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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.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Year A - 6th & 7th June 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

**He fed them with the finest wheat and
satisfied them with honey from the rock.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
(8:2-3, 14-16)

*(He gave you food which you and your
ancestors did not know).*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 147)

All: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Reader: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you.

All: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Reader: He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command.

All: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Reader: He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them him decrees.

All: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the
Corinthians (10:16-17)

*(Though we are many, we form a single body
because we share this one loaf).*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.

Parish News and Happenings

SEQUENCE: (said or sung)

Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given : Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality; O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

John (6:51-58)

(My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink).

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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

Garden Group:

Thank you to all the Garden Group volunteers who attended our first working bee and worked so enthusiastically to improve our parish gardens on 16 May 2026.

Our next Garden Group working bee will be held on **Saturday, 13 June 2026, from 9:30am to 11:30am.** Bring your smile and enthusiasm — everyone is welcome "many hands make light work."- **Alla Bakulic**

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. We will proceed with the plaque only if we get enough names. Thank You.

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

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

CLERGY CARE FUND

Our priests have spent their lives serving parish communities - celebrating the sacraments, guiding us in faith and walking beside us in time of joy and sorrow. In retirement, they deserve our gratitude, care and support.

Together, we can honour our priests with the care they deserve. How you can help:
Make a tax-deductible one-off gift
Give monthly or annually
Leave a gift in your Will

Your generosity helps provide dignity, practical care and peace of mind for retired clergy of the Diocese of Wollongong.

Marriage Banns

The Banns of Marriage are hereby announced between **Rogelio A. Dumas** and **Julie Ann D. Agao.** The marriage will be celebrated in Most Holy Trinity Cathedral Gahonon, Daet in July 2026

This is the first publication of the banns.

If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, please speak to our priest.

Parish News and Happenings

What is a Vocation : Every Christian, through the sacrament of Baptism, receives a call or vocation to serve God and humanity, and to help build God's Kingdom in the circumstances of their own life. This vocation can be lived out in a variety of ways – as a married or a single person, or as a priest, a religious brother or sister.

Have you considered a vocation as a Divine Word Missionary (SVD)? Founded by St Arnold Janssen in 1875, the Society of the Divine Word is one of the world's largest and most diverse missionary congregations, with over 6,000 members serving in more than 70 countries around the world.

These men have responded to God's call by becoming missionaries in the most demanding ministries of the Church. As Divine Word Missionaries, we work first and foremost where the Gospel has not been preached at all or only insufficiently and where the local Church is not viable on its own (SVD Constitutions 102).

If you'd like to find out more, please contact:
The Vocations Coordinator, Fr Joe Jacob SVD.
Email: vocations@divineword.com.au.

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.

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 :

Not On Bread Alone

Ethiopia suffered a terrible famine during the years 1984 to 1986. Cardinal Hume of Westminster tells about an incident that happened when he visited Ethiopia in the middle of the famine. One of the places he visited was a settlement up in the hills where the people were waiting for food which was unlikely to arrive. He was taken there in a helicopter.

As he got out of the helicopter a small boy, aged about ten, came up to him and took his hand. He was wearing nothing but a loincloth round his waist. The whole time the cardinal was there the little child would not let go his hand.

As they went around he made two gestures: with one hand he pointed to his mouth, and with the other he took the cardinal's hand and rubbed it on his cheek.

Later the cardinal said, 'Here was an orphan boy who was lost and starving. Yet by two simple gestures he indicted our two fundamental needs or hungers. With one gesture he showed me his hunger for food, and with the other his hunger for love.

'I have never forgotten that incident, and to this day I wonder whether that child is still alive. I remember that as I boarded the helicopter he stood and looked at me reproachfully.'

We need ordinary bread. That is our first and most basic necessity. But we need more than that. Bread nourishes only half of us - the physical side. But we have a spiritual side. It too cries out for nourishment. Even that starving child realized that. In the Eucharist we are nourished with the food of God's word, a word which comforts, guides, inspires and challenges us. And in Holy Communion we are nourished with the food of eternal life.

In the Eucharistic banquet we have nourishment for our minds, hearts and spirits. Here we experience the abiding presence of Christ with us. He is not present as a vague memory of a person who lived long ago, but as a real, life - giving presence that transforms us. By eating the food of the Eucharist, we are nourished, and like Christ are able to nourish others.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

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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.

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Neeco Santos /

Thanksgiving : Maria & Peter D'Souza / Pierre & Maryse Family / Maria Nash / Joseph Quiah / Sijo Kurian & 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 |
| * 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 | * Lisa Kalasito |
| * Mary Jane Van Miguel | * Norman Cook |
| * Rosalind James | |



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



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| ✠ Arsenia Bar do Quillo Sieger | ✠ Walter Noronha |
| ✠ Leonilo Bar Do Quillo | ✠ George |
| ✠ Consolacion Pacanot | ✠ Felex Rajan |
| ✠ Margaret Elizabeth Ward | ✠ Keian Froi Mabalo |
| ✠ Robert Marcelo | ✠ Betty Tobin |
| ✠ Sr Rebecca Sampang | |
| ✠ Deceased members of : Helene Family | |



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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 - 13th & 14th June 2026

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

13/06 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Maria D'Souza | (2) Edyleen Santos |
| (3) Andres C / Irma G / Noel S / Volunteer | |
| (4) Rosy | |

14/06 - 8.00 am Mass

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| (1) Calvin Ambrose | 2) Jim Fogarty |
| (3) Lucy N / Emelia B / Mimi C / Robyn A | |
| (4) Emmanuel S | |

14/06 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Herbert Kreltszheim | 2) Lucy Maher |
| (3) Tina P / Bennette / Elisha S / Noel S / John T / Peter T | |
| (4) Gabriel Wijaya | |

Church Cleaners (13/06)

Judges

Corrine & Michael Patterson / Sharon & Calvin Ambrose