



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

58 EDGAR STREET or PO BOX 18 MACQUARIE FIELDS NSW 2564

Phone: 02 9605 6169

Email: mflds@dow.org.au

Website: mmotc.org.au

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

Parish Priest : Fr. Iosefo Asaeli Rass SVD - 0429 378 073

Assistant Priest: Fr. Peter Wang SVD - 0478 898 580

Parish Secretary: Veena Miranda

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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Year Year A - 8th & 9th August 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
And forget not the life of your poor ones for
ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
And forget not the cries of those who seek
you.

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of the Kings
(19:9, 11-13)

*(Go out and stand on the mountain before
the Lord God).*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 84)

**All: Lord, show us your mercy and
love, and grant us your salvation.**

Reader: I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

**All: Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Reader: Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

**All: Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Reader: The Lord will make us prosper and our
earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall
march before him and peace shall
follow his steps.

**All: Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
(9:1-5)

*(I would willingly be condemned if it could
help my people).*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the

Parish News and Happenings

patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Matthew (14:22-23)

(Command me to come to you over the water).

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
Who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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

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!

2nd Friday (14/8): Craft Night - DIY Pocket Shrines

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

For more, follow @mmoc.youthgroup on Instagram

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.

A New Step in Our Children's Faith Journey :

To help our children grow in faith and participate more fully in the Mass, our parish is changing the name of **Sunday School** to **Liturgy of the Word for Children (LOWC)**. This decision was made after prayerful consultation between our Children's Ministry leaders and the priests.

LOWC is not a classroom or another government service provider, still, we understand the busyness of family life. LOWC is part of the Church's liturgy, where children hear and reflect on God's Word at their own level before returning to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the whole community.

We warmly thank **Edyleen Santos** for her dedicated leadership over the years and welcome **Mona Ekawati** as our new LOWC Coordinator. We are also grateful to all our wonderful volunteer teachers for their generous service.

Parents are reminded that they remain the **first teachers of the faith**. LOWC supports, but never replaces, your role in helping your children know and love Jesus. We are not taking children out of Mass—we are leading them more deeply into it. To support this important ministry and reduce volunteer fatigue, we are seeking **five-six more parent volunteers**. If you can help, please contact **Mona** or **Veena** at the Parish Office. Safeguarding training will be provided.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MASS TIME: Saturday 15 August Holy Day of Obligation 8:30am

(6pm Vigil Mass is 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, not the Feast of the Assumption)

Parishioners who are joining the pilgrimage with Fr Peter : Mass at 12:15pm at the **Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park**

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

Thank You

The members of the St Vincent de Paul Society Conference sincerely thank the parishioners of Mary Mother of the Church, Macquarie Fields for your generous support of our Winter Appeal.

Thanks to your kindness and generosity, a total of **\$2,965.15** was raised. This is a wonderful result and will help us continue to provide practical assistance and hope to those in need within our local community. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Parish News and Happenings

Assumption Day Pilgrimage – Penrose Park

To celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our parish will be making a pilgrimage to the **Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park** on **Saturday, 15 August**, and anyone who would like to join is most welcome.

Proposed Schedule :

9:15 am - Depart from the parish (for carpooling)

10:30am - Arrival time. 10:35am - Rosary and personal prayer at the Shrine.

12:15 pm – Pilgrimage Mass

Bring your own picnic lunch

2:30 pm – Depart for the return journey

Further details are available on the parish notice-board. If you would like to join the pilgrimage, please add your name and contact details to the sign-up sheet in the church foyer. You are also invited to write your personal prayer intentions and place them in the **Intention Box** at the church. These intentions will be taken to the pilgrimage and offered during the Mass.

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 : Keeping Our Eyes on Jesus

Reflection on Matthew 14:22–33

There is a saying among the fishermen of the Pacific: *"You do not learn to trust the sea on calm days."* My ancestors knew this well. They were fishermen who ventured into the vast Pacific Ocean in small wooden canoes. They learned to read the winds, the tides and the stars, but they also knew that some storms could not be predicted. In those moments, fear was natural—but panic could be fatal. They survived because they trusted the wisdom handed down through generations, stayed together, and never lost hope.

