



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year - B - 27th & 28th July 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of the Kings
(4:42-44)

(They will eat and have some left over).

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over." He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 144)

All: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Reader: All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

All: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Reader: The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

All: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Reader: The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

All: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians
(4:1-6)

(There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism).

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The Word of the Lord.

Parish News and Happenings

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John (6:1-15)

(He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted).

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

READINGS FOR THE 18TH SUNDAY - YEAR B :
3rd & 4th August 2024

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

BAPTISMS are open. Every 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the Month.

For Baptism Preparation please contact **Maria D'souza** through email :
maria197114@gmail.com **OR**
contact the Parish Office.



Baptism

Through the waters of Baptism,

Matthew Vinh Sok

Enters into the life of God the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit.

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,
6:30pm Rosary followed by Novena Prayers

Bible Study : Fortnightly on Sundays at 2.30pm
in the Logos Centre.

Sunday School : Every Sundays during 10am Mass
in the Logos Centre. (during the School Term)

Feast Day of the Assumption

On 15th August, we celebrate the **Feast Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** This day is a 'Holy Day of Obligation'. We will be holding 2 masses at **9:00 am & 7:00 pm**

Parish Cuppa Weekend

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY will be holding the monthly Parish Weekend Cuppa next weekend, on the 3rd & 4th August after all the masses. Please join us for a Cuppa with some lovely conversation sharing. You are welcome to get something sweet or savoury to share.

GOLD COIN DONATION APPRECIATED!

Parish Multicultural Day Celebration

Join us for a vibrant celebration of our diverse community on **Sunday, September 8, 2024,** following the 9:00 AM Mass, which will be the only Mass of the day.

Ways to Participate:

- **Donate Boxed Items:** Contribute boxed items for our white elephant stall.
- **Organize a Food Stall:** Showcase flavors from your country by setting up a food stall. Contact us to reserve your stall space.
- **Solo or Group Performance:** Share your talents with the community through a cultural performance. Register your act in advance.
- **Invite Friends and Family:** Extend the celebration by inviting loved ones to join us for this special day.
- **Wear a Costume:** Embrace your heritage by dressing in traditional attire from your country.
- Help to clean up.

For participation inquiries, please reach out to the Parish Office or contact Eric D'Silva at 0434 869 426.

Let's come together to celebrate our diversity and unity as a parish community!

Parish News and Happenings

Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation & Holy Communion 2024

Lessons for the 1st Reconciliation will start this **Sunday 28th July at 11:30am**

RCIA Program

We are inviting those adults who might like to discern becoming a catholic to take part in our RCIA program, which will begin in September 2024 and go through to the Easter 2025. RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about RCIA, or to be sent an enquiry form, please contact the parish office.

Formation for Lectors/Readers

All Readers (existing and new) are invited to attend the Lectors /Readers Formation Day on **Saturday 17 August 2024, at 12:00pm in the church**. Light refreshments will be served. Please inform the parish office of your attendance. Thank You!

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated in the Church throughout the world on the weekend of 28 July 2024.

Recalling the words of Psalm 71:9, "Do not cast me off in my old age", Pope Francis has provided the Church with a moving and heartfelt message urging the Church to remember the "infinite dignity of each person" regardless of their circumstance, state or situation". Download Pope's message at : [dow.sh/gpe](https://www.dow.sh/gpe)
Bishop's office has created a prayer card to distribute which are available in the church foyer.

MULTICULTURAL DAY RAFFLE

Trying to think of a way to support our parish? Collect a book of raffle tickets to sell to family and friends.

1st Prize : \$300
2nd Prize : \$150
3rd Prize : \$50
Plus Consolation Prizes

Ticket price : \$2/ticket
Draw : 8th September 2024
All proceedings will go towards parish projects. Thank you for your support.

Please see Lina for your book.

REFLECTION: A Miracle of Generosity

A priest celebrating Mass in a Dublin parish and preaching on today's Gospel referred to the miracle of the loaves and fishes as a miracle of generosity. And it's easy to see why.

