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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.

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary time
Year A - 5th & 6th September 2026*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (33:7-9)

(If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death).

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life'.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 94)

All: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Reader: Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

All: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Reader: Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

All: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Reader: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

All: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (13:8-10)
(Love is the fulfillment of the Law).

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the Commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covert, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord.

Parish News and Happenings

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (18:15-20)

(If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back).

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul
is thirsting for God, the living God.

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

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & SVD Anniversary

Join us on **Tuesday, September 8th** for a dual celebration as we honour the birth of our Blessed Mother—the dawn of our salvation—and mark the foundational anniversary of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD).

Mass Time: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

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.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL IN SUPPORT OF CLERGYCARE:

The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be promoted in our parish on the weekend of 19/20 September. Please come prepared and donate generously.

"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 Mascord

NSW Foster and Kinship Carer Week

The NSW Foster and kinship Carer Week begins on 5 September, we are reminded of the urgent need for more foster carers across NSW.

Catholic Care is inviting individuals and families to prayerfully consider whether they might be called to open their hearts and homes to a child who needs safety, stability and love.

Bishop Brian's message will be played at all weekend Masses highlighting how one simple "yes" can make a life-changing difference. Our parish will share this invitation and make foster care prayer cards available at the back of the church. Perhaps the Lord is quietly preparing someone in our parish to say, "Perhaps we could do this."

Feel free to listen to Carolyn and Dave's commitment. They've fostered 75 kids over the last 50 years. Carolyn says, "we've been given the gift of caring." <https://omny.fm/shows/ben-fordham-full-show/angels-meet-the-inspiring-aussie-couple-with-75-foster-kids>

Parish Weekly Collections & Monthly Expenditure

Collections (Cash & Envelops)	21st Sunday Ordinary Time	22nd Sunday Ordinary Time
First (for Diocesan Presbytery)	\$ 715.05	\$ 695
Second loose (for Parish)	\$ 929.80	\$ 751.15
Planned Giving (for Parish)	\$1,102.00	\$947.50
July Expenditure	\$ 9,982.75	

Parish News and Happenings

PROPOSED RENOVATION OF PARISH TOILETS & BUILD NEW CUBICLES

Our Parish and Finance Councils are considering renovating the current parish toilets. With the growing number of parishioners using our facilities, together with the increasing number of groups and activities accessing our parish halls, we are experiencing longer waiting times and greater pressure on the existing facilities. The proposal is to **upgrade the current toilets to appropriate modern standards and add three new cubicles.**

It will be a significant and costly project, perhaps less than \$200k after two quotations but we believe our parishioners and visitors deserve safe, clean and accessible facilities. But before we go any further, we want to hear from you.

In the spirit of **synodality—listening, discerning together—we would like to know what you think.** Do you support the proposal? Do you have concerns or alternative suggestions? Are there any specialist, supervisors or skilled builders who could assist? Please feel free to share your thoughts with any member of the **Parish Council or Finance Council** or provide your feedback directly to the parish. It may only be a toilet project—but it is also about how we care for the people who come through our parish doors.

Your voice matters.

MULTICULTURAL MASS

Sunday, 13 September | 9:00 AM

Dear Parishioners,

Our parish is blessed with a beautiful richness of languages, cultures and traditions. This diversity is a gift that unites us as one Body of Christ (Romans 12:5). We warmly invite our parish family to join us for a special Multicultural Mass, celebrating the many cultures that make our community unique. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of All Peoples, we gather as one around the Eucharistic Table in faith and thanksgiving.

Different Cultures. One Faith.

One Eucharistic Table. One Body of Christ.

Come in Your Traditional Dress! Everyone is warmly encouraged to wear their traditional or cultural attire. Let us fill our church with the beautiful colours and traditions of our parish family!

Please Note: There will be ONLY ONE MASS on Sunday, 13 September, at 9:00 AM.

Men of the Parish — We Need Your Help!

We need volunteers to help with the set-up on Saturday, 12 September at 9:00 AM.

