



## MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

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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.

### 2nd Sunday of Lent

Year A – 28th Feb & 1st March 2026

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide  
not your face from me.

##### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis (12:1-4)

*(The call of Abraham, the father of God's people).*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord.

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 32)

**All: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**Reader:** The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

**All: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**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: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**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: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

##### SECOND READING

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy (1:8-10)*

*(God has saved us, and called us to be holy).*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord.

# Parish News and Happenings

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**GOSPEL:** **Matthew** (17:1-9)

*(His face shone like the Sun).*

## Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

## **Readings for 2nd Sunday of Lent 7th & 8th March 2026**

**Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42**

## **Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Church

**Notice: : Fr. Bosco will be away from 2nd - 10th March. Fr. Joseph Reddy will be in the parish during this time.**

## **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)

## **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**

## **DOW - Formation Pathway | Hospitality**

No one ever left a parish because it was too welcoming.

Ever wondered why some people walk into a parish and never come back — while others feel at home almost immediately?

It's rarely about the music or the homily. More often, it comes down to welcome. As part of the Formation Pathway, this formation explores hospitality as more than being friendly or polite. We'll look at how the experience people have when they arrive shapes parish culture, lowers barriers to encounter, and influences whether someone feels safe enough to stay, return, and take a next step. After all, if people don't feel welcome, they'll never stay long enough to hear the Gospel.

This session is for anyone who cares about parish life and wants to help create a parish where people truly belong.

CAMPBELLTOWN Tuesday 3 March 7-9pm

**To register: [dow.sh/fpmar2026](https://dow.sh/fpmar2026)**

## **Holy week Roster :**

The roster for readers and the choir for Holy Week is on the notice board. If you are a reader, please check it to see if you are scheduled to read.

## **Fr. Bosco's Birthday Celebrations:**

Please join us this weekend after 10am mass to celebrate Fr. Bosco's Birthday in the hall. A birthday card is available in the church foyer for you to share your best wishes.

## **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.

### Lenten Reflection

You're warmly invited to our Lenten Program Reflections every Sunday at 3:00 PM in the Logos Centre. Come and deepen your faith with us this Lenten season. Everyone is welcome.

### Holy Week Schedule

#### Reconciliation (1st Rite) :

**Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 6pm**

#### Palm Sunday : 29th March 2026 - Usual Sunday Masses

#### Holy Thursday, 02nd April 2026

Mass at 7pm

#### Good Friday, 03rd April 2026:

Stations of the Cross at 9am

First Rite of Reconciliation at 10am

**Celebration of the passion of the Lord at 3pm**

#### Holy Saturday, 04th April 2026:

**Easter Vigil Mass** at 7pm

#### Easter Sunday, 5th April 2026:

Mass at 8am & 10am



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**Sisilia** is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.

#### **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.

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



## Reflection : Find Vision

We all need a vision. Long ago, the Book of Proverbs told us that 'where there is no vision, the people perish.' When we look at the world around us, with so many wars, so much violence, such widespread hardship and numerous groups of people putting up walls against each other, we might wonder where the real leaders are to be found. On the world stage, Pope Leo XIV often seems like a lone voice for peace, justice and sanity. He points a direction based on his deep encounter with God.

Perhaps we find vision in the less well-known stories of ordinary people, some of whom we may know. This week, Project Compassion shares with us the story of young Sisilia who lives in a remote part of northern Tanzania. Her father died when she was young, and her family has faced enormous difficulty. 'Life is hard,' she says as an understatement. Your help has enabled her village to gain access to a reliable supply of safe water. What has this got to do with education? The time that Sisilia spent walking three times a day for water was having a major impact on her schooling. She now has a vision for life, one she shares with her community.

In today's readings, we hear about vision. In the book of Genesis, Abram leaves his country, his family and his father's house. He may not know quite what will happen, but he puts his faith in a call that will lead to life and abundance. He does not have a map, but he does have a vision.

We hear in the Gospel that Jesus took his closest friends to the top of a high mountain. His face shone like the sun and became 'as white as the light.' A voice from heaven said, 'this is my beloved son; listen to him.' Peter said how wonderful it was to be there, and he wanted to build a tent so they could stay. But vision is always on the move and Jesus knew that he and his friends had a hard road ahead. The transfiguration may have only lasted a few minutes, but it was clear that Jesus' friends never forgot it. Every year, we hear this story near the start of Lent because we, too, need to be inspired.

During Lent, we are also called to transfigure the world, to make a difference by uniting against poverty.

**Caritas Australia**  
**Project compassion reflections**

# Parish News and Happenings

## Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

**Birthday :** Albert Thomas

## 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                   | * Allan Titmarsh      |
| * Bernard Scott                    | * Drago Kukavica      |
| * Elizabeth Gutierrez              | * Leslie Miller       |
| * Mason Dulalia                    | * Kylie & Justin King |
| * Mycka Dimasangal                 | * Shirley Suggun      |
| * Brian Devine                     | * Irma Torres         |
| * Jennifer Cooper                  | * Harold Maurice      |
| * Kathryn Weidenbach               |                       |
| * Mary Clout                       |                       |
| * John & Leila Khoury              |                       |
| * Elie & Linda Khoury              |                       |
| * Tamara & Grant James             |                       |



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



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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| † Chandra                | † Lindsay Leong    |
| † Roberto Orpia          | † Fernande Leong   |
| † Rudolf Ciganek         | † Andre Leong      |
| † Judith Dias            | † Yvon Leong       |
| † Jacqueline Yongching   | † Noeline Bartlet  |
| † Alain Vincent          | † Bernardo Leo     |
| † Rosemay Mariasson      | † Vincent Augusty  |
| † Mabel Artuz            | † Edilberto Perez  |
| † Shirley Grace Myers    | † Ivan Gerek       |
| † Eueng San Miguel       | † Virginia Ramirez |
| † Cach Nguyen            | † William King     |
| † Jacob Cho              | † Doug Lennon      |
| † Urszula Lass           | † Paul Sultana     |
| † 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 - 7th & 8th March 2026

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

### 07/03 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Pierre Rochecouste                    | (2) Jenny Kreltszheim |
| (3) Andres C / Irma G / Noel E / Teresa B |                       |
| (4) Neejay & Nerayo Santos                |                       |

### 08/03- 8.00 am Mass

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| (1) Louise Phillips                      | (2) Petasi Sua |
| (3) Alla B / Steve N / Lucy N / Emelia B |                |
| (4) Emmanuel S                           |                |

### 08/03- 10.00 am Mass

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|---|-----------------|
| (1) Edyleen Santos  | (2) Noel Santos |
| (3) John T / Peter T / Carmen A / Threlly C / Laa F / Nancy K |                 |
| (4) Tomjo Rinson  |                 |

### Church Cleaners (07/03)

**Kings**

Frank D'Souza / Philip Mendonca / Rudy S / Babitha C