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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.

3rd Sunday of Easter - Year A *18th & 19th April 2026*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
(2:14, 22-33)

(It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.)

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your

presence.'

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 15)

All: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Reader: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.'

All: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Reader: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

All: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Reader: And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in

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safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

All: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Reader: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

All: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Peter (1:17-21)

(The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.)

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us. make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke (24:13-35)

(They recognised him at the breaking of the bread).

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Readings for 5th Sunday of Easter

25th & 26th April 2026

Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

Garden Maintenance : Thank you all who volunteered to be part of the Garden Group. Our first working bee will be held 9 - 11am 16th May 2026; details will be forwarded to you. Not all can attend, based on your responses but other opportunities will arise in the future. Thank you kindly. Alla Bakulic.

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 to Fr. Bosco :

Sunday 19th April - 9am Mass

Today we gather as a parish community to give thanks for Fr. Bosco and his dedicated service to our parish. We are deeply grateful for his spiritual guidance, kindness, care, and presence among us. As he moves on to the next chapter of his ministry, we assure him of our prayers and best wishes.

We sincerely thank our Bishop Brian Mascord, Fr. Boni Buanhendri SVD, and all the priests and delegates who were able to be with us today.

Please stay after Mass to join us in saying farewell and for lunch prepared by our parish community.

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National Mass Attendance Count

In May, all parishes across Australia will take part in the National Count of Mass Attendance, conducted by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The count will occur over the first four weekends of May and includes all who attend Mass (of all ages), This important initiative helps the Church better understand and respond to the pastoral needs of our communities. Please be assured that this exercise does not disrupt Mass.

MULTICULTURAL DAY RAFFLE

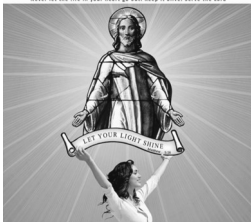
Trying to think of a way to support our parish? Collect a book of raffle tickets to sell to family and friends.

**1st Prize : \$500 ; 2nd Prize : \$300 ;
3rd Prize : \$200
Plus 5 Consolation Prizes
Ticket price : \$5/ticket
Draw : 13th September 2026**

All proceedings will go towards parish projects. Please see Lina for your book.

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
Keep it close to 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.**

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)

Reflection : THE STORYTELLER

There is a painting by the Dutch painter, Rembrandt, of Jesus sitting at the table between thee two disciples. The painting tries to capture the rapturous joy on the faces of the disciples at the moment when they recognized Jesus.

Once a guide was showing the picture to some visitors to the museum where it was on display. He began by telling them the story behind the picture, the story we just read in the Gospel.

In the group was a couple, Mr and Mrs Browne, whose only son had recently been killed in a car accident. They were still in a state of shock, and had come to the museum that day merely in the hope that it might take their minds off their sorrow for a little while.

As the guide started the story the Brownes were only half listening. However, he told it in such a way that by the time he had finished, they were completely captivated. Afterwards they approached the guide and said, 'We've heard that story many times, but it never moved us until now. You told it with such feeling and conviction.'

'There was a time when I told it very badly,' the guide replied.

'What happened to change that?' the Brownes asked.

'Three years ago,' the guide began, 'my wife got cancer, and died a suffering and untimely death. She was a good person. She didn't deserve all this. I was heartbroken. It was as if the world had come to an end. Nevertheless, I was persuaded to go back to work here at the museum. So once again I found myself telling the story, only more mechanically than before.

'Then one day something clicked with me, and suddenly I realized that the story was not just about those two forlorn disciples but about me too. Like the two disciples, I was going down a sad and lonely road. Even though I'm a believer, regrettably, up to this Jesus had been little more than a shadowy figure who lived only in the pages of the Gospels. But now he came alive for me. I felt his presence at my side, the presence of a friend who knew all about human suffering.

'It was as if at that moment my eyes were opened and I saw things differently. My heart began to burn within me. As I went on telling the story, a healing process was at work inside me. Even though at times I'm still fragile, I have begun to hope and live again.'

By this time the Brownes were unable to hold back their tears. 'Strange,' they said, 'but as you told the story, we too felt our hearts burn within us.' Then they told him the story of the tragic death of their son. They chatted further over a cup of coffee.

As they parted the Brownes said, 'Thank you for what you did for us. You were a true storyteller.'

Even though we may never have been to the Holy Land, all of us have been on the road to Emmaus. Some people are very familiar with that road. It represents the road of disappointment, failure, sorrow, grief, shattered dreams....

The risen Jesus is with us on this journey, even though we may not recognize him. He is close to us that our stories merge with his. It is only his story that makes sense of ours. It is especially by accepting the dark side of our story that we learn what God's

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grace and love are all about. However, in the final analysis it is only the Christ Story—glory achieved through suffering and death—that helps us to make sense of our own story. Anything else is simply not adequate. The resurrection of Jesus opens all our stories to the prospect, not just of a good ending, but of a glorious ending.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies—Flor McCarthy

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Special Intentions: Dennis & Monica & 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 | * 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 | ✠ Ida Sequeira |
| ✠ Sr Mary of the Rosary | ✠ Alex Miranda |
| ✠ Daniel Beens | ✠ Monique Serret |
| ✠ Loretto Kreltszheim | ✠ Leonie Dagorni |
| ✠ Fergus Hendricks | ✠ Feliza Dacutanan |
| ✠ Maureen Hendricks | ✠ Thomas Mathew |
| ✠ Alex Juliot Elysee | ✠ Eddie Estrella |
| ✠ Lily Lemasson | |
| ✠ Deceased members of : | |
| - Robinson Family | |
| - Gaynor 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 - 25th & 26th April

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

25/04 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Jenny Kreltszheim | (2) Chole Kreltszheim |
| (3) Noel E / Jisha J / Noel S / Maria D | |
| (4) Rosie / Jayson | |

26/04 - 8.00 am Mass

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| (1) Rachelle Fogarty | 2) Corrine Patterson |
| (3) Mimi C / Robyn A / Alla B / Steve N | |
| (4) Emmanuel S | |

26/04 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Davitah S | 2) Tina P |
| (3) Bennette / Elisha / John T / Peter T / Carmen A / Threlly C | |
| (4) Tomjo Rinson | |

Church Cleaners (25/04)

Proverbs

Niumata Family / Regi Jaison / Sheeba / Hyein