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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

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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.

Pentecost Sunday- Year A *23rd & 24th May 2026*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11)

(They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages).

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting: and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely', they said, 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites: people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from

Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs: we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 103)

All: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Reader: Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.

All: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Reader: You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

All: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Reader: May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord.

All: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:3-7, 12-13)

(In the one Spirit we were all baptized, making one body).

Parish News and Happenings

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized. Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord.

Sequence : The sequence may be said or sung.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL John (20:19-23)

*(As the Father sent me, so I send you:
Receive the Holy Spirit).*

Communion Antiphon

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.*

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

National Count of Mass Attendance: This weekend, we will be collecting the age information of attendees at this Mass. Please tick the appropriate age bracket and return the form for counting. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Parish Dinner Dance :

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the parish will not be holding the Annual Parish Dinner Dance Event this year. We know that many parishioners and friends of the parish were looking forward to this special evening of fellowship, celebration, and community spirit, and we sincerely regret any disappointment this may cause.

The Annual Dinner Dance has always been a wonderful opportunity for our parish community to come together socially and strengthen the bonds of friendship within the parish. Unfortunately, after careful consideration, we have made the difficult decision **to cancel this year's event**. We thank everyone for their understanding and continued Support.

MMOC Youth & Young Adults Expression of Interest:

Our Parish is exploring new opportunities for youth & young adults to connect, grow and belong. Fill out this expression of interest form to get involved! For more updates, please visit @mmocyoungadults on Instagram.



Confirmation 2026 – Important Dates

**Reconciliation before the confirmation day:
Monday, 1st June 2026 at 5pm**

Sacrament of Confirmation: Celebrated on **Saturday, 20th June 2026** during the **10:00am** Mass.

Parish Feast Day : Monday 25th May,

following the great feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the Feast day of Mary Mother of the church. Mass will be at the normal time of 9am on the day. However, we will have a special celebration with all our parishioners this weekend after all the masses. Please join us for cuppa after the mass. Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping.

Corpus Christi Procession

*Sunday 7th June 2026 at 2:30pm at
Our Lady help of Christians -Rosemeadow Parish.*

- ◆ *Liturgy of the Word*
- ◆ *Eucharistic Procession of Blessed Sacrament*
- ◆ *Rosary & Benediction*

Come and join us in the prayer and witness to our Eucharistic Lord truly present among His People.

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Recycling Bottles:

Fr Peter kindly requests that if you have any 10c return & earn recyclable bottles or cans to donate, please leave them in front of the garage door.

All proceeds raised will go towards helping those in need.

Deceased Name Incribed In The Memorial Garden Plaque

If you wish to have your beloved deceased family member's names to be inscribed in the Memorial Garden plaque of our parish, please email the names to the parish office by **30th June 2026**. A donation of \$300 for each name required. A Special Mass in memory of those departed faithful will be offered by the parish priest every year in the month of November. We will proceed with the plaque only if we get enough names. Thank You.

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.

Notice : Fr. Peter will be away from 26th–28th May due to the "Clergy in Service" Conference. Fr. Paul will be celebrating the weekday Masses during these days.

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 miracle of change

After Pentecost the apostles were changed people. It is a mistake to think that the change came about in an instant. It had to be a gradual thing, a process. It was growth process, set in motion by the action of the Holy Spirit. And growth happens gradually. Though we are dealing with mystery, that doesn't mean we can't understand anything about it. Let us look at how spring goes about its work of change and renewal.

Each year in Ireland towards the middle of March you will see patches of green begin to appear in the fields and on the hillsides, new patches on an old garment. Day by day the patches get bigger. A month or so later spring will have woven a completely new garment.

Yet spring doesn't make anything happen. It is only a facilitator. It merely creates a climate in which things can grow. The new life comes from within. It cannot be imposed. All these brand-new things with the opportunity, gives them the impulse to realise what is already inside them in a germinal state.

