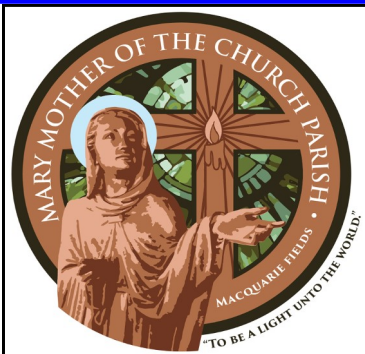




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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

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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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Year

Year A - 11th & 12th July 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (55:10-11)

(The rain makes the earth give growth).

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 64)

All: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Reader: You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

All: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Reader: And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth.

All: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Reader: You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

All: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Reader: The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

All: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (8:18-23)

(All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God).

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to

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enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (13:1-23)

(A sower went out to sow).

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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 11:00am

"Searching For Love" – An MMOC Youth Group Event

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."
-St. Augustine of Hippo

Save the date and join us at our first ever youth-led testimonial event, where we'll be exploring our innate longing for love and what that means for us as followers of Christ.

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! For more, follow @mmoc.youthgroup on Instagram

2026 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, you are warmly invited to the Significant Marriage Anniversaries, celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 6 September 2026 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Registration online at dow.sh/ma26 by no later than Monday, 17 August 2026. Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

Become an SRE Catechist today!

Never see a need without doing something about it.

—St Mary of the cross Mackillop

St Mary Mackillop saw children and families in need and responded with courage, generosity and faith.

If she were in our community today, **she would be a catechist.**

Each week, catechists visit state schools to teach Catholic Special Religious Education (SRE), helping young people know God's love, learn to pray, and grow in their relationship with Jesus and the Church.

The impact you can have as a catechist is life-giving and lasting. By sharing the Good News, you offer young people hope, purpose and direction, often in ways that stays with them long after they leave school.

You don't need to have all the answers. You simply need a willing heart, a desire to make a difference, and the courage to step out in faith. Training, resources and support are provided.

Become an SRE Catechist today!

Contact : Maria Nash - 0487 781 384
or the parish office

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal: July 25/26

St Vincent de Paul Members seek your financial support for our Winter Appeal. Please give to this appeal and help us to provide support for those in our community who need it the most. As the Conference has only volunteer members, all of the money raised by this Appeal will be used to assist the families in need.

High inflation and large cost of living increases due to rises in the cost of, rent, food, energy bills and petrol have affected us all, but it has affected the marginalised in our community more acutely.

Our parish will hold the Vinnies Winter Appeal at all Masses on the weekend of 25 - 26 July. A third collection will be taken up in support of this appeal. We invite you to come prepared to give generously. Thank you for your kindness and support.

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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

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

Note: Our priests' mobile numbers are provided
for pastoral emergencies only, such as urgent
requests for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the
Sick or when someone is in danger of death. For
all other parish enquiries, including bookings,
appointments, and general administration, please
contact the Parish Office during office hours.

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 :

Matthew 13:1-23

A seed is a small and simple thing. When it is placed in the ground, we cannot see what is happening beneath the surface. There is no sudden change, no sound of growth, yet quietly and patiently, new life begins.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the sower who scatters seeds. The seed is the Word of God, generously given to all. The question is not whether God is planting His Word in our lives, but whether our hearts are ready to receive it.

There is a beautiful Chinese character that helps us understand this message: 聽 (tīng), which means "to listen." The character contains the image of the ear (耳) with the heart (心), reminding us that genuine listening involves our whole person. We do not simply hear God's Word; we allow His Word to enter our hearts, to touch us, transform us, and guide our lives.

This is the message of Jesus' parable. The seed is always good, and the Sower never stops scattering. But the soil of our hearts can sometimes become hard because of distractions, pain, or worries. Sometimes God's Word begins to grow within us, but struggles when we face difficulties. Sometimes the concerns of daily life become like weeds that leave little space for God.

Yet God continues to sow His seeds with patience and generosity. He never gives up on us. Through prayer, Scripture, the people we encounter, and the experiences of our daily lives, God continues to speak.

This Sunday, we are invited to rediscover the meaning of 聽—to listen not only with our ears, but with our hearts. When we truly listen to God, His Word can take root within us. And when His love grows in our lives, it will bear fruit: kindness, forgiveness, faith, and love for others.

May our hearts become good soil, ready to receive the gentle voice of God and allow His Word to bring forth a rich harvest.

Fr. Peter Wang SVD

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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.

Funeral Notices :

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Norman Cook**, who passed away peacefully on **Friday, 26 June 2026**. His Memorial Mass will be celebrated here in our parish on **Monday, 13 July at 11 am**.

We also pray for the repose of the soul of **Shirley Suggun**, who passed away peacefully on **Thursday, 2 July 2026**. Her Funeral Mass will be here at our parish on **Friday, 17 July at 11 am**. May they rest in peace.

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Jaison

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 | * Rani |
| | * Jude |



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

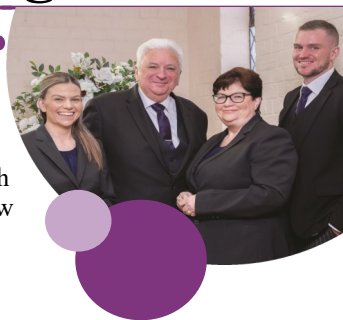


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| ✠ Lorraine Fay Kenworthy | ✠ George |
| ✠ Patrick John Maher | ✠ Jean Helene |
| ✠ Manuel & Cristeta Gonzales | ✠ Mervyn Robinson |
| ✠ Christopher Nathan | ✠ Gilbert Thomas |
| ✠ Mary Shirley Suggun | |
| ✠ Chandra Fernando | |
| ✠ All souls in 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 - 18th & 19th July 2026

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

18/07 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Jennet Menezes | (2) Pierre Rochecouste |
| (3) Andres C / Irma G / Noel E / Maria D | |
| (4) Rosy D'Souza | |

19/07 - 8.00 am Mass

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

19/07 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Jackie Heeraman | (2) Marc Ghignone |
| (3) Alvin M / Tina P / Noel S / Bennette / Elisha S / John T | |
| (4) Gabriel Wijaya / Jayson Huynh | |

Church Cleaners (18/06)

Proverbs

Steve N / Jossie & Group / Regimol J / Sheeba / Hyein