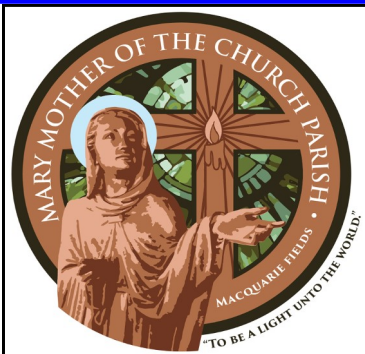




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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

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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.

*20th Sunday in Ordinary Year
Year A - 15th & 16th August 2026*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look
on the face of your anointed one;
One day within your courts
Is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (56:1, 6-7)
(I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain).

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice,
act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come
and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to
the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be
his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not
profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I
will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them
joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and
their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my
house will be called a house of prayer for all the
peoples.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 66)

All: O God, let all the nations praise
you!

Reader: O God, be gracious and bless us and
let your face shed its light upon us. So
will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

All: O God, let all the nations praise
you!

Reader: Let the nations be glad and exult for
you rule the world with justice. With
fairness you rule the peoples, you guide
the nations on earth.

All: O God, let all the nations praise
you!

Reader: Let the people praise you, O God; let all
the peoples praise you. May God still
give us his blessing till the ends of the
earth revere him.

All: O God, let all the nations praise
you!

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
(11:13-15, 29-32)

(The gifts and call of God are irrevocable).

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been
sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud
of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my
own people envious of you, and in this way save
some of them. Since their rejection meant the
reconciliation of the world, do you know what their
admission will mean? Nothing less than a
resurrection from the dead! God never takes back
his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient
to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their
disobedience, so those who are disobedient now -
and only because of the mercy shown to you - will
also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned
all men in their own disobedience only to show
mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord.

Parish News and Happenings

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (15:21-28)

(Woman, you have great faith).

Communion Antiphon

**With the Lord there is mercy:
In him is plentiful redemption.**

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

Synodality talk : With Fr Rass (Flyer is in the church notice board)
When: Thursday 3 September 2026
Time : 7:00—8:30pm
Place : Holy Family Parish Ingleburn.
Please register on www.hfi.org.au

What's on in August for the MMOC Youth Group?

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

4th Friday (28/8): Mary's "Yes": Trusting God's Plan - A Talk by Fr. Peter

Mary's YES — Discerning God's Call in Your Life
Join us as we reflect on Mary's YES to God and explore how we can recognise God's call in our own lives. Fr. Peter will also share his own vocation journey and what he has learned about saying YES to God. Encourage all young one to attend.

Going to World Youth Day 2027?

If you're aged 16-25 and planning to attend World Youth Day in Seoul, you're invited to connect with other parish pilgrims as we take part in fundraising opportunities this year and prepare together through formation events in the lead-up to WYD27. If you're interested, please contact Jaiden at 0468 638 087 or the parish office.

Upcoming Meeting :

Combined Events, PPC & Liturgy meeting will be held on **Tuesday 18th August at 6:30pm** in the Logos Centre. Members please attend.

Thinking of Becoming Catholic? You Are Very Welcome!

If you are **over seven years of age**, have not been baptised, and would like to become a Catholic, **now is a good time to contact the Parish Office.**

The preparation for the three Sacraments of Initiation — **Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist** — is called **RCIA** for adults and **RCIC** for children. There is a **significant rise in young adults becoming Catholic**, especially in Australia, France, the US and UK. Australia is seeing record numbers, with some dioceses reporting increases of more than 50%.

Church leaders believe this reflects a growing search among young people for **meaning, faith, belonging and community**, particularly in response to the fragmentation and individualism of modern society.

If you have already been baptised in another Christian Church and would like to become Catholic, **you will not be baptised again.** We will first confirm your baptism and then help you prepare to receive **Confirmation and Eucharist.** If you, a family member, a friend, or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, **please contact the Parish Office this week** to receive an *Inquiry Form* and begin the journey of faith.

Those participating in RCIA or RCIC will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the **Easter Vigil on Saturday, 27 March 2027. We warmly welcome anyone who feels called to become part of our Catholic family. We would be very happy to walk this journey with you.**

Important: If you, your spouse, or de facto partner has been previously married and divorced, please contact the **Tribunal Office on 4222 2409** before enrolling in the RCIA program.

Parish Weekly Collections & Monthly Expenditure

Collections (Cash & Envelops)	18th Sunday Ordinary Time	19th Sunday Ordinary Time
First (for Diocesan Presbytery)	\$ 766.20	\$ 765.75
Second loose (for Parish)	\$ 771.75	\$ 990.80
Planned Giving (for Parish)	\$ 580.00	\$ 996.00
June Expenditure	\$ 13,934.26	

Parish News and Happenings

Garden Group :

A big thank you to all the volunteers who attended last month's Garden Working Bee! Our next Garden Group Working Bee will be held on **Saturday 29 August 2026, from 9:30am to 11:30am**. Our main task will be tidying up the gardens in preparation for our Multicultural Day celebrations. Bring your smile, gardening spirit and a helping hand! Thank you. **-Alla Bakulic**

Diocesan Launch of Catholic Mission Month

Most Rev Brian Mascord DD, Bishop of Wollongong warmly invites Clergy and Parishioners to the Diocesan Launch of Catholic Mission Month

Wednesday, 16 September 2026

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church

24 Jerematta Street, Dapto.

Multicultural Day Raffle:

If you have already sold your raffle tickets, please return the money and ticket stubs to Lina as soon as possible. Thank You.

Parish Multicultural Day Celebration

Join us for a vibrant celebration of our diverse community on **Sunday, September 13, 2026** following the 9:00 AM Mass, which will be the only Mass of the day.

