



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

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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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

31st Jan & 1st Feb 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING

Reading from the prophet Zephaniah

(2:3; 3:12-13)

(In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people).

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 145)

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

Reader: It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are

oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

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

Reader: It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

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

Reader: It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1:26-31)

(God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning).

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has

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chosen - those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (5:1-12)
(Happy are the poor in spirit).

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Readings for 5th Sunday Ordinary Time 7th & 8th Feb 2026

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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 pm Rosary followed by Novena Prayers

Bible Study : Resume after Easter

Sunday School : Resume on 15th February 2026 during 10am mass.

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

Ash Wednesday, 18th February 2026 Masses at 9:00am and 7:00pm

Parishioners are requested to bring your old palms to be burnt for ashes. Please leave them in the Box kept in the Church Foyer. Thank you.

Lenten Reflection :

Starting Sunday 22nd February at 3:00pm in the Logos Centre. All are welcome. Please contact Tina Pineda 0408 785 626 for more information.

2026 SACRAMENTS

Our Parish 2026 Sacramental dates are now available on the Parish Website. Those families wishing to enrol their children in 2026 for 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation are asked to visit the website and note the dates and when the enrolments will be available.

Emergency Food Hampers

Macquarie Fields **St Vincent de Paul group** are requesting parishioners ongoing help in donating food items throughout the year that can be put into emergency food hampers. A plastic tub has been placed in the church entrance for donations. A list of suggested items can be found there. These items include: cereal, longlife milk, tinned vegetables, tinned meat and tuna, soup, biscuits, soap, toothpaste and toilet rolls. Thank you for your generosity in helping this way ! Please ensure all donated items are not due to expire within the next three months. Thank you for your support.

Parish Notice :

We wish to inform the parish community that **Fr. Bosco** has been appointed to a new parish and will be moving to **St Mark's Parish, Inala (Brisbane) after Easter.** We thank him sincerely for his devoted service and keep him in our prayers as he begins this new chapter of ministry. We are also pleased to announce that **a new Parish Priest - Fr. Asaeli Raas & Assistant Priest - Fr. Peter Wang will be joining our parish after Easter.** Fr. Bosco's farewell details will be shared in due course.

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Compassio - Lenten Program 2026

Copies of the 2026 Diocesan Lenten Book, "Compassio" are available for purchase from the table in the Church foyer for **\$6.00**.

Please see Lina for your copy.

2026 Rite of Election :

The Rite of Election will occur on Sunday 22 February 2026. For Catechumens, this Rite "marks the beginning of the period of final, more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation, during which the elect will be encouraged to follow Christ with greater generosity".

Date: Sunday 22 February 2026 **Time:** 2:00pm

Location: St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong

Parishioners, guests, family, and sponsors are invited to attend this significant event in the life of the Diocese.

Catechist Ministry - Share the Good News

As the new school year begins soon, we are reminded that at the end of every Mass, we are sent out to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. One meaningful way to do this is by joining our **Parish Catechist Ministry**. This ministry gives you the opportunity to share God's love and the teachings of Jesus with Catholic children in our local State Schools.

If you can offer **30-45 minutes on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons during the school term**, we would love your help. Full training, resources, ongoing support are provided.

Our Catechists will be available **after all weekend Masses this week (31 January & 1 Feb 2026)** to answer questions and share more information. If you are interested, please contact our **Catechist Coordinator, Maria Nash**, at maria.p.nash@gmail.com, or contact the parish office. Thank you!

Catechist Level 1 Course

The Level 1 course is essential for all new volunteers to the catechist ministry and is also helpful as a refresher for experienced SRE Catechists. The course will run from 9.30am till 1:30pm in Rosemeadow Rosemeadow: Fridays 6, 13, 20, 27 February and 6 March
To register for the 5-week Level 1 course: dow.sh/ccd_one

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is a great way for your child to actively participate in the liturgy. Choir is open to children from 4 to 12 years (but we have younger members in family groups, all are welcome). Parents please encourage your children to share their talents.

The Children's Choir will sing at the **8:00 am Mass on the 1st Sunday of each month. Practice will take place last Saturday of every month at 2pm - 3.30pm in the church.**

If your child/children are interested in joining, please contact Star via SMS only **0417 697 979**.

