



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

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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.

*28th Sunday in Ordinary time
Year A - 10th & 11th October 2026*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you is found
forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (25:6-10)

*(The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away
the tears from every cheek).*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 22)

**All: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd; there is

nothing I shall want. Fresh and green
are the pastures where he gives me
repose. Near restful waters he leads
me, to revive my drooping spirit.

**All: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

Reader: He guides me along the right path; he
is true to his name. If I should walk in
the valley of darkness no evil would I
fear. You are there with your crook
and your staff; with these you give
me comfort.

**All: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

Reader: You have prepared a banquet for me in
the sight of my foes. My head you have
anointed with oil; my cup is
overflowing.

**All: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

Reader: Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life. In the
Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever
and ever.

**All: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians
(4:12-14, 19-20)

*(I am able to do all things in him who
strengthens me).*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be
rich too. I have been through my initiation and

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now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who give me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfill all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: **Matthew (22:1-14)**

(Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding).

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 6:00 pm. (Vigil Mass)

Sunday : 8:00 am & 10:00 am.

Weekday Masses :

Mon- Fridays at 9:00 am

Saturday : 8.30am

RECONCILIATION: Saturday :5:15pm-5:45pm

Every Wednesday : NOVENA to our Mother Mary, 5 pm Rosary followed by Novena Prayers

BAPTISMS : Every 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 11:00am, please contact Maria D'Souza - maria197114@gmail.com or the parish office

Women Rosary : Every First Saturday of the month at 5pm at our Memorial Garden.

Sunday School : Every Sundays during 10am Mass in the parish hall. (during the School Term)

Youth Group : Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 6:30-9:00pm - Logos centre.

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

VOLUNTEERS' THANKSGIVING SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, 31 October 2026

We warmly invite all our wonderful **parish volunteers** to join us for a special day of thanksgiving and celebration in appreciation of your time, dedication and generous service to our parish community.

Mass: 10:00am
Entertainment: Following Mass
Lunch: 12:30pm

Come along and enjoy a time of **gratitude, fellowship, food and fun** as we celebrate and give thanks for all that our volunteers do for our parish. RSVP by 23rd October to Veena / parish office

All parish volunteers are warmly invited!

Catholic Mission Appeal : This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.



Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

Our parish will hold the **Catholic Mission Appeal** on the weekend of **24th/25th October**. There will be a **third collection** during Mass to support this appeal. Please come prepared.

Parish Weekly Collections & Monthly Expenditure

Collections (Cash & Envelops)	26th Sunday Ordinary Time	27th Sunday Ordinary Time
First (for Diocesan Presbytery)	\$ 759.85	\$ 758.00
Second loose (for Parish)	\$ 795.50	\$ 830.00
Planned Giving (for Parish)	\$ 590.00	\$ 733.00
August Expenditure	\$ 9,056.27	

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Looking Forward to 2027 and beyond...

Hi. It has been four months since I arrived at Mary Mother of the Church Parish, and many of you have kindly asked me, "How are you? How are you finding the parish?"

My simple answer is: "I feel good about your parish - even though my feet are still a little wet!" I am still learning, listening and getting to know you. So, please don't expect any drastic changes overnight.

I hope to meet more of you, and your families, before the end of the year. There is already much on my heart and mind about the life, faith and mission of our parish, and I am sure that many of you also have ideas, dreams and hopes for the future.

Having spent these first few months listening to our Parish and Finance Councils, ministry leaders and coordinators, I would like to share some ideas that are beginning to take shape - not as a finished plan, but as possibilities for our prayer, reflection and conversation as we look towards 2027 and beyond.

1. Our Golden Jubilee – 50 Years!

A tentative programme is being developed by Fr Peter and a team for our 2027 Golden Jubilee, with opportunities for pilgrimage, monthly adult formation, social and community activities, and celebration. This could lead us towards a Parish Assembly, where together we prayerfully ask: What is the Holy Spirit saying to Mary Mother of the Church Parish today, and where is God calling us next?

2. 25 Years of SVD Presence

The Society of the Divine Word will also celebrate 25 years of presence and service in the parish in 2027. This is another opportunity to give thanks for the past, celebrate the present and look with hope towards the future.

3. Looking Towards the Eucharistic Congress 2028 :

The 54th International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Sydney from 24 September to 1 October 2028, with the theme "This is My Body, Given for You." I hope this can become another significant opportunity for our parish renewal, Eucharistic faith and missionary journey—beginning from 1 January 2027.