Ways to Participate:

- **Donate Boxed Items:** Contribute boxed items for our white elephant stall.
- **Organize a Food Stall:** Showcase flavors from your country by setting up a food stall. Contact Tina Pineda - 0408785626 to reserve your stall space.
- **Solo or Group Performance:** Share your talents with the community through a cultural performance. Register your act in advance by contacting Jessica Parsons - jessmp1997@live.com
- **Invite Friends and Family:** Extend the celebration by inviting loved ones to join us for this special day.
- **Wear a Costume:** Embrace your heritage by dressing in traditional attire from your country.
- Help to clean up.

Let's come together to celebrate our diversity and unity as a parish community!

If you have any queries, would like to participate, or are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish Office or Eric D'Silva on 0434 869 426. Alternatively, you can leave your name and contact number on the sign-up sheet located in the church foyer. Thank you for your support.

Reflection :

Trust God

I think everyone experiences sickness in life. Sometimes we ourselves become sick; sometimes it is our parents, our children, or someone we love deeply. And when we suffer, our first response is often prayer: "Lord, please heal me. Lord, please help my family."

I remember my own experience when I was young. I suffered from a very serious skin disease. Almost my whole body was affected, the wounds become very bad and ooze. At night, I could only sleep on my side because my back was the worst. Summer was especially difficult. The wounds would show through my clothes, and classmates were afraid to get close to me. I hardly had any friends. I became rebellious—fighting, avoiding school, not studying, and spending time in internet cafés.

My parents took me to doctors and tried different medicines, but nothing seemed to work. And then they were busy, so did not have time to look after me. The medicines were also expensive. Sometimes I even thought, "Maybe my parents don't want to spend so much money on me."

I prayed to God: "Lord, please heal me." But nothing seemed to happen. Day by day, then months, and almost two years. I began to wonder: "Lord, are you really listening to me? Is this punishment because I am not a good boy? Why this does not happen to my brother and sisters?"

Then I think of today's Gospel. The Canaanite woman also cries out: "Lord, help me!" But Jesus seems silent. The Gospel says: "he answered her not a word". But she does not walk away. She keeps trusting and keeps asking. Eventually, something unexpected happened in my life. One day, while my father was repairing a car, he spoke with a driver about my illness. That driver introduced him to an old Chinese doctor. I received treatment, and my skin began to improve quickly.

Now, looking back: God had been working, even when I could not see it. And it is same as my father, I thought he did not care about me. But he was talking to each driver about my illness even though he was busy repairing cars, hoping someone might know how to help me. That is why the Canaanite woman's faith speaks to me today. Faith means trusting God even when He seems silent. Just as I did not see my father's care, it did not mean he did not love me. In the same way, when we do not see God working, it does not mean He is not there.

Sometimes we may pray for healing, for our children, for our family, or for someone we love, and we still don't see the answer. Today Jesus invites us to trust God and cry to Lord, help us. Because God's silence does not mean God's absence. As I preached last week, the question is: "Can we recognise God's presence and trust him when we are in the middle of our storms?" Today, the storm is sickness for us.

- Fr Peter Wang SVD

Parish News and Happenings

Invitation to Host a Food Stall and Cultural performance on Multicultural Day on 13th September

We warmly invite **all ethnic and cultural groups** to participate in our upcoming multicultural day by **organizing a food stall** and **presenting the cultural performance**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share the unique flavours and traditions of your country with the wider community. To reserve your stall or for Cultural performance, please contact the parish office or Tina Pineda or Jessica. We look forward to celebrating together.

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Tristan & Tyler / Jeremy Johannes / Justin Duggan / Evan Xavier / Lydia /

Thanksgiving : Harold & Pierette Maurice /

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 | * Jovencio Gregorio |
| * Jean Yongching | * Mary Clout |
| * Mason Dulalia | * Maiava Vilo |
| * Mycka Dimasangal | * Marissa A Patricio |
| * Roseline Rivet | * Michael Patterson |
| * Jude | * Joseph Sequeira |
| * Jacquie Heeraman | |
| * Joe Duval | |



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

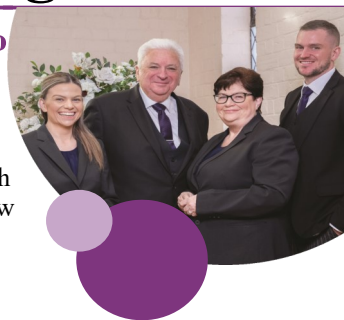


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| ✠ Ben Siqueira | ✠ Marina San Miguel |
| ✠ Phyllis Christian | ✠ Benita San Miguel |
| ✠ Dolores Tubungbanua | ✠ Norberto I. Gutierrez |
| ✠ Zenaída Patricio Santos | ✠ Eric Gaynor |
| ✠ Mary Thi Mong Le | ✠ Heraldó Angeles |
| ✠ Alexis Ngoc Bui | ✠ Deceased members of : |
| ✠ Jake Valte | Gaynor & Robinson |
| ✠ Christopher Nathan | families |
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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 - 22nd & 23rd August 2026

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

22/08 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Edyleen Santos | (2) Jennet Menezes |
| (3) Terry B / Noel S / Jisha J / Maria D | |
| (4) Rosy | |

23/08 - 8.00 am Mass

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| (1) Louise Phillips | (2) Petasi Sua |
| (3) Mimi C / Robyn A / Alla B / Steve N | |
| (4) Emmanuel S | |

23/08 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Peter Thankachan | (2) Davita S |
| (3) Alvin M / Tina P / Bennette / Elisha S / Noel S / John T | |
| (4) Jayson Huynh / Tomjo Rinson | |

Church Cleaners (22/08)

Kings

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