First of all there is the marvelous generosity of the boy, who, with his gift of five loaves and two fish, made the miracle possible. It was a small thing in itself, but for the little boy it was a big thing because it was all he had. There are many who are willing to make a contribution out of the relative plenty that they have, but very few who are willing to give when it means going without themselves.

Then there is the astonishing generosity of Jesus. Not only did he feed all the people, but he saw to it that each got as much as he wanted, and even so there were twelve full baskets of left-overs.

The priest left the altar at the end of Mass happy in the belief that he had preached a nice little sermon. As he was unvesting in the sacristy an elderly woman came to enquire if anyone had handed in a shopping bag. She said she had brought it into the church with her, but now couldn't find it. The sacristan gave her the bad news: no one had left in a bag.

The priest was expecting her to say: 'What kind of person would steal from another person in the house of God?' or some such thing. But she said no such thing. Without a trace of anger or bitterness, she said simply, 'Maybe the person who took it needs it more than I do.'

*'What was in the bag?' the priest asked.
'Two loaves of bread,' the woman replied.*

Her answer delighted the priest. But it also humbled him, because he knew that in her position he would not have been so generous in his response to the theft of his property. He was also humbled for another reason. He was preaching generosity; this woman was practicing it. Hers was generosity of heart.

The Lord nourishes us here in the Eucharistic banquet as surely and as generously as he fed the people in the desert. He nourishes us so that we in our turn may be able to nourish others.

Generosity should have a central place in the life of every Christian, and we get many opportunities in our everyday dealings with one another to practice it. It's not only about giving things, but also and more especially about giving of ourselves — of our time, our energy, and our love.

Joy is one of the lovely fruits of generosity. You rarely meet a generous person who is sad. And you will never meet a happy miser.

Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies
Flor McCarthy, SDB

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Jacinta Suggun

Thanksgiving : Trevor & Rachel Noronha / Babitha Constant Family

This week masses have been offered for the Sick and Special needs of :



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| * Dr Lydia de Jesus | * Eva Silang |
| * Dr Joycelyn de Jesus | * Carole Dimayuga |
| * Leslie Reich | * Selda Dimayuga |
| * Jaypee Masangkay | * Nancie |
| * Aida Dayao | * Mason Dulalia |
| * Nelia Ambat | * Jun & Charo Doctors |
| * Vivian Martin | * Catherine Nguyen |
| * Lucinda Rose | * Resty Perez |
| * Maria Vu | * Susan Biag |
| * Vlado Kutle | * Lysiane |
| * Luis Vincente Marcelo | * Jake Valte |
| * Carla Geronimo | * Andrea Tuazon |
| * Hania Stoklosa | * Daniela Vladislavic |
| * Ricardo San Juan | * Mabel Artuz |
| * Alan & Margaret Raisbeck | * Monique Yongching |
| * Aleyna Meryam Lacin | * Mary Brennan |
| * Mirella Autard-Catherine | * Anica Lovrich |
| * Mick Jones | * Jordan Joval |
| | * Rey Manoto |
| | * Katarina Klindic |

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



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| † Ricarte Santiago | † Ned Autard |
| † Suzanne Sheppard | † Terry Sumeo |
| † Margaret Van Kouwenitove | † Lucien Sullivan |
| † Wasyl Skoczylas | † Rose Fabien |
| † Jennifer Nagarajan | † Daisy Noronha |
| † Patrick John Maher | † Frank & Rose |
| † Agripina Mabilangan | † Mladen Zgrablic |
| † Annamma Mathew | † Sonanita Ranili |
| † Felizardo & Felicidad Berioso | † Dorothy Gomez |
| † Emilyn, Antonio, David, Lucita, Mary Jane | † Les Ireland |
| † Trinidad, Iladio, Antony, Belina, Lucita, Antonio, Emilyn, Celso, Lily | † Noeline Rose |
| † Francoise Duve | † Enid Gaynor |
| † Lydie St. Guillaume | † Ivan Ambrose |
| † 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**

Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise You, We bless You,
We adore you, We glorify You,
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our
prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the
holy one, You alone are the Lord, You alone are most
high Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory
of God the Father. Amen.*

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (all bow)
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell; on the third day he rose
again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic
Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.*