



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

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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.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - 27th & 28th June 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of the Kings
(4:8-11, 14-16)
*(That is the holy man of God, let him
remain there).*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he come to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old'. Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms'.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 88)

**All: For ever I will sing the goodness
of the Lord.**

Reader: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

**All: For ever I will sing the goodness of
the Lord.**

Reader: Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.

**All: For ever I will sing the goodness of
the Lord.**

Reader: For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

**All: For ever I will sing the goodness of
the Lord.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
(6:3-4, 8-11)
*(Having been buried with him through baptism, we
shall walk in a new life).*

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus we were baptized in his death; in other words, when we were baptized we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

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But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (10:37-42)

(Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcome me).

Communion Antiphon

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.**

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

MMOTC Young Adults Nights

Looking to grow in your faith with like-minded Christians? Join us every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month in the Logos Centre from 6:30-9:00pm to encounter a space where faith and friendship meet. Ages 16-25 welcome.

Rosters:

Rosters for July - December for readers, Ministers and Altar Servers are available in the church foyer. If you are unable to attend on the day you are rostered, please swap with other volunteer or arrange a replacement. If you cannot find one, please inform the Parish Office. Thank you for all you do to support your parish.

Deceased Name Inscribed 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.

Parish Cuppa Weekend

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY will be holding the monthly Parish Weekend Cuppa on the weekend of **4th & 5th July** after weekend masses. You are welcome to bring something sweet or savoury to share. Gold Coin donation appreciated.

Introducing your new Parish Priest

Fr Iosefo Asaeli Rass, SVD, is a member of the Society of the Divine Word, an international Roman Catholic missionary congregation dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel, fostering intercultural dialogue, and serving communities worldwide. A native of Fiji, he has served in pastoral, missionary, leadership, and formation ministries across Oceania, Australia, and the wider Church.



Since his priestly ordination in 2002, Fr Rass has served in parish leadership, missionary formation, retreat facilitation, and pastoral accompaniment among First Nations Australians. He also served as Provincial Superior of the SVD Australia Province for six years, providing leadership for Divine Word Missionaries in Australia, Thailand, Myanmar, New Zealand, and the Pacific.

Fr Rass has contributed to the Church's synodal renewal as a co-facilitator during the continental phase of the Synod of Bishops on Synodality (2023) and for the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania. After completing his term as Provincial Superior, he undertook a sabbatical in Fiji and the United States, where he facilitated workshops, retreats, and formation programs on synodality for Pacific Island Catholic communities in the diaspora.

As he begins this new ministry, Fr Rass looks forward to serving and journeying with the community towards a listening, inclusive, merciful and missionary Mary Mother of the Church parish. Fr. Rass will begin his ministry in our parish on **Wednesday, 1 July 2026**. Please keep him in your prayers and join us in extending a warm and heartfelt welcome.

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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.

Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation & Holy Communion 2026

- To enrol, your child must be in year 3 or above.
- Enrolments will commence on 21st of June and close on 20th of July.

(Application Forms are available in the Church Foyer)

Dates are at this stage planned for the following:

1st Reconciliation:

Briefing for parents: 21st of July at 7pm

Lessons : 26th July - 23rd August on Sundays at 11:30am

1st Reconciliation : 28th August 2026 at 5pm

1st Holy Communion:

Lessons : 18th October - 15th November on Sundays at 11:30am.

First Holy Communion :

Saturday 21st November 2026 -Time : TBA

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)

Planned Giving Envelopes – Now Available

Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are now available for collection in the church foyer after Mass. We sincerely thank all parishioners for your ongoing support through the Planned Giving Program. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program or have any questions, please contact Jim Fogarty or the Parish Office.

Reflection :

Hospitality

One of the nicest things in life is to meet an open, friendly, warm, hospitable person. Hospitality is a hall mark of a true follower of Christ.

At long last winter ended and spring came. All along the street the people rejoiced. They drew back their curtains and opened up their windows. Fresh air, sunlight, and warmth poured into their homes. 'Thank God for spring! Thank God for the sunshine!' they exclaimed.

Just then a beggar man appeared at the end of the street. He was quickly spotted through the open windows. One by one, down the length of the street, the windows were quickly closed, the curtains silently drawn, and the locks put back on the doors. The beggar man knocked on every door on the street, but not one door opened to him.

Forlornly he left the street and headed for somewhere else. No sooner had he disappeared than the curtains were pulled back again, and the windows and doors opened up once more. And again the sunshine and fresh air poured in, and all the people rejoiced.

Strange how our homes are always open to receive God's sunshine and fresh air, but not always open to receive a child of God, especially when he comes in poverty.

Christ urges us to be hospitable. Nowadays hospitality is a very different matter from what it was in the old days when nobody locked their doors. Sadly, those days are gone. Today is the day of locks, bolts, chains, peep holes, alarm system, dogs.... Yet today there is more need than ever for hospitality and friendliness. In the world today there is a lot of loneliness and there are lots of strangers, aliens, and displaced people.

Hospitality to a friend is no big deal. There is no risk involved, and there is every likelihood that the favour will be returned. But hospitality to a stranger is a great thing. You don't owe anything to a stranger, and there is a risk involved.

But Christ calls us to welcome the strangers in our midst. To be hospitable does not mean making them like us. It means accepting them as they are. This enables them to shed their strangeness, and become members of the community.

Hospitality is not so much about open doors as about open hearts. There is a risk in having an open heart. One can get hurt. But to open one's heart is to begin to live. To close it is to begin to die.

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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. Thank You.

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Thomas / Beneth Sailago

Special Intentions : Zdravko Lovic / Tina Pineda

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 | * Mercy Espiritu |
| * Romulo Cabrera | * Czeslawa Piela |
| * Lydia, Jocelyn & Janice de Jesus | * Allan Titmarsh |
| * Logan Wall | * Harold Maurice |
| * Jean Yongching | * Jovencio Gregorio |
| * Mason Dulalia | * Mary Clout |
| * Mycka Dimasangal | * John Richnson |
| * Brian Devine | * Lisa Kalasito |
| * Jennifer Cooper | * Alana Beattie |
| * Kathryn Weidenbach | * Maiava Vilo |
| * Kylie | * Marissa A Patricio |
| * Mary Jane Van Miguel | * Jake Valte |
| * Rosalind James | * Shirley Suggun |



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



- † Herve Ducasse
- † Chandra Fernando
- † Claramma Jose
- † Tristan Rouillon
- † Thomas Chowallur
- † Rebecca Talavera
- † Verginia Mabilangan
- † Aproniano Lara Elardo
- † Norman Cook
- † 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 - 4th & 5th July 2026

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

04/07 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Edyleen Santos | (2) Noel Santos |
| (3) Andres C / Irma G / Noel E / Teresa B | |
| (4) Neejay & Nerayo Santos | |

05/07 - 8.00 am Mass

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| (1) Lucy Niumata | 2) Robyn Ashley |
| (3) Alla B, Steve N, Lucy N, Emelia Besant | |
| (4) Emmanuel S | |

05/06 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Jaiden Valencia | 2) Ashley Valencia |
| (3) Laa F/ Nancy K / Alvin M / Tina P / Bennette / Elisha S | |
| (4) Jayson Huynh / Tomjo Rinson | |

Church Cleaners (04/06)

Ruth

Louise Phillips / Cynthia K / Marie F / Maureen L