For now, these are simply ideas and possibilities. Let us place them in God's hands, pray about them, talk about them and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us together.

The future of our parish is not something we build alone. It is something we discover and build together—with God.

I look forward to walking this journey with you.
Fr Rass SVD; Parish Priest

Reflection : Come to the feast (Mathew 22:1-12)

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us a story about a king who prepares a great wedding feast for his son. The invitation goes out, but many refuse to come. Some are too busy; others simply do not care. So the king opens the invitation to everyone - "good and bad alike."

There is something very contemporary about this story.

We live in a world where people are busy. Our calendars are full, our phones are constantly calling for our attention, and there is always something more urgent to do. Sometimes, even God's invitation can become just another notification that we swipe away.

But God keeps inviting us.

The feast is an image of God's Kingdom - a life of relationship with God, with one another, and with the wider community. And the invitation is not only for the "good Catholics," the regular churchgoers, or those who have everything together. God's invitation is for everyone.

That should challenge us as a parish.

Do we really make room for everyone? The lonely person, the newcomer, the young person who feels disconnected, the family struggling with life, the person who has been away from Church for years?

The Gospel reminds us that God's Church is not a private club. It is God's family, and the doors must remain open. But there is also a warning. Being invited to the feast is not enough. The guest without the wedding garment reminds us that accepting God's invitation should change the way we live. We cannot come to God's table and remain unchanged.

The Eucharist we celebrate must shape the way we speak, forgive, welcome, serve and care for others. Every Sunday, God says to us: "Come to the feast." The question is not whether God is inviting us.

The question is: How will we respond - and what difference will our response make in the way we live?
: Fr Asaeli Rass SVD

Fr Peter Away : For your information, **Fr Peter will be away from 14–29 October** as he assists with pastoral ministry at **The Good Shepherd Parish in the Diocese of Townsville**. We thank Fr Peter for his willingness to support the parish. Please keep him in your prayers.

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Spiritual Direction – An Invitation to Grow in Faith

Are you longing to deepen your relationship with God? **Spiritual Direction** is a confidential, one-to-one conversation that helps you become more aware of God's presence and guidance in your everyday life. It is not counselling, confession, or advice-giving, but a prayerful journey of listening to the Holy Spirit and discerning where God is leading you. If you would like to explore Spiritual Direction, please contact **Fr Rass** through the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Stanislaw Gasior / Corinne Patterson / Frank Yong Ching / Colette Nichols

Thanksgiving : Rochecouste Family / Herbert & Sheila Kreltszheim / Anishka, Alijah & Aisaach

Special Intentions : Josh and Taylah - Safe Travel

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 | |
| * Roseline Rivet | * Harold Maurice |
| * Jude | * Henry Thornton |
| * Jacquie Heeraman | * April Pavoncelli |
| * Joe Duval | * Maryann James |
| * Rosario Java | * Vilo Maiava |
| * Pauline Harvey | |

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

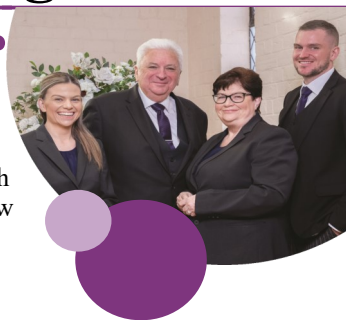


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| ✠ Rosario Lee | ✠ Chandra Fernando |
| ✠ Andrea Tuazon | ✠ Joseph Panjikaran |
| ✠ Nancy Pereira | |
| ✠ Antonio, Epipanio | |
| ✠ Florise Fabien | |
| ✠ Dave Hitchcock | |
| ✠ Florine Ferrao | |
| ✠ Rev. Fr. Leslie Oliver Mathias | |
| ✠ All souls 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 - 17th & 18th October 2026

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

17/10 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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

18/10 - 8.00 am Mass

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

18/10 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Davita S | (2) Peter Thankachan |
| (3) Laa F / Nancy K / Alvin M / Tina P / Bennette / Elisha s | |
| (4) Gabriel Wijaya / Nerayo Santos | |

Church Cleaners (17/10)

Judges

Corrine & Michael Patterson / Sharon & Calvin Ambrose