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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.

*27th Sunday in Ordinary time
Year A - 3rd & 4th October 2026*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (5:1-7)

(The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel).

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 79)

All: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Reader: You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

All: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Reader: Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.

All: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Reader: God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. "Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

All: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Reader: And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

All: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (4:6-9)

(Do these things and the God of peace will be with you).

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of

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God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew (21:33-43)

(He leased his vineyard to other farmers).

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

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

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

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)

27th 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

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

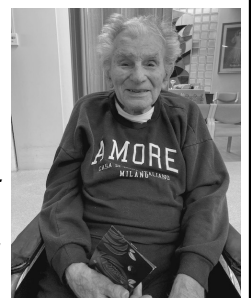
Entertainment: Following Mass

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!

*We are delighted to share that our former parishioner, **Julius Medvecky**, celebrated his **105th Birthday on Friday, 2nd October 2026.** We warmly invite our parish community to keep Julius in their thoughts and prayers as he celebrates this wonderful milestone. We wish him a very **Happy 105th Birthday.***



Parish Weekly Collections & Monthly Expenditure

Collections (Cash & Envelops)	25th Sunday Ordinary Time	26th Sunday Ordinary Time
First (for Diocesan Presbytery)	\$ 878.20	\$ 759.85
Second loose (for Parish)	\$ 965.85	\$ 795.50
Planned Giving (for Parish)	\$ 810.00	\$ 590.00
August Expenditure	\$ 9,056.27	

3rd & 4th October 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.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL—Thank you

Thank you to everyone in our parish who generously supported the Bishop's Annual Appeal last weekend.

Our parish has contributed **\$2,550.60** to the Appeal. Tax-deductible donations are still being gratefully received at dow.org.au/giving or call **(02) 4222 2400**

"I am deeply grateful for the way our diocesan community continues to support both those who have served us faithfully and those preparing to serve in the years ahead. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support." – Bishop Brian Mascord

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 : From Rejection to Love

One thing that has stayed with me from Today's Gospel is the experience of rejection. When I first came to Australia, I was the only one coming from China. The other brothers usually came with someone, and because my English was not good, I often could not understand what they were saying.

Every Friday night, after evening Mass, we would have dinner and social time. People were talking, laughing and sharing stories, while I was sitting there trying to understand.

Sometimes I felt like I was outside the group. Nobody said to me, "Peter, you don't belong here." But sometimes we don't need someone to say those words. We can just feel it.

That experience helped me understand that rejection is not always something people say. Sometimes it is something we feel in our heart. Perhaps some of us have experienced the same thing. Maybe we have felt unwanted in our family, ignored by friends, forgotten at work, or judged because of something in our past.

And when we experience rejection, something can happen inside us. We can become angry. We can withdraw. We can stop trusting people. Sometimes we even begin to reject others because we ourselves have been hurt.

But today's Gospel gives us another way. Jesus says, "The stone rejected by the builders became the cornerstone." Jesus Himself was rejected. He was misunderstood, abandoned and eventually crucified. But Jesus did not allow rejection to change His heart. He continued to love. Even from the cross, He prayed, "Father, forgive them." That challenges us. When somebody rejects us, can we still love? When somebody hurts us, can we still forgive? When we feel that I don't belong, can we remember that we still belong to God? And perhaps the Gospel asks us an even harder question: Whom have I rejected?

Maybe there is someone we have stopped listening to. Someone we have judged because of their past. Someone we have decided is difficult, different, or not worth another chance.

But the stone that people rejected became the key-stone. Perhaps the person we have rejected is not finished in God's eyes. Perhaps God is still working in that person.

So today, let us bring our own experience of rejection to Jesus. Let us allow Him to heal what has hurt us, so that our wounds do not become wounds for someone else.

So this week, perhaps we can remember one simple sentence: "I am loved by God, and I will not stop loving others too as God has loved me first."

: Fr Peter Wang SVD

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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 4th Oct, 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 / Maria Luisa Torre Franca

Thanksgiving : Jacob & Family / Carmen Bacay / Remy Artuz / Thanh Nguyen & Nhung Bui Family / Jocelain Duval

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 | * Joseph Sequeira |
| * Roseline Rivet | * Harold Maurice |
| * Jude | * Henry Thornton |
| * Jacquie Heeraman | * April Pavoncelli |
| * Joe Duval | * Maryann James |
| * Rosario Java | * Vilo Maiava |
| * Rosemary D'Souza | |

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

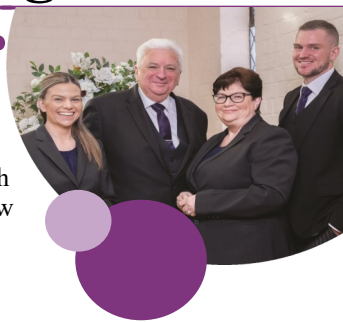


- ✠ Michael Francis Maher
- ✠ Lise & Cyril Ferriere
- ✠ Jose Camcam
- ✠ Veronique Rochecouste
- ✠ Madeleine Saminaden
- ✠ Nikolr Mustapic
- ✠ Mabel Artuz
- ✠ Evelyne Sullivan
- ✠ Gilbert Thomas
- ✠ All souls in Purgatory



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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 - 10th & 11th October 2026

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

10/10 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Pierre Rochecouste | (2) Alisha Joseph |
| (3) Andres C / Irma G / Noel E / Teresa B | |
| (4) Rosy | |

11/10 - 8.00 am Mass

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| (1) Calvin Ambrose | (2) Jim Fogarty |
| (3) Lucy N / Emelia B / Mimi C / Robyn A | |
| (4) Emmanuel S | |

11/10 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Edyleen Santos | (2) Noel Santos |
| (3) Noel S / Bennette / Elisha S / John T / Carmen A / Threlly C | |
| (4) Neejay / Nerayo Santos | |

Church Cleaners (10/10)

Proverbs

Niumata family / Jossie / Regimol J / Sheeba / Hyein