Everyone is welcome. Come, celebrate, share and give thanks for the wonderful diversity God has blessed our parish with.

Fr Rass SVD

Reflection : When Relationships Break, Don't Walk Away

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us some very practical advice about what to do when relationships break down: "If your brother or sister does something wrong, go and have it out with them alone." (Matthew 18:15)

It sounds simple—but it is not easy.

We live in a world where disagreements are often handled publicly. A person says something we dislike, and suddenly it appears on Facebook, WhatsApp, TikTok or Instagram. We send a message, forward a screenshot, tell someone else, and before long a small misunderstanding has become a community crisis.

Jesus offers us a different way: speak directly, speak privately, and speak with the hope of restoring the relationship. There is wisdom here for our families, workplaces and parish communities. Before talking about someone, perhaps we should first talk to them. Before judging their intentions, perhaps we should listen to their story. And before writing that angry message, perhaps we should take a breath—and pray! Jesus is not asking us to ignore wrongdoing or tolerate abuse. Forgiveness does not mean pretending that everything is fine.

There are times when serious matters need appropriate support, accountability and professional intervention. But Jesus challenges us not to allow anger, gossip, resentment or public humiliation to become our normal way of dealing with conflict. The Gospel then gives us the beautiful promise: "Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them." Perhaps this is especially important today. We do not always need more people taking sides. We need more people willing to build bridges. A Christian community is not a community without disagreements. It is a community that learns how to disagree without destroying one another.

This week, perhaps we can ask ourselves: Is there someone I need to speak to rather than speak about? And when we gather, may Christ be found not only in our prayers, but also in the difficult conversations where we choose truth, forgiveness and reconciliation over division.

: Fr Rass SVD

Parish Cuppa Weekend

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY will be holding the monthly Parish Weekend Cuppa this weekend on **5th & 6th September** after weekend masses. All are welcome to join in! Gold Coin donation appreciated.

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. Sign up sheet is in the foyer.

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Monique Yongching / Paulo Lafaele /
Wally Skoczylas / Sr. Anna Skoczylas /
Gabriel Wijaya / Samuel / Johndel Cabacungan /
Sandy Faithtumbaga

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 Piel |
| * Logan Wall | * Allan Titmarsh |
| * Jean Yongching | * Jovencio Gregorio |
| * Mason Dulalia | * Mary Clout |
| * Mycka Dimasangal | * Maiava Vilo |
| * Roseline Rivet | * Marissa A Patricio |
| * Jude | * Arsenio & Julian Men- |
| * Jacquie Heeraman | doza |
| * Joe Duval | * Joseph Sequeira |
| * | * Daniel Maher |

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

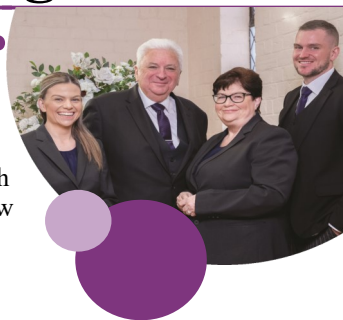


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| ✠ Andrea Tuazon | ✠ Rossamma |
| ✠ Felomino Castillo | ✠ Guadalupe Cabacunga |
| ✠ John Edward Macmanus | ✠ Consuelo Cabanilla |
| ✠ Gerard Ducasse | ✠ Consolacion Silves- |
| ✠ Albert Menezaj | tre |
| ✠ Josefina Inoncillo | |
| ✠ Gaudencia Mendoza | |
| ✠ Marie Billett & Esztertauac | |
| ✠ 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 - 12th & 13th September 2026

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

12/09 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Davitah S | (2) Terry Beattie |
| (3) Andres C / Noel S / Noel E / Teresa B | |
| (4) Nerayo / Neejay Santos | |

13/09 - 9.00 am Mass (Multicultural Day)

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| (1) TBA | 2) TBA |
| (3) TBA | |
| (4) Emmanuel S / Gabriel Wijaya | |

Church Cleaners (12/09)

Judges

Catherine & Pierre Rochecouste
Jennifer & Mario Kreltszheim