



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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

3rd & 4th January 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon (Vigil Mass)

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Entrance Antiphon (Day Mass)

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (60:1-6)

(The glory of the Lord shines upon you).

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 71)

All: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reader: The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

All: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (3:2-3, 5-6)

(The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body).

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the Gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

(We have come from the East to worship the King.)

Communion Antiphon (Vigil Mass)

The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

Communion Antiphon (Day Mass)

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

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 in February 2026

Sunday School : Resume in February 2026

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

READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Year A : 10th & 11th January 2026

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38;

Mt 3:13-17

Thank you Note:

As we celebrate the joyous season of Christmas and welcome the New Year, I am filled with immense gratitude for the vibrant and faith-filled community that our parish has become, thanks to the dedicated efforts of so many individuals.

To our Parish Ministry volunteers, I offer my heartfelt thanks. Your time, talents, and commitment have been instrumental in shaping our parish into the spirited and caring community we cherish today.

I am also deeply grateful to all who have generously contributed throughout the year - whether financially or through your voluntary work. Your kindness and generosity have truly made a difference.

Thank you for being an integral part of our parish family. May the coming year bring you joy, fulfillment, and abundant blessings.

Fr. Bosco

Christmas Donations

Thank you for your wonderful support for our Parish:
Dawn Masses Donation : **\$9,619.00**
My Gift to Baby Jesus Donation : **\$1,870.00**
Christmas Offering: **\$695.70**

Thank you all for your generosity. God Bless!

Parish News and Happenings

Learn from the Magi

(Epiphany reflection by the late Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Letter **Admirabile Signum**, on the meaning and importance of the nativity scene)

At the feast of Epiphany we place the statues of the Three Kings in the Christmas crèche. Observing the star, those wise men from the East set out for Bethlehem, in order to find Jesus and to offer him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These costly gifts have an allegorical meaning: gold honours Jesus' kingship, incense his divinity, myrrh his sacred humanity that was to experience death and burial.

As we contemplate this aspect of the nativity scene, we are called to reflect on the responsibility of every Christian to spread the Gospel. Each of us is called to bear glad tidings to all, testifying by our practical works of mercy to the joy of knowing Jesus and his love.

The Magi teach us that people can come to Christ by a very long route. Men of wealth, sages from afar, thirsting for the infinite, they set out on the long and perilous journey that would lead them to Bethlehem (cf. *Mt 2:1-12*). Great joy comes over them in the presence of the Infant King. They are not scandalised by the poor surroundings, but immediately fall to their knees to worship him. Kneeling before him, they understand that the God who with sovereign wisdom guides the course of the stars also guides the course of history, casting down the mighty and raising up the lowly. Upon their return home, they would certainly have told others of this amazing encounter with the Messiah, thus initiating the spread of the Gospel among the nations.

REFLECTION : *They Opened Their Treasures*

Once the people of a very poor parish set their hearts on acquiring an expensive set of figures for their Christmas crib. They worked hard to scrape together the money to buy the figures which were made of rare porcelain.

Eventually they had their crib. And they were proud of it.

The church was left open all Christmas Day so that people could visit the crib. In the evening the parish priest went out to lock up. Before doing so he looked in at the crib. To his consternation he discovered that the baby Jesus was missing. He wondered how anyone could stoop so low as to steal baby Jesus.

As he stood there he spotted a little girl with a small pram entering the church. She made straight for the crib. Then she took the baby Jesus out of the pram and lovingly put him back where he belonged - right in front of Mary and Joseph and the adoring donkey and oxen. Before leaving she knelt and said a prayer in front of the crib.

As she was on her way out, the parish priest stopped her and asked her what she was doing with the baby Jesus. She told him that before Christmas, she had prayed to baby Jesus for a pram. She promised him that if she got the pram, he would have the first ride in it. As she had got her pram, she was keeping her side of the bargain.

