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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.

### *Palm Sunday*

*Year A – 28th & 29th March 2026*

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

"Please pick a Palm Sunday Booklet & return it after the Mass"

#### Entrance Antiphon

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel Hosanna in the highest

#### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (50:4-7)

*(I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed).*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 21)

**All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**Reader:** All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

**All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**Reader:** Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

**All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**Reader:** They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

**All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**Reader:** I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

**All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

#### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11)

*(He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high).*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself

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to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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## GOSPEL

**Mt 26:14-27:66**

*(Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord).*

## Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

## **Readings for Easter Sunday 5th April 2026**

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9

## 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

**Sunday School :** Every Sundays during 10am Mass in the parish hall. (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**

## Sacrament of Confirmation :2026

Enrolments are open now.

## **Requirements for the Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation :**

- Baptized in the Catholic Church
- Received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion
- In year 6 or above
- Attend all preparatory classes

Parents Meeting : **Tuesday 28th April at 7pm**  
(Meeting with parent/guardian and candidate)

Application Forms and Information sheets are available in the Church Foyer

Any queries, please contact the parish office.

## Divine Mercy Sunday : 12th April 2026

2pm - exposition of Blessed Sacrament, silent adoration, divine mercy chaplet and prayers, 3pm benediction followed by Holy Mass.  
**All Welcome!**

## Notice :

**Holy Thursday (02/04/2026)**

- There will be **No Morning Mass at 9am**

**Holy Saturday (04/04/2026)**

- There will be **No morning mass at 8:30am**

## *Save the Date – Farewell for Fr. Bosco*

*All parishioners are warmly invited to a Farewell Mass for Fr. Bosco on Sunday, 19 April 2026.*

♦ *Mass: 9:00 AM (only one Mass that day)*

♦ *The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian, together with Fr. Boni (SVD Provincial).*

*Following the Mass, lunch will be provided by the parish communities. If you would like to assist or contribute towards Fr. Bosco's farewell, please kindly contact the parish office. We need volunteers to help.*

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**Parish Cuppa : No parish cuppa next weekend due to Easter weekend.**

**Sunday School :** This Sunday will be the final Sunday School session for the term. We will resume on **27th April 2026**. Have a wonderful Easter break. We are currently seeking more volunteers to assist with Sunday School. If you are available to help, please contact the parish office.

## **Good Friday - Holy Land Collection**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 3rd. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes and orphanages. The Holy Land Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday.

## **Holy Week Schedule**

### **Holy Thursday, 02nd April 2026**

Mass at 7pm

**Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament till 10pm. The faithful are encouraged to spend a suitable period of time during the night in the hall in adoration.**

### **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**

### **The Veneration of the Cross :**

You are welcome to bring your own cross for the veneration on Good Friday. You are welcome to touch the cross but no kissing of the cross.

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

**Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm**

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

Mass at 8am & 10am



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.

Please return our Project Compassion boxes and envelopes this week onwards. Thank you.

**Palm Sunday — Year A**

## **Reflection : The tracks we leave behind**

It's a Winter's afternoon and the fields are covered with soft, clean snow. The snow is full of tracks made by birds and animals. On looking closely at those tracks it is possible to identify some of these birds and animals, and even to tell what they are up to.

Most of what you see there is harmless - the tracks of little creatures trying to stay alive in a hostile climate. For instance, you see the scratchings of sparrows in their quest for a worm, and the rootings of rabbits looking for a blade of grass. But then you see a spatter of blood on the snow where a fox or a bird of prey has made a kill.

On a normal day you could cross and re-cross these fields, and you would see nothing of the doings of the birds and animals. Everything would be covered up. But on this day their cover is blown and all is revealed. Everything is written there in the snow — innocence, fun, resourcefulness, pain, cunning, and red murder.

Something like this can happen in the world of humans. Something happens in the community or in the work-place, and people are forced to take a stand. Suddenly their cover is blown and they appear in their true colors. Some come out well, but others are shown in a very poor light.

The trial and execution of Christ was on of those events which revealed the minds and the hearts of people. Christ was such a transparently innocent person that when he was put on trial, the snow of his innocence fell from heaven and covered the earth. All those who were abroad on that day left clear tracks behind them. All had their cover blown.

It wasn't Christ who was judged on that day. It was his disciples, and especially his accusers and executioners. But it wasn't he who judged them. They judged themselves — by the tracks they left behind. Looking at those tracks even a child could tell who was for Christ and who was against him on that day.

When we look at those tracks what do we see? We see some ugly things. We see the hatred and fanaticism of Caiphas and the religious leaders who plotted his death. We see the cold, calculating evil of Judas who betrayed him. We see the weakness of Peter who disowned him. We see the cruelty of Herod who mocked him. We see the cowardice of Pilate who, though he knew he was innocent, signed his death warrant. We see the unthinking hostility of the mob who shouted: 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' We see the dutiful obedience of the soldiers who carried out the execution.

All of us leave tracks behind us. This week gives us an opportunity to put down our bags and look back at the tracks we are leaving behind us. Are they the tracks of a coward, or hypocrite, or someone who lives only for himself/herself? Or are they the tracks of a courageous, generous person, who is not ashamed to call himself/herself a disciple of Jesus.

**28th & 29th March 2026**

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## Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

**Thanksgiving** : Maria & Peter D'Souza  
Rachel & Trevor Noronha /

**Birthday** : Dhanya Paul

**Special Intentions** : Fellie Duggan

## 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 &<br>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                        | * Harold Maurice      |
| * Jennifer Cooper                     | * Jovencio Gregorio   |
| * Kathryn Weidenbach                  |                       |
| * Mary Clout                          |                       |
| * Kylie                               |                       |



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



- ✠ Kurian
- ✠ Benita San Miguel
- ✠ Florise Fabien
- ✠ Gunn Park
- ✠ Marija Soldo
- ✠ Gaudencia Mendoza
- ✠ Shirley Grace Myers
- ✠ Anjela Milazzo
- ✠ Elizabeth Chandradjaya
- ✠ Genaro Mabilangan
- ✠ Josephine Mabilangan
- ✠ Benjamin Umbal Jimenez
- ✠ Andres Pacanot
- ✠ Chandra Fernando
- ✠ 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 - Easter Vigil & Sunday

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

### 04/04 - 7:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

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| (1) Peter Thankachan                       | (2) Rachelle Fogarty             |
| (3) Corrine Patterson (3rd)                | (4) Elisha Sailago (4th Reading) |
| (3) Andres C / Irma G / Terry B / Teresa B |                                  |
| (4) Rosie / Gabriel / Nerayo               |                                  |

### 05/04- 8.00 am Mass

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

### 05/04- 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Jackie Heeraman  | 2) Marc Ghigonone |
| (3) Carmen A/ Threlly C / Laa F / Nancy K / Alvin M / Tina P |                   |
| (4) Gabriel Wijaya / Tomjo Rinson                            |                   |

### Church Cleaners (04/04)

### Exodus

Sue Titmarsh / Marieta Collins / George Hogan / Niko W