The disciples in today's Gospel knew the sea just as well. Many of them were experienced fishermen, yet they found themselves terrified as their boat was tossed about by the waves. It was in the middle of that storm that Jesus came to them, walking on the water. His first words were not a command, but a reassurance: **"Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."**

Peter's response is both courageous and deeply human. He steps out of the boat and begins to walk towards Jesus. But when his attention shifts from Jesus to the strength of the wind, fear takes over, and he begins to sink. Isn't that often our story? We begin with faith, but life's worries—our health, our families, our finances, our relationships, or the future of our Church—can distract us until we feel overwhelmed.

Pope Francis often reminded us that faith does not remove life's storms; rather, it assures us that Christ is with us in the midst of them. The Lord does not stand safely on the shore shouting instructions. He comes to us in the storm. He reaches out His hand before we even ask. He never abandons His people.

Every one of us carries some kind of storm. Yet every Eucharist reminds us that Jesus climbs into our boat once again. He strengthens us with His Word, nourishes us with His Body, and sends us back into the ocean with renewed courage.

This week, whatever waves you are facing, keep your eyes on Jesus. His outstretched hand is always stronger than the fiercest storm, and His voice still speaks to every anxious heart: **"Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."**

- Fr Rass 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 : Rebecca Cai / Sr Juliana Ioane

Thanksgiving : Evelyn Camcam/ Andrei Orpia / Harold & Pierette Maurice /

Special Intentions : Ron, Grace & Company

This week masses have been offered for the Sick and Special needs of :



- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| * 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 | * Jake Valte |
| * Jude | * Michael Patterson |
| * Jacquie Heeraman | * Joseph Sequeira |
| * Joe Duval | |



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

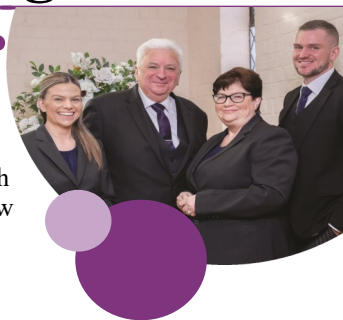


- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| ✠ Leon Rego | ✠ Narciso San Miguel |
| ✠ Basilia Camcam | ✠ Harmen Chandra |
| ✠ Anita Teresa | ✠ Consolacion Silvestre |
| ✠ Angela Marcelo | |
| ✠ Acapito Palma | |
| ✠ Judy Gray | |
| ✠ Domingo Reyes | |
| ✠ Jose Thekkekkara | |
| ✠ All souls in Purgatory | |



A caring approach to help to say farewell

As a family-owned business with years of experience in delivering that personal touch to funerals, Kenneally's know how to take care of the finer details to make your loved one's farewell the way it should be.



Why choose us • Servicing the Catholic Community • Proudly Australian family owned and operated • Tailored solutions for your personal finances • Affordable pre-paid and pre-arranged funerals

Servicing Greater Sydney and the Macarthur area



Call 02 4620 8822 or 02 9780 6972

Preferred Partner

kenneallysfunerals.com.au



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 - 15th & 16th August 2026

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

15/08 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| (1) Chloe Kreltszheim | (2) Jenny Kreltszheim |
| (3) Andres C / Irma G / Noel E / Teresa B | |
| (4) Rosy | |

16/08 - 8.00 am Mass

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| (1) Rachelle Fogarty | (2) Corrine Patterson |
| (3) Alla B / Steve N / Lucy N / Emelia B | |
| (4) Emmanuel S | |

16/08 - 10.00 am Mass

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| (1) Noel Santos | (2) Edyleen Santos |
| (3) Noel S / John T / Carmen A / Threlly C / Laa F / Nancy K | |
| (4) Gabriel Wijaya / Nerayo Santos | |

Church Cleaners (15/08)

Ruth

Louise Phillips / Cynthia K & Marie F / Maureen L