Spring's task is to awaken and call forth. This calling forth is a gentle process. Force is out of the question. Persuasion is the only effective weapon. For unless there is a response from within, all spring's efforts will be in vain.

If a tree has no life in it, then all the sunshine of all springs that have visited this earth will not succeed in producing a single bud in it. One good thing about nature - it is incapable of deception. It does not put on an outward show when there is nothing inside.

People too need to renew themselves. This renewal, however, cannot be imposed. If this is attempted it will merely result in an outward show, a dressing up. It will not enrich the person, and will soon fade and eventually wear out like a garment.

Many people have violence done to them. People try to form them, to press them into shape from the outside or squeeze them into a mould, as if they were lumps of clay. These people betray them.

What people need is someone to awaken them to what is inside them, to bid them live, and help them grow. But growth is slow and painful. We do not easily let go of the old garment, woven out of old attitudes, old ways, and old habits.

But we have been given a wonderful Facilitator, namely, the Holy Spirit. The Spirit awakens us to the mysterious power within us, bids us live, and helps us grow. This gives us some understanding of what happened to the apostles at Pentecost, and what can happen to us too. Alas, too many people are left unawakened, and die without having experienced even one spring.

Flor McCarthy, SDB

Parish News and Happenings

Church Cleaning : We kindly remind all parishioners to help us keep our church clean and welcoming. Our cleaning volunteers often find biscuit crumbs, tissues and other litter left inside the church. Please also remember to wipe your shoes before entering the church, especially on wet weather. This small gesture greatly helps in maintaining the dignity and cleanliness of our sacred space.

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Federick Jr Faamausili Ailua / Constant / Eddie Ravino /

Thanksgiving : Angeleena /

Wedding Anniversary : Retheesh & Unni Mary / Johny & Valsamma

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 |
| * Jamie Masangkay | * Nancie |
| * Alan & Margaret Raisbeck | * Charo Doctor |
| * Monique Yongching | * Lisapeta Kalasito |
| * Wally Skoczylas | * Nestor Henriques |
| * Resty Perez | * Iya Gozum |
| * Andrea Tuazon | * Olga Peric |
| * Nelia Ambat | * John Vukovic |
| * Romulo Cabrera | * Mercy Espiritu |
| * Lydia, Jocelyn & Janice de Jesus | * Czeslawa Piela |
| * Logan Wall | * Allan Titmarsh |
| * Jean Yongching | * Leslie Miller |
| * Mason Dulalia | * Harold Maurice |
| * Mycka Dimasangal | * Jovencio Gregorio |
| * Brian Devine | * Lisapeta Kalasito |
| * Jennifer Cooper | * Mary Clout |
| * Kathryn Weidenbach | * John Richnson |
| * Kylie | * David Ashley |
| * Mary Jane Van Miguel | |



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



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| ✠ Thomas | ✠ Leyola Thomas |
| ✠ Theresia | ✠ Lorraine Kenworthy |
| ✠ Elianna | ✠ Patrick John Maher |
| ✠ Maribel Artuz | ✠ Carmel Reyes |
| ✠ Christopher Nathan | ✠ Dragica Lovic |
| ✠ Juliana Menezes | ✠ All souls in Purgatory |
| ✠ Chandra Fernando | |
| ✠ Annie Monty | |



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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 - 30th & 31st May 2026

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

30/05 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Pierre Rochecouste | (2) Jenny Kreltszheim |
| (3) Noel S / Irma G / Terry B / Teresa B | |
| (4) Rosy D'Souza | |

31/05 - 8.00 am Mass

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| (1) Petasi Sua | 2) Louise Phillips |
| (3) Alla B / Steve N / Lucy N / Emelia B | |
| (4) Emmanuel S | |

31/05 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Threlly Cabacungan | 2) Marissa Manato |
| (3) Alvin M / Tina P / Bennette / Elisha S / Noel S / John T | |
| (4) Gabriel Wijaya / Nerayo Santos | |

Church Cleaners (30/05)

Kings

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