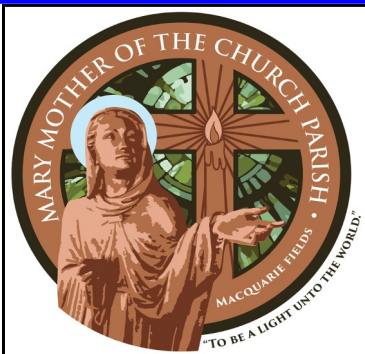




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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

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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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary time

Year A - 26th & 27th September 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

World Day of Migrant and Refugee Sunday

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name and deal with us
according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (18:25-28)

*(The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness
deserves to live).*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 24)

All: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Reader: Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

All: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Reader: Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

All: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Reader: The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

All: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:1-11)

*(In your minds you must be the same as
Christ Jesus).*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other

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people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (21:28-32)
(He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God).

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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

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.

26th Sunday in the Ordinary Time — Year A

1ST COMMUNION

Adult Formation Night



Explore the wonder of the Eucharist and your important role in helping your child grow in love with Jesus.



WEDNESDAY
28TH OCTOBER 2026



7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

CHANGE IN MASS TIME – FRIDAY, 2 OCT

Please note that due to our priests attending the **Parish Renewal Summit** on Friday, 2 October, **Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am & there will be no Adoration.**

NOTICE : There will be **NO morning tea cuppa after the 6:00pm Vigil Mass and 10:00am morning Mass on the first weekend of October**, due to the long weekend and the unavailability of members.

The **cuppa after the 8:00am Mass will continue as usual.**

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.

**PARENTS
FB GROUP**

scan here



Parish Weekly Collections & Monthly Expenditure

Collections (Cash & Envelops)	24th Sunday Ordinary Time	25th Sunday Ordinary Time
First (for Diocesan Presbytery)	\$ 691.90	\$ 878.20
Second loose (for Parish)	\$ 767.95	\$ 965.85
Planned Giving (for Parish)	\$ 760.00	\$ 810.00
August Expenditure	\$ 9,056.27	

26th & 27th September 2026

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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN SVD CHRISTMAS CAROL CELEBRATION

The SVD Community at Epping warmly invites you to participate in their **Christmas Carol Celebration**.

Date: Friday, 11 December 2026

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Venue: Society of the Divine Word
199 Epping Road, Marsfield NSW 2122**

A **fellowship supper** will follow the Carol Performance.

If your choir team / musician would like to participate in this special celebration, please contact **Jessica** at jessmp1977@live.com by **15 October 2026**.

Welcome to our Parish Family!

If you are new to the community or have been attending Mass with us for a while but haven't officially joined, we would love to get to know you. Please take a moment after Mass to introduce yourself to our priests, or hospitality ministers. To register as a parishioner, please grab a registration form from the information table in the foyer. You can fill it out and return it to the parish office during the week.

We are so blessed to have you here—welcome home! Sometime soon we will have a morning tea for all new parishioners.

112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday, 27 September 2026

The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Even Just One of These Children." To help celebrate this special day, the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO), an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has developed online resources including liturgies for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, prayers of intercession, stories, and interviews. Resources available at: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2026>

Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi Three evenings exploring the life, prayer and legacy of St Francis

**St Michael's Parish Hall, Thirroul
8, 15 & 22 October 2026 | 7:30–9:00pm**

8 Oct: *Crib, Cross, Creation* – Andrew Granc OFM
15 Oct: *Prayer, Presence and Peace* – Paul Rout OFM
22 Oct: *Praying with St Francis* – Ken Cafe OFM

Join in person or via Zoom. **Cuppa and supper provided.**

For information: **02 4268 1910 |
thirroul@dow.org.au**

Rosary Group :

All women are invited to join the Rosary every First Saturday of the month starting next Saturday 3rd October 2026 at 5pm at our Memorial Garden. All Welcome!

Reflection : Who Really Said Yes?

(Mathew 21:28-32)

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a simple story about two sons. Their father asks both to work in the vineyard. One says, "No," but later changes his mind and goes. The other says, "Yes, Father," but never goes.

Jesus then asks a challenging question: "Which of the two did the father's will?" The answer is clear: the one who eventually went.

But Jesus is speaking to people who were quick to judge others. He reminds them that God looks beyond appearances and labels.

This Gospel is especially challenging when we look at people, we easily judge prostitutes, prisoners, people with addictions, people who have made serious mistakes, or those whose lives do not fit our expectations.

Sometimes we can be like the second son. We say the right words, come to church, pray, and look respectable. But then we may fail to show mercy, forgiveness and compassion.

Meanwhile, someone we have labelled a "sinner" may be quietly turning their life around, seeking forgiveness, caring for their family, helping another person, or taking a courageous step back towards God.

Jesus is not saying that wrongdoing does not matter. Human behaviour matter. Rather, he reminds us that a person's past does not have to become their future.

The people Jesus mentions—tax collectors and prostitutes—were among those society pushed to the margins. Yet Jesus saw something others failed to see: the possibility of conversion and new life.

Perhaps the Gospel asks each of us this week: Who have I already labelled?

And have I left any room for God to change that person - or me?

God's vineyard has room for all of us. Before we judge another person's "no", let us remember that God may already be hearing their "yes."

And sometimes, the person we thought was far from God may be much closer than we imagined.

: **Fr Rass SVD**

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SAVE THE DATE:

VOLUNTEERS THANKGIVING

Saturday 31st October 2026

Mass at 10:00am / Entertainment / Lunch



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 : Tina Pineda /

Thanksgiving : Komban Family / Flor Wico /
Fr Christopher Maher OFM CAP / Anusha & Neethu /

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 | * Rosemary D'Souza |

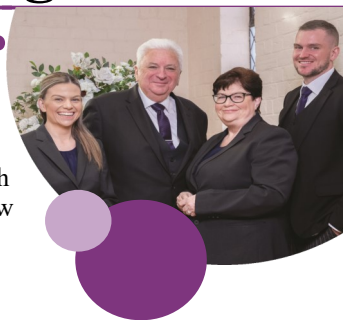
THIS WEEK MASSES HAVE BEEN OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS & DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OF :



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| ✠ Stoyan Mustapic | ✠ Guadalupe, Antonio, |
| ✠ Lezlie Pereira | Carazon, Epifanio, |
| ✠ Dolores M Cruz | Anthony, Eugenia |
| ✠ Trishia & Frank Melit | ✠ Lilia Felix Gepalen |
| ✠ Chandra Fernando | ✠ Ghislain Pierre |
| ✠ Isabela & Gregorio | ✠ Benjamin Pineda |
| Damicog Sr | ✠ Ian Powell |
| ✠ Elizabeth Phoebe Smita | ✠ Peter Foster |
| ✠ All souls in Purgatory | ✠ Sunanda Jaya |

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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 - 3rd & 4th October 2026

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

3/10 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

- (1) Jennet Menezes (2) Chloe Kreltszheim
(3) Terry Beattie / Noel Santos / Jisha J / Maria D
(4) Neejay / Nerayo Santos

04/10 - 8.00 am Mass

- (1) Robyn Ashley (2) Lucy Niumata
(3) Mimi C / Robyn A / Alla B / Steve N
(4) Emmanuel S

04/10 - 10.00 am Mass

- (1) Tina Pineda (2) Elisha Sailago
(3) Carmen A / Threlly C / Laa F / Nancy K / Alvin M / Tina P
(4) Tomjo Rinson / Jayson Huynh

Church Cleaners (03/10)

Kings

Frank D / Philip Mendonca / Rudy / Babitha Constant