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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.

2nd Sunday of Easter - Year A *Divine Mercy - 11th & 12th April 2026*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:42-47)

(The faithful lived together and owned everything in common).

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 117)

All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Reader: Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end,' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Reader: I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Reader: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Peter (1:3-9)

(He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead).

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This

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is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia !

GOSPEL: John (20:19-31)

(After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them).

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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)

Readings for 3rd Sunday of Easter

18th & 19th April 2026

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Thank You

Heartfelt gratitude is extended to all those who volunteered in helping to prepare our Liturgical celebrations for Easter. A parish of our size requires a team of dedicated volunteers who share their love for Jesus and our parish by giving of their time and talent. we are grateful. Thank you.

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.

Farewell for Fr. Bosco - Next Weekend

All parishioners are warmly invited to a **Farewell Mass for Fr. Bosco next Sunday 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.

At the entrances of the Church there will be a card to write a message which will be presented to him after the **9am Mass on 19th April**. Your online contributions to Fr Bosco's Farwell gift can be forwarded to our Church A/c. Please put reference as "farewell gift"
Account Name : Macquarie Fields Parish

BSB: 066711

Account No: 001737 Thank you!

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Notice : St Patrick's College Open Day Saturday 2 May | 10am - 2pm

Prospective families are invited to attend our College Open Day and experience our welcoming community. Tour the campus, explore our learning spaces and meet our students and staff. Guided tours are available and must be booked in advance, as places are limited. Please visit their website for more details

A Spiritual Retreat for Women with powerful teaching and testimonies followed by a healing service led by Anastasia Rebello and team.

Come and Experience Women Alive

Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord



**Saturday 9th May 2026
(9:30am to 4:00pm)**

Mary Mother of the Church,
Parish Hall

**RSVP: Maria D'Souza on
0447 057 078**

**Moring tea and lunch provided.
Entry & Registration is free.**

Divine Mercy Sunday : 12th April 2026

2:00pm - exposition of Blessed Sacrament, silent adoration, divine mercy chaplet and prayers,
3pm benediction followed by Holy Mass.
All Welcome.

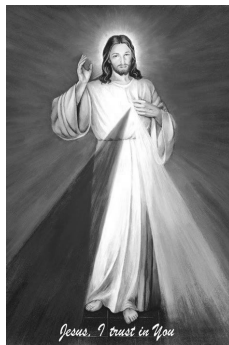
This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. It is an Easter feast to commemorate the "oceans of Mercy" God has to share with us if we are open and willing to receive it.

Take time over these days to pray and reflect on God's abundant mercy. 'Jesus, I trust in You'.

Divine Mercy Prayer:

*Eternal God,
in whom mercy is endless
and the treasury of compassion
- inexhaustible,
look kindly upon us
and increase Your mercy in us,
that in difficult moments
we might not despair
nor become despondent,
but with great confidence
submit ourselves to Your holy will,
which is Love and Mercy itself.*

Amen.



Reflection : The true greatness of Jesus

Christy Brown, the disabled Dublin writer, died in 1981. One day, long before he became famous, he saw a picture of the English novelist, Margaret Foster, on the dust cover of one of her books, and immediately fell in love with her. He wrote her a letter that brimmed with charm and wit. she replied, and thus began a warm friendship.

Christy was very anxious to meet her. However, when she learned that he was severely physically handicapped, she was dead against it. From the kind of letters he wrote, she had formed a beautiful image of him in her mind, and was afraid that if she met him, her fantasy would be destroyed.

However, they did eventually meet. By this time Christy was a well-known writer himself. Sure enough, when she saw Christy's severely crippled body, she couldn't take it. She stopped answering his letters, and their friendship petered out.

Christy could move only the toe of his left foot. With this he somehow learned to type. It was with this toe that he wrote those charming letters and his subsequent books. His greatness lay in the fact that, despite his handicap, he still managed to write those letters. But Margaret was unable to see this. All she could see was a twisted body. Unable to take this, she eased him out of her life.

The death of Jesus had a similar effect on the apostles. They had come to believe, or at least to hope, that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah. But they had an idealized picture of the Messiah. They pictured him as a great leader and a triumphant conqueror. The idea of a suffering and crucified Messiah was a million miles from their minds. So, when Jesus was killed, all their hopes were shattered. Thomas was the worst affected.

But when Thomas touched the wounds of Jesus, the true greatness of Jesus dawned on him, his doubts vanished, and his faith was re-born. He realized that this was how Jesus had proved his love for them. He didn't just talk about love; he gave an example of it, and had the wounds to prove it.

Many of us probably have an idealized picture of Jesus. If we met the real Jesus, especially the Jesus of the passion, we might not recognize him; we might not even want to know him.

And yet, just as the greatness of Christy Brown lay in the fact that, in spite of his severe handicap, he could write so well, so the greatness of Jesus (speaking in very human terms) lay in the fact that, despite being bruised, beaten, broken in body, he still went on loving. It is here true greatness shines out. It was thus that he proved his love for us.

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Alan White / Josefa Gijanto /
Birthday : Olivia Mariam John /
Special Intentions: Daniel Wijaya
Wedding Anniversary : Noel & Edyleen Santos

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 | * Harold Maurice |
| * Brian Devine | * Jovencio Gregorio |
| * Jennifer Cooper | * Lisapeta Kalasito |
| * Kathryn Weidenbach | |
| * Mary Clout | |
| * Kylie | |
| * Mary Jane Van Miguel | |



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



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| ✠ Maria Vu | ✠ Joseph Milazzo |
| ✠ Rashem | ✠ Terence McNamara |
| ✠ Michael Maher | ✠ Patricia McNamara |
| ✠ Serafin De Leon | ✠ Terry Touzell |
| ✠ Dexter McGavin | ✠ Albert Menezes |
| ✠ Aalap Ghosh | ✠ Serafin De Leon |
| ✠ Mary Allencherry | ✠ Felizardo Berioso |
| ✠ Chandra Fernando | ✠ Felicidad Berioso |
| ✠ Edwige Achille | ✠ Serafin De Leon |
| ✠ Daniel Beens | ✠ Norma Kirk |
| ✠ Margaret Ward | ✠ Pierre Noclam |
| ✠ Deceased Members of : | ✠ Maria Inandan |
| - Milazzo Family | |
| - Joseph Daruk Quiah Family | |
| ✠ 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 - 18th & 19th April

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

18/04 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Jennet Menezes | (2) Pierre Rochecouste |
| (3) Andres C, Irma G, Terry B, Teresa B | |
| (4) Rosie / Jayden | |

19/04 - 9.00 am Mass - Farewell Mass

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| (1) Calvin Ambrose | (2) Lucy Maher |
| (3) TBA | |
| (4) Emmanuel S / Gabriel Wijaya | |

Church Cleaners (18/04)

Kings

Frank D'Souza / Philip Mendonca / Rudy / Babitha Constant