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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.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

14th & 15th Feb 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Sirach (15:15-20)

(He never commanded anyone to be godless).

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; He is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 118)

All: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Reader: They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do His will, seeking him with all their hearts.

All: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Reader: You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.

All: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Reader: Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.

All: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Reader: Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

All: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (2:6-10)

(God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began).

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye

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has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (5:17-37)

(Such was said to your ancestors; but I say to you).

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Readings for 1st Sunday of Lent 21st & 22nd Feb 2026

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

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

Lenten Reflection : Starting Sunday 22nd February at 3:00pm in the Logos Centre

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

Upcoming Meeting:

- Liturgy & Events committee Meeting on Tuesday 17th February at 7pm
- Meeting with Choir Leaders on Tuesday 24th February at 7pm

All members are requested to attend.

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

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Church

Paschal Precept

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (18 Feb) and Trinity Sunday (31 May) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

Lenten Penance & Obligations

Under 14 : No abstaining or fasting obliged.

14 - 17 : Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No fasting obliged.

18 - 59 : Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting obliged.

Fr. Bosco's Birthday Celebrations:

Please join us one last time before Fr. Bosco moves to his new parish. We will celebrate his birthday on **Sunday, 1 March 2026**, after the **10:00 AM Mass** in the parish hall. A birthday card is available in the church foyer for you to share your best wishes. Kindly bring a plate to share.

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. Thank you for your support.

Save the date:

Farewell for Fr. Bosco — Sunday, 19 April 2026

Mass: 9:00 AM (only one Mass)

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian with Fr. Boni - SVD provincial. More details to follow.

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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.

Sunday School : Starting this Sunday February 15, 2026

Sunday School will be held every Sunday during the 10 am Mass. We look forward to welcoming all children back for another year of faith formation. We sincerely thank our dedicated Sunday School teachers for their generosity in sharing their time and talents in this important ministry.

Catechist Commissioning Sunday

Next Sunday, 21st February 2026, during the 8:00 am mass we will commission our SRE Catechist teachers, helpers, and Sunday School teachers. These dedicated volunteers come from all walks of life, sharing God's love and teachings with the children of our parish.

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin another year of guiding young hearts and minds in faith. There are still more children that we could be reaching! Can you give around an hour of your time a week to teach or help out in a class room? please speak to our Parish priest / Catechist coordinator if you would like to get involved.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion Sunday 14-15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes (available in the Church Foyer) or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/

Reflection :

Handling anger

Today's Gospel talks about anger. All of us have anger in us. Many of us were taught from our earliest years that anger was a sin - in fact, one of the seven deadly sins. Hence, we feel guilty about getting angry. So what do we do? We probably either deny it or repress it.

The first thing that needs to be said is that anger is normal and even healthy. If we love and value ourselves, we will naturally get angry if we are treated badly. We shouldn't deny our anger. Nor should we be afraid to allow ourselves to feel angry. Anger is just a feeling. In itself it is neither good nor bad morally. We may have been told that anger is a bad emotion. It is a dangerous emotion, but that doesn't make it a bad one.

Neither should we repress our anger. Psychologists tell us that repressed anger is very dangerous, and can result in self-hatred, depression, and even bodily ills such as asthma and ulcers. Anger needs to be released, but this must be done in a wholesome way. When given a means of expression, relief follows.

When Jesus says to us, 'Do not get angry with your brother,' he is not condemning anger in itself. After all, he himself got angry when he drove the traders out of the temple. There are times when we ought to be angry. An unjust situation should make us angry. Anger need not give rise to a lessening of love, much less to hate.

If we find ourselves getting angry often, we should look at the cause of our anger. The cause may lie within ourselves. We may be hypersensitive, or over-impatient, or full of hurt that we haven't dealt with. In which case we have to look at ourselves.

But the cause may lie with others. Some people are full of anger, which makes them very difficult to live with. Instead of owning their anger, they direct it on to others. If the cause of our anger lies with another person, we have to look at our relationship with that person.

Finally the cause may lie in some unjust situation. If so, then we should try to put that situation right. Anger can be a good thing - it can spur us to put right something that is wrong. There is an old saying: 'You measure the size of a person's soul by the size of the things that make him angry.'

We can't avoid getting angry, but we can avoid acting out our anger. Jesus tells us that we have to seek to be reconciled.

A small example. A man had a row with his wife before going to work in the morning. Halfway through the morning it was still bothering him, so he rang his wife and apologised for his part in it. Later he said to a friend, 'I didn't want her to carry that all day.' He didn't do himself any harm, either.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Ezekiel Wijaya / Ashley Duggan / Rick Dobbi / Jordan Joval

Thanksgiving : Zielinski 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 |
| * Bernard Scott | * Allan Titmarsh |
| * Elizabeth Gutierrez | * Drago Kukavica |
| * Mason Dulalia | |
| * Mycka Dimasangal | |



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



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| ✠ Peter Bateman | ✠ Rosario Fernandez |
| ✠ Shirley Grace Myers | ✠ Henry Molboy |
| ✠ Bindu Benjamin | ✠ Amado Pizon |
| ✠ Varghese Paul | ✠ Lydia White |
| ✠ Julius Afeaki | ✠ Phulip Punla |
| ✠ Imelda Vinluan | ✠ Florentina Gnandan |
| ✠ Benita Rivera Cervantes | ✠ Jesus Dolores Sr. |
| ✠ Bernard Scott | ✠ Ana Kos |
| ✠ Allanson Koelmeyer | ✠ Lisa Chandler |
| ✠ Janja Soldo | ✠ Sonia Salazar |
| ✠ Maria Nguyen | ✠ Marilou Cabanilla |
| ✠ Joseph Vu | ✠ Helen S |
| ✠ Augustine Nguyen | ✠ Pelagia Piasecki |
| ✠ Vincent Vu | ✠ Florence D'Cruze |
| ✠ Maria Vu | ✠ Patrick D'Cruze |
| ✠ Robert Madeira | ✠ Ron Ley |
| ✠ Tom Patterson | ✠ Patrick Pinto |
| ✠ Percy Braganza | ✠ John Gregory |
| ✠ Anton Alphonso | ✠ Ron Bundenell |
| ✠ 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 - 21st & 22nd Feb 2026

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

21/02 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Terry Beattie | 2) Herbert Kreltshheim |
| (3) Andres C / Irma G / Terry B / Teresa B | |
| (4) Rosy | |

22/02- 8.00 am Mass

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| (1) Calvin Ambrose | (2) Jim Fogarty |
| (3) Mimi C / Robyn A / Alla B / Steve N | |
| (4) Emmanuel S | |

22/02- 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Tina Pineda | (2) Davitah S |
| (3) Elisha S / John T / Peter T / Carmen A / Threlly C / Laa F | |
| 4) Neejay Santos / Nerayo Santos | |

Church Cleaners (21/02) Exodus

Sue Titmarsh / Marieta Collins / George Hogan / Nico W