Acolytes – Expression of Interest

Any parishioners who are interested in becoming an **Acolyte** are invited to let us know.

Once we know how many are interested, we will organise the **formation and training**. Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. Bosco if you are willing to serve.

Reflection :

We seek God through seeking justice and peace with integrity and humility. It doesn't matter if we seem foolish and weak by human standards - God gives us the wisdom, virtue, holiness and freedom necessary for the task. Jesus sees the crowd and goes up a hill where he is joined by his disciples, the ones he has deliberately chosen for God's work. I imagine he speaks to them first, telling them that it will only be through a personal relationship with God that they will come to understand his words. Then he gives them nine rather surprising invitations to bring about change in the lives of people they encounter. The consequences may lead to strong opposition and persecution but those called to be disciples of Jesus are promised joy and gladness and an eternal reward for their efforts. Today I reflect on how I seek in my everyday life. I ask myself if I truly believe that I have been chosen by God to make a difference in the life of another.

'How happy are the poor in Spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Mathew 5:3)

God's Word : 2026

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Funeral Notice : We regret to inform you of the passing of Noeline Bartlet, one of our parishioners, who died peacefully on Tuesday, 27 January 2026. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated at our parish on **Friday 6th February at 1:00 pm**, and graveside service at 3:00 pm at Forest Lawn. We extend our sincere condolences to the Bartlet family. *May she rest in peace.*

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Tayla Albert / Maureen /

Thanksgiving : Francis Tenny / Eddie & Loren De Leon / Virgilio & Julita

Special Intentions : The Vu Family

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



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| * Jaypee Masangkay | * Carole Dimayuga |
| * Aida Dayao | * Selda Dimayuga |
| * Maria & Mr. Vu | * Nancie |
| * Alan & Margaret Raisbeck | * Charo Doctor |
| * Mick Jones | * Lisapeta Kalasito |
| * Monique Yongching | * Nestor Henriques |
| * Wally Skoczylas | * Iya Gozum |
| * Resty Perez | * Olga Peric |
| * Andrea Tuazon | * John Vukovic |
| * Nelia Ambat | * Jovencio Gregori |
| * Romulo Cabrera | * Monica Djoneski |
| * Lydia, Jocelyn & Janice de Jesus | * Mercy Espiritu |
| * Logan Wall | * Czeslawa Piela |
| * Jean Yongching | * Donald, Xi, Susie, Vladimir & Charles |



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



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| ✠ Noeline Bartlet | ✠ Mary Rey |
| ✠ Mervyn Robinson | ✠ Genewefa Smolic |
| ✠ Jennifer Nagarajan | ✠ Margaret Mc Fadyen |
| ✠ Felix De Leon | ✠ Anthony Wah |
| ✠ Clara De Leon | ✠ Harry Franez |
| ✠ Frank McKay | ✠ Roman Kraljevic |
| ✠ Genie Lynch | ✠ Erlind Anog |
| ✠ Mildreen Asuit | ✠ Mercedes Gonzales |
| ✠ Dominader Solano Sr. | ✠ Rasheem Saini |
| ✠ Sebrina Garcia | |
| ✠ Jaime Catalini | |
| ✠ Lisa Porta | |
| ✠ Leslie Fanning | |
| ✠ Belan Bandula | |
| ✠ All souls in Purgatory | |



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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 wondrous 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 - 7th & 8th Feb 2026

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

07/02 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

- (1) Alisha Joseph (2) Maria D'Souza
(3) Andres C / Irma G / Terry B / Teresa B
(4) Neejay S / Nerayo S

08/02- 8.00 am Mass

- (1) Petasi Sua (2) Louise Phillips
(3) Lucy N / Emelia B / Mimi C / Robyn A
(4) Emmanuel S

08/02- 10.00 am Mass

- (1) Herbert Kreltszheim (2) Lucy Maher
(3) Bennette / Elisha S / John T / Peter T / Carmen A / Threlly C
(4) Tomjo Rinson

Church Cleaners (07/02)

Corrine & Michael Patterson / Sharon & Calvin Ambrose

Proverbs