and his Kingdom.

The new world (the Kingdom of God) was established first of all in Christ himself. He is the new creation. Here we have humanity restored to the true image of God. Then, through his words and deeds, Christ inaugurated the Kingdom in the world. Through his Church he continues this work. Christians must not sit around waiting for these promises to fall from the sky. They are a blueprint of what humankind could achieve by the grace of God, given so lavishly in Christ.

New Sunday & Holiday Liturgies

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Andres Pacanot / Alijah

Thanksgiving : Lina De Santis

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



* 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
* Andrea Tuazon
* Nelia Ambat
* Romulo Cabrera
* Arman Diola
* Antoinette Lie Njoek Djin
* Mary Hargreaves
* Francoise Catherine
* David Dempsey
* Roberto Torres
* Joseph Choi
* Lydia, Jocelyn & Janice de Jesus
* Emelito Garcia Sr.
* Elizabeth Aclan
* Danielle Halliwell
* Jacobino Java
* Joseph Sequeira
* Rachel Noronha
* Logan Wall

* Carole Dimayuga
* Selda Dimayuga
* Nancie
* Mason Dulalia
* Charo Doctor
* Elizabeth Messain
* Danica Kutle
* Jake Valte
* Monique Yongching
* John Unzillo
* Edward Webster
* Allan & Irma Torres
* Norm Cook
* Florentino San Miguel
* Lisapeta Kalasito
* Mike Enriquez
* Nestor Henriques
* Mary Bittar
* John Vukovic
* Fila Vukojevic
* Jacqueline Mcveay
* Gerard Sullivan
* Iya Gozum
* Jovencio Gregorio
* Judi Gray
* Milena Sesar
* Anka Zuzul
* Danico Torres



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



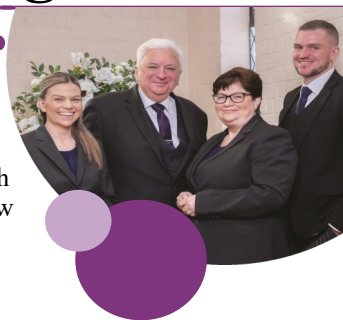
✠ Joachim Menezes
✠ Francesco Millazzo
✠ Herbert Kreltszheim Sr.
✠ Angelito Santos
✠ Emmanuel Bantug
✠ Suzaane Yeung
✠ Emelito Garcia Sr
✠ Melody D'Souza
✠ Felizardo & Felicidad Berioso
✠ Benjamin V Gutierrez
✠ Mr & Mrs Pellisery
✠ Mr & Mrs P. A George
✠ All Souls in Purgatory

✠ Walter Noronha
✠ Daisy Noronha
✠ Clara Sequeira
✠ Saviour Bonello
✠ Eva Silang
✠ Peter Son



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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 - 13th & 14th December 2025

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

13/12 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

(1) Terry Beattie (2) Alisha Joseph
(3) Andres C / Irma G / Noel Santos / Teresa Beattie
(4) Neejay / Nerayo Santos

14/12- 8:00 am

(1) Corrine Patterson (2) Jim Fogarty
(3) Emelia B / Mimi C / Alla B / Steve N
(4) Jessica & Jayden Rego

14/12- 10.00 am

(1) Jackie Heeraman (2) Herbert Kreltszheim
(3) Bennette S / John T / Tina P / Carmen A / Threlly C / Nancy K
(4) Jayson Huynh / Tomjo Rinson

Church Cleaners (13/02)

Ruth

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