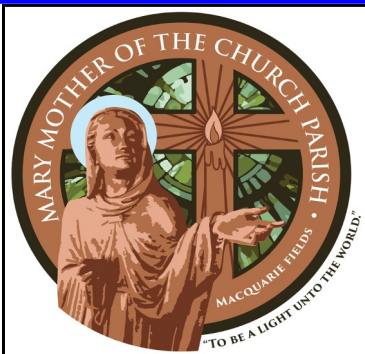




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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

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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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary time

Year A - 19th & 20th September 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord, Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (55:6-9)
(My thoughts are not your thoughts).

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 144)

All: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Reader: I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.

All: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Reader: The Lord is kind and full of Compassion,

slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

All: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Reader: The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

All: The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (1:20-24, 27)
(For me to live is Christ).

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Parish News and Happenings

GOSPEL: Matthew (20:1-16)

(Why are you jealous because I am generous?).

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; May my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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

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 26 Sept 2026, from 9:30am to 11:30am.** Bring your smile, gardening spirit and a helping hand! Thank you.

Everyone is welcome!

A MASSIVE THANK YOU!

A **massive and heartfelt thank you** to everyone who participated in and contributed to our recent **Multicultural Sunday Mass – Mary, Mother of All Nations.**

What a beautiful celebration it was! It was a wonderful expression of the unity, diversity and faith of our parish family, bringing together our different cultures, traditions, languages, music and food around one Eucharistic table. It truly was a moment of thanksgiving for the many gifts God has blessed our parish with.

A very special thank you to Eric, Mario and the organising team for all the planning, preparation and hard work behind the scenes. We are also deeply grateful to our liturgists, parking attendants, safety officers, MC, DJ, flower arrangers, dancers, soloists, food sellers, parish youth, acolytes, Altar servers, choirs, musicians, clean-up teams and generous donors.

Many of you gave your time, energy and talents quietly and generously, and your contribution made the celebration possible. Most of all, thank you for helping us to experience what it means to be one parish, many cultures, one faith and one Eucharistic family.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Our parish is truly blessed because of each one of you.

Fr. Rass & Fr. Peter SVD

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our Multicultural Day. We were able to raise an incredible **\$17,746.40**, which will be contributed towards our Parish Projects.

Zimbabwean	\$312.00
Filipino	\$1,193.00
Indonesian	\$2,356.00
Parish Sausage Sizzle	\$764.00
Samoan	\$1,312.00
Plant Sale	\$200.00
Chinese	\$500.00
Indian	\$1,800.00
Sri Lankan	\$879.00
Mauritian	\$288.00
Lemonade	\$80.00
Raffle Ticket	\$6,430.00
Children Liturgy	\$154.00
Piety (donated to Vinnies)	\$182.00
Garage Sale	\$405.40
Fijian	\$160.00
Youth	\$181.00
Kenneally's Funerals	\$500.00
Consolation Prize donation	\$50.00
Total	\$17,746.40

MULTICULTURAL DAY RAFFLE

Congratulation to all the Winners :

1st \$ 500: Anand Sharma (No: 1319)

2nd \$ 300 : Miracle Smith (No : 808)

3rd \$200 : Jeremy Fernandes (No : 1437)

Children's Liturgy PARENTS Face Book GROUP

Parents of children attending Liturgy of the Word for Children (LOWC) are warmly invited to join our private Facebook group!

Stay updated with what the children are learning each week to continue the Gospel message at home & upcoming activities.

Scan the QR code to join!
We look forward to connecting with you.



Parish Weekly Collections & Monthly Expenditure

Collections (Cash & Envelops)	23rd Sunday Ordinary Time	24th Sunday Ordinary Time
First (for Diocesan Presbytery)	\$ 597.15	\$ 691.90
Second loose (for Parish)	\$ 795.00	\$ 767.95
Planned Giving (for Parish)	\$ 813.00	\$ 760.00
August Expenditure	\$ 9,056.27	

Parish News and Happenings

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

If you have applied to join our RCIA journey, we invite you to a get-to-know-you conversation with the priests and religious of the parish.

This is not an examination or test. It is simply a chance to meet you, hear your story and faith journey, and learn what is drawing you to the Catholic Church. You are also welcome to ask questions and share your hopes or concerns.

Wednesday, 23 September | 7:00pm
Logos Centre

Come as you are. You do not need to know everything about Catholicism. This is a journey of listening, asking, discovering, praying and growing in faith. We look forward to meeting you!

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL **IN SUPPORT OF CLERGYCARE:**

The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be promoted in our parish this weekend on 19/20 September. A third collection will be taken to support this important appeal. Please donate generously.

Please welcome Johua Lee, our seminarian, who is visiting our parish to give a short reflection about the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

"Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired clergy, who have always cared for us; and a sound and holistic formation of our young seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop. I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated." + **Bishop Brian**

MMOC Youth Group

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20)

The MMOC Youth Group provides a space for young people to come together and recall our common purpose: to glorify God. If this sounds like something you want to be part of, join us every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month in the Logos Centre from 6:30-9:00pm.

