



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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

7th & 8th Feb 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (58:7-10)

(Your light will shine like the dawn).

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then your light will shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 111)

All: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Reader: He is a light in the darkness for the

upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour.

All: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Reader: The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

All: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Reader: With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory.

All: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (2:1-5)

(I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified).

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the

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power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (5:13-16)

(You are the light of the world).

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Readings for 6th Sunday Ordinary Time 14th & 15th Feb 2026

Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

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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Notice

Please note: On **Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February**, there will be no Mass. Only Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated as Fr. Bosco will be away.

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.

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 12years (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.

A vocation view:

'I resolved to know nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.' In the Cross is our salvation, proclaim that salvation in all you do! (1 Cor 2:2) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

Reflection : Light of the World

Once upon a time there was a great biblical scholar who was also noted for his great piety. He spent hours every day secluded in his room studying the Scriptures, and praying and meditating. One day a holy man visited the town in which the scholar lived. On hearing about it, the scholar set out to look for him.

He looked first in the church, but did not find him there. Then he looked in a local shrine, but he wasn't there either. He looked in other likely places but failed to find him. Eventually he found him in the market place.

On meeting him he told him who he was, and how he spent hours every day in the study of the Scriptures and in prayer and meditation. Then he said, 'I have come to seek your advice on how I might grow in the service of God.'

The advice he got was simple and direct. Looking at him intently, the holy man said, 'It's easy to be a sage and a saint in your room. You should go out into the marketplace and try to be a saint there.'

We are not told whether or not the scholar had the courage to act on that advice. It is the kind of advice Christ himself would have given. In fact, this is exactly the advice he is giving us in today's Gospel when he says, "You are the light of the world. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of people, so that seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.'

It is easy to let the light shine in the comfort and safety of one's room. But that can be a selfish thing, because it means we are keeping the light to ourselves. It is not so easy to let the light shine in the rough and tumble of the market place. But that is where it is most needed.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies
Flor McCarthy, SDB

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Yasmina Mclean / Daniel Wijaya / Fr. Gerard Sullivan / Maria D'Souza /

Thanksgiving : Jacob & Rosey / Artuz 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 | |
| * Elizabeth Gutierrez | |
| * Mason Dulalia | |
| * Mycka Dimasangal | |



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



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| † Noeline Bartlet | † George Helene |
| † Lolita De Guzman | † Amparo Tampol |
| † Michael Nobbs | † T A Francis |
| † Fr. Andre Aurillon | † Maria Nguyen, |
| † Clifford Quinh | † Joseph Vu |
| † Margaret Quinh | † Agustine Nguyen |
| † Cecilia Quinh | † Vincent Vu |
| † Thomas Chanh Doan | † Maria Vu |
| † Thomas Minh Le Quang | † Judith Dias |
| † Nateliano, Padayon, Lorenza, Isabella, Alfred & Rustico | † Mabel Artuz |
| † Artemio Sr & Carolina Sabado | † Saviour Bonello |
| † Genaro Mabilangan | † Ana Dobbie |
| † Jesus del Rosario Sr. | † Anita Cobby |
| † Rufino Artuz Jr. | † Violet Amelia Cook |
| † Feliciana Matildo | † Aproniano Alcordo |
| † Sonia O'Connor | † Amparo Salazar |
| † Rupert Toohey | † Sam Morell |
| † All souls in Purgatory | † Nida Galamiton |
| | † Cecila Abrahams |
| | † Frances Rowan |



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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 - 14th & 15th Feb 2026

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

14/02 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Edyleen Santos | 2) Noel Santos |
| (3) Noel E / Jisha J / Noel S / Irma B | |
| (4) Rosy / Jayson | |

15/02- 8.00 am Mass

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| (1) Robyn Ashley | (2) Lucy Niumata |
| (3) Alla B / Steve N / Lucy N / Emelia B | |
| (4) Emmanuel S | |

15/02- 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Alvin Morales | (2) Harry Morell |
| (3) Laa F / Nancy K / Alvin M / Tina P / Noel S / Bennette | |
| 4) Neejay Santos / Gabriel Wijaya | |

Church Cleaners (14/02) Deuteronomy

Catherine & Pierre Rochecouste / Jenny & Mario K