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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.

Easter Sunday *Year A – 5th April 2026*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
(10:34, 37-43)
*(We have eaten and drunk with him after his
resurrection from the dead).*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the

prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 117)

**All: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Reader: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

**All: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Reader: The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

**All: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Reader: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

**All: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians
(3:1-4)
*(Look for the things that are in heaven,
where Christ is).*

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Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John (20:1-9)

(The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead).

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Readings for Divine Mercy Sunday 11th & 12th April 2026

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

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)



Easter is a season of welcome and hospitality. So in the spirit of this season, we welcome you all

to our parish celebration of Easter 2026. We especially welcome those who have 'come home' to celebrate Easter with family and friends. May the risen Christ bring happiness to you and your family all year round.

Wish you all very Happy & Blessed Easter!

Fr. Bosco & Fr. Peter

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.

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.

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"

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Parish Young Adult Trivia Night

- ◆ **Friday 10th April 2026**
- ◆ **7-9pm (doors open at 6:30pm)**
- ◆ **18+ young adult event**

Come along and enjoy a great night of trivia. We look forward to seeing you there!

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:

Fr. Bosco will be away from 8th to 10th April. For any emergencies, please contact the parish office or Fr. Peter.

Mary Mother of the Church warmly congratulates and joyfully welcomes **Thi Phan, Qiao Yi Chia, Huian Wang Tian, Kiara Hutton, Dominic Pham, Amelia Baird** who have journeyed through the RCIA program and will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church during our beautiful Easter Sunday Mass at 10am. We will keep you and your families in our prayers as you continue your faith journey with us and the Church.

We also express our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated RCIA coordinators, **Sr. Mary Louise Slattery and Lucy Maher**, for their faithful guidance and support of our catechumens throughout their formation.



Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!

As the Lenten Season comes to a close we are asked to return our Project Compassion boxes and envelopes as soon as possible.

Reflection : The hope Easter gives

We can face anything, endure anything, as long as we know or believe it will not last for ever, and that something better will happen.

For instance, people will face a long, painful and dangerous operation if they believe it will make them well again. Prisoners can face a long sentence as long as they believe it will end, and that they will enjoy freedom again. We can face the rigours of long and miserable winter because we know that spring will come again.

Easter provides an enormous injection of hope for the human spirit. And how much it is needed. There is a lot of tragedy in life. Good things are destroyed. Good people are cut down: Thomas More, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Oscar Romeo ... And of course Jesus. He too was cut down. But he rose again.

The world didn't take much notice of the resurrection of Jesus. The reason for this lies in the fact that it was a humble, hidden event. Jesus did not appear in triumph in the Temple of Jerusalem, humiliating those who humiliated him. Only those whom he called by name, with whom he broke bread and to whom he spoke words of peace, were aware of what happened. And even they had difficulty in believing. Like us they were slow to believe. Yet, it was this hidden event that freed humanity from the shackles of death.

Jesus rose as a sign to those who loved him and followed him that God's love is stronger than death. The resurrection of Jesus must not be separated from the resurrection of humanity saved by him. By entering fully into human life, and by experiencing the bitterness of death, Jesus became a Brother and a Saviour to all people. The death of Jesus was part of God's plan. Jesus is the Pioneer and Leader of our salvation: pointing the way and leading the way along the road of obedience and suffering.

At Easter we still feel the pain of the world, the pain in our families and among our friends, and the pain in our own hearts. But a new element has been introduced into our lives. It doesn't remove the pain but it gives it a meaning. It lights it up with hope. All is different because Jesus is alive and speaks his words of peace to us as he spoke them to the apostles.

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life, a hope which enables us to bear patiently the trials of life. Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us and a deep sense of peace because we know that life is stronger than death, love is stronger than fear, and hope is stronger than despair.

Had this one day not been, or could it cease to be - How smitten, how superfluous were every other day. (Emily Dickinson)

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Benjamin Pineda
Birthday : Martin Tenny

This week masses have been offered for the Sick and Special needs of :



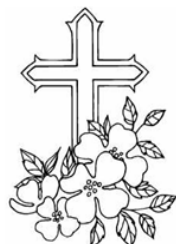
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| * Jaypee Masangkay | * Carole Dimayuga |
| * Aida Dayao | * Selda Dimayuga |
| * Maria & Mr. Vu | * Nancie |
| * Alan & Margaret Raisbeck | * Charo Doctor |
| * Mick Jones | * Lisapeta Kalasito |
| * Monique Yongching | * Nestor Henriques |
| * Wally 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 :



- ✠ Edwige Achille
- ✠ Ian Lymburn
- ✠ Christopher Nathan
- ✠ Stanley & Phyllis Rozario
- ✠ Sr Gloria Reilly FMM
- ✠ Reetha Chacko
- ✠ Jozef G
- ✠ Ariel Pascua
- ✠ Josiane Rehaut
- ✠ Teofilo Episcopo
- ✠ Ann Gi
- ✠ Allison Stalkey
- ✠ 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 - Divine Mercy Sunday

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

11/04 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

- (1) Herbert Kreltszheim (2) Davitah S
 (3) Noel E / Jisha J / Noel S / Maria D
 (4) Rosie / Jayden

12/04- 8.00 am Mass

- (1) Robyn Ashley (2) Lucy Niumata
 (3) Lucy N / Emelia B / Mimi C / Robyn A
 (4) Emmanuel S

12/04- 10.00 am Mass

- (1) Lucy Maher (2) Herbert Kreltszheim
 (3) Noel S / Bennette / Elisha S / John T / Peter T / Carmen A
 (4) Neejay S / Nerayao S

Church Cleaners (11/04)

Ruth

Louise Phillips/ Cynthia K / Marie F / Maureen L