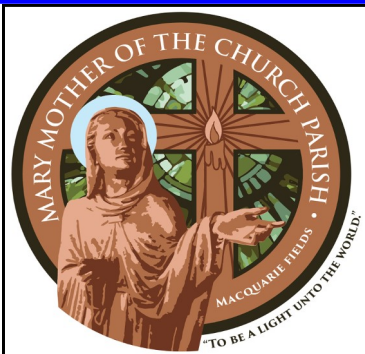




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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

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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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary time

Year A - 17th & 18th October 2026

MISSION SUNDAY

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (45:1, 4-6)

(I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance).

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the lions of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is not other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 95)

All: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Reader: O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

All: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Reader: The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.

All: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Reader: Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

All: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Reader: Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness.

All: Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING

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

(We are mindful of your faith, hope and love).

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember

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before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (22:15-21)

(Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's).

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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.

Notice : Please note that the Adult Formation Night for First Holy Communion parents, scheduled for Wednesday, 28 October, has been **cancelled**.

Notice: Parish office will be closed on Thursday 22nd October due to the staff training at Wollongong.

No Mass : Saturday 31st October, there will no morning Mass at 8:30am due to Volunteer Thanksgiving mass at 10am. You are welcome to attend the 10am mass.

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.

Catholic Mission Appeal

For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.



But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being

built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility. This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

Our parish will hold the **Catholic Mission Appeal** next 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)	27th Sunday Ordinary Time	28th Sunday Ordinary Time
First (for Diocesan Presbytery)	\$ 758.00	\$ 877.25
Second loose (for Parish)	\$ 830.00	\$ 959.15
Planned Giving (for Parish)	\$ 733.00	\$ 795.00
August Expenditure	\$ 9,056.27	

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Presence: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2026 is a beautifully presented, 84-page, full-colour book of daily reflections inviting you to slow down, become attentive, and rediscover the presence of Christ in your everyday life. Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent (29 November 2026) and continuing through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2027), **Presence** offers a prayerful companion for the entire Advent and Christmas journey. **Available now in the Church Foyer. Please see Lina for your copy. \$5.00 / Book**

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM FR RASS

Dear Parishioners,

It is with deep sadness that I share the news of the passing of my beloved mum, **Sylvia Doni Vuicakau**, who passed away peacefully on Thursday morning at the age of 87.

I thank you sincerely for your prayers, kindness and understanding during this difficult time.

As a priest, I have often accompanied others through grief, but losing our own loved ones reminds us that faith does not take away our tears. Rather, it helps us hold our sadness and hope together, trusting in the promise of the Resurrection.

I will travel to Fiji on Tuesday 20th to be with my family and attend to Mum's funeral arrangements. I plan to return on 3 November. I ask for your prayers for my family and me as we commend Mum to God's loving mercy. May she rest in eternal peace.

During my absence, Fr Joseph Reddy SVD has kindly offered to assist the parish when possible from 21–26 October. We warmly welcome Fr Joseph and his parents to our parish community and thank them for their generosity and support. Fr Peter is expected to return on 29 Oct, and other priests will help provide pastoral and sacramental ministry as needed from 26th – 29th Oct otherwise Sr Mary Luise FMM will conduct the Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.

For any immediate parish needs, please contact Mario or Veena, who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your prayers, patience and understanding. Your kindness means a great deal to me and my family at this time.

May our loving God comfort all those who grieve, and may we continue to support one another in faith, hope and love.
God bless you all.

Fr Rass SVD

Mass Timings

All Saints Day : Sunday 1st November 2026
Mass at 8:00am & 10:00am

All Souls Day : Monday 2nd November 2026
mass at 9:00am & 7:00pm

Reflection:

"Give to God What Belongs to God"

Gospel: Matthew 22:15–21

Imagine a family sitting around the dinner table. Dad is checking his phone, Mum is paying bills, one child is scrolling through TikTok, and another is doing homework with one eye on the television!

Everyone is at the table, but is everyone really present?

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to Caesar. Jesus asks them to show him a coin. "Whose image is this?" They reply, "Caesar's." Jesus then says, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Jesus is not simply talking about money or taxes. He is reminding us that we have responsibilities to society, but our deepest responsibility is to God.

As Catholic families, we pay our bills, obey the law, work hard and contribute to our community. These are important. But there is another question we need to ask: Are we giving

God what belongs to God? Remember, the coin carried Caesar's image, but we carry God's image. We are created in the image of God.

So, what does God want from us? Not just our Sunday attendance, our donations or a quick prayer before meals. God wants our hearts, our love and our lives. Parents, giving God what belongs to God means teaching children not only how to succeed, but how to be honest, compassionate and respectful.

Children, it means honouring your parents, treating others kindly and remembering that a person's worth is not measured by likes, followers or the latest phone. And for all of us, it means making time for God and for one another.

Perhaps the most valuable thing we can give our family today is not money or expensive gifts, but our time, attention and forgiveness.

This week, let us ask ourselves: Am I giving God only what is left over, or am I giving him first place in my life?

Fr Rass SVD

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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 : Colyn Victoria Corpuz

Thanksgiving : Nico & Mona / Benson / Christopher Rey Artuz

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 | * Lisapeta Kalasito |
| * Jamie Masangkay | * Nestor Henriques |
| * Resty & Hilde Perez | * Iya Gozum |
| * Nelia Ambat | * Olga Peric |
| * Lydia, Jocelyn & Janice de Jesus | * Mercy Espiritu |
| * Mason Dulalia | * Czeslawa Piela |
| * Carole & Selda Dimayuga | * Allan Titmarsh |
| * Loudette Dimayuga | * Jovencio Gregorio |
| * Nancie Mantuano | * Mary Clout |
| * Dom & Irene Tuazon | * Harold Maurice |
| * Alan & Margaret Raisbeck | * Henry Thornton |
| * Monique Yongching | * April Pavoncelli |
| * Wally Skoczylas | * Maryann James |
| * Jean Yongching | * Vilo Maiava |
| * Mason Dulalia | * Roseline Rivet |
| * Mycka Dimasangal | * Jude |
| * Joe Duval | * Jacquie Heeraman |
| * Rosario Java | |
| * Pauline Harvey | |

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



- ✠ Sylvia Doni Vaicakau
- ✠ Evelynne Sullivan
- ✠ Jean Sullivan
- ✠ Sr Doreen Tyson
- ✠ Joseph Panjikaran
- ✠ Tojo Sebastian
- ✠ Chandra Fernando
- ✠ Rosamma Chacko
- ✠ 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 - 24th & 25th October 2026

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

24/10 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Terry Beattie | (2) TBA |
| (3) Andres C / Irma G / Noel S / Teresa B | |
| (4) Rosy | |

25/10 - 8.00 am Mass

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| (1) Louise Phillips | 2) Petasi Sua |
| (3) Mimi C / Robyn A / Alla B / Steve N | |
| (4) Emmanuel S | |

25/10 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Jayden Valencia | 2) Ashley Valencia |
| (3) Noel S / John T / Carmen A / Threlly C / Laa F / Nancy K | |
| (4) Neejay / Nerayo Santos | |

Church Cleaners (24/10)

Deuteronomy

Catherine & Pierre R / Jenny & Mario K