This little story shows the power of Christmas. Christmas evokes generosity in people, especially children. To look at the poverty of the infant King of the Universe causes us to open our hearts. By coming in weakness, God's Son evokes in us a feeling of compassion, thereby bringing our hearts to life.

It was the poverty of the child Jesus that evoked that lovely act of generosity in the little girl. It was the poverty of Jesus that caused the Magi to open our treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and lay then before him.

It has always been the poor who have had to pay homage to the rich - through labour, payment of taxes, and so on. But in the visit of the Magi to the Christ-child, we see a reversal of the established order of things. It was only the first of many radical changes Christ would bring about.

Instead of being impoverished, the Magi were enriched. It is through giving that we are enriched, because, through giving, we discover our own riches.

The poverty of Jesus is a challenge to us too. It gives us an opportunity to open our hearts. To open one's heart is to begin to live. Jesus no longer needs our gifts. But other people may. He wants us to share ourselves with one another. And we too will find ourselves enriched if, as a result of knowing Jesus, we are able to open the treasures of our hearts and share with others.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies
Flor McCarthy SDB

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Jaiden Valencia / Urima F A/ Adeline Johanna

Thanksgiving: Rochecouste' family /Sheeba & Family / Tina Pineda, Danica & Lacin Family / Joseph Q/ Noronha' s family

Special Intentions : Alan & Ron's family

Wedding Anniversary : Bert & Leni Valencia / Dominic & Maria Dinh/ Edwin & Jayne Pellissery

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 |
| * Noelene Bartlet | * Nestor Henriques |
| * Monique Yongching | * Mary Bittar |
| * Monika Djoneski | * Olga Peric |
| * Resty Perez | * John Vukovic |
| * Andrea Tuazon | * Gerard Sullivan |
| * Nelia Ambat | * Jovencio Gregori |
| * Romulo Cabrera | |
| * Arman Diola | |
| * Lydia, Jocelyn & Janice de Jesus | |
| * Logan Wall | |

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

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| ✠ Liljana, Ed, Patricio, Paulino, Laura | ✠ Lizzy Fernando |
| ✠ Wal Glynn | ✠ William Robert |
| ✠ Mercedes Carlos | ✠ Danica Vukovic |
| ✠ Vincent Stenson | ✠ Marie Rafaud |
| ✠ Basilia Gutierrez | ✠ Charles Rivera |
| ✠ Mary & Anthony Fowler | ✠ Amy Francis |
| ✠ Pierre St. Guillaume | ✠ Mary Alphonso |
| ✠ Grace Brito | ✠ Rufus Scheffer |
| ✠ Desamparados dela Paz | ✠ Colin Burns |
| ✠ Catherine Thi Bong Ngu-yen | ✠ Wisan Kado |
| ✠ Maria Thi Ho Nguyen | ✠ Mabel Artuz |
| ✠ Mary Alphonso | ✠ Jesus de Rosario Sr, |
| ✠ Olga Senat | ✠ Rufino Artuz Jr |
| ✠ Christopher Harrison | ✠ Soledad del Rosario |
| ✠ Vincent Silvestre Jr | ✠ Delia Arellano |
| ✠ Charles Rivera | ✠ Ghislain Pierre |
| ✠ Dragica Lovic | ✠ Terry Touzell |
| ✠ Marino Dumas | |
| ✠ 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 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 - 10th & 11th January 2026

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

10/01 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Herbert K | (2) Davitah S |
| (3) Andres C / Noel S / Terry B / Teresa B | |
| (4) Rosy D | |

11/01- 8.00 am Mass

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| (1) Louise Phillips | (2) Petasi Sua |
| (3) Robyn A / Mimi C / Alla B / Steve N | |
| (4) Emmanuel S | |

11/01- 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Tess Valesini | (2) Ashley V |
| (3) Carmen A / Marc G / Nancy K / Eileen P | |
| (4) Neejay & Nerayo Santos | |

Church Cleaners (10/01)

Exodus

Sue Titmarsh/ Marieta Collins
George Hogan/ Niko Wijaya