Follow @mmoc.youthgroup on Instagram for more details.

Reflection :

Comparison

When I read today's Gospel, I thought about comparison, and immediately I thought about my own family.

There are nine children in my family. My mum often used a Chinese saying to teach us: "The five fingers of one hand are not the same length."

She would ask us to look at our hands and notice that the five fingers are different. One is longer, one is shorter, but they all belong to the same hand. We don't need to compare them and ask which one is better or more useful.

For my mum, she gave birth to nine children. We were born at different times, and we are all different. We have different personalities, different abilities and different paths in life. But we are all her children, and we are all loved.

When I was younger, I sometimes compared myself with my other siblings. They had gifts in singing and playing instruments, and they were good at many other things. Sometimes I looked at them and thought:

"Why didn't God give me those gifts?"
"Why didn't God give me that talent?"

Looking back now, I realise that sometimes I was so focused on what other people had that I forgot to notice what God had already given me.

This is why today's Gospel speaks to us. The workers who came early in the morning compared themselves with those who came later. They thought, "We worked more. Why should they receive the same?"

Sometimes we can do the same thing. We look at what others have received, and we forget to be grateful for what we have received from God. And I think the Gospel is not only about who received more or less. It also asks us to look at what we do with what God has given us.

I also see this in our parish. We have people from many different cultures and backgrounds. Last Sunday, we celebrated our Multicultural Day. We saw different food, different languages, different performances and different traditions. Everyone brought something different.

And I think that is something beautiful. We don't need everyone to be the same. Our differences can become a gift to the whole community. My mum's five fingers help me understand the Gospel: we are different, but we belong to the same hand. Different nations, but we have the same faith. Different food, but we have the same Eucharist.

God has given each of us different gifts and different vocations. We don't have to be the same. So perhaps instead of asking, "Why didn't God give me what they have?", we can ask:

"Lord, what have you given me, and how can I use it for you?"
: Fr Peter Wang SVD

Parish News and Happenings



Young Adults Volleyball & BBQ

The volleyball court behind the church is ready!

Come and join us for a fun and relaxed time together. We'll start with volleyball **after mass at 11:30am on**

27th Sept, followed by a BBQ lunch.

All young adults are warmly welcome — whether you love volleyball or just want to come along, enjoy some food, meet others and spend time together. **Come along and join the fun!**

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Amado Manubay / Joseph /

Thanksgiving : Rachel Noronha / Joseph Quiah /
Lita Torres / Chrisfo Sukan

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 |
| * Nelia Ambat | * Olga Peric |
| * Romulo Cabrera | * Mercy Espiritu |
| * Lydia, Jocelyn &
Janice de Jesus | * Czeslawa Piela |
| * Logan Wall | * Allan Titmarsh |
| * Jean Yongching | * Jovencio Gregorio |
| * Mason Dulalia | * Mary Clout |
| * Mycka Dimasangal | * Joseph Sequeira |
| * Roseline Rivet | * Harold Maurice |
| * Jude | * Henry Thornton |
| * Jacquie Heeraman | * April Pavoncelli |
| * Joe Duval | * Maryann James |
| * Rosario Java | |

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

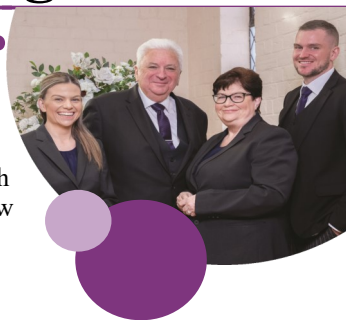


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| † Bernadette Nation | † Mariam |
| † Marie McGavin | † George |
| † Debbie Gunnion | † Ghislain Pierre |
| † Gary Moon | |
| † Christopher Nathan | |
| † Lydia Angeles | |
| † Alex Briggs | |
| † Raymundo Santos | |
| † Thresiamma Thomas | |
| † Deceased Members of : | |
| - Rochecouste &
Sullivan families | |
| † 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 - 26th & 27th September 2026

**(1) First Reading
(3) Ministers**

**(2) Second Reading
(4) Altar Servers**

26/09 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Maria D'Souza | (2) Jenny Kreltszheim |
| (3) Andres C / Irma G / Jisha J / Teresa B | |
| (4) Rosy | |

27/09 - 8.00 am Mass

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| (1) Petasi Sua | 2) Louise Phillips |
| (3) Alla B / Steve N / Lucy N / Emelia B | |
| (4) Emmanuel S | |

27/09 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Alvin Morales | 2) Harry Morell |
| (3) Alvin M / Tina P / Noel S / Bennette / Elisha S / John T | |
| (4) Jayson Huynh / Nerayo | |

Church Cleaners (26/09)

Ruth

Louise Phillips / Cynthia K / Marie F / Maureen L /