



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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year - B – 21st & 22nd Sept 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

I am the Salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom (2:12, 17-20)

(Let us condemn him to a most shameful death).

The godless say to themselves, "Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it."

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 53)

All: The Lord upholds my life.

Reader: O God, save me by your name; by your

power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth.

All: The Lord upholds my life.

Reader: For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God.

All: The Lord upholds my life.

Reader: But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good.

All: The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James (3:16-4:3)

(Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace).

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you

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cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark (9:30-37)

(The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all).

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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.

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)

Parish Multicultural Day

Thank you to all the parish ministries, groups, and volunteers for your invaluable contributions.

A heartfelt thanks to our MC - Nino Pineda, the talented performers, and a special appreciation to the food stall holders for their hard work in offering such a delicious and diverse selection of food, which truly brought people together.

A Big thank you to all our generous sponsors for their incredible support! Who supported us by sponsoring raffle prizes, providing bread and sausages for the sausage sizzle, and decorating with beautiful balloons. We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity!

We were able to raise a total of **\$ 16,131.70**, which will be contributed to Parish Projects. The contributions of the stalls are listed below:

African	\$150.00
Filipino	\$1,383.20
Indonesian	\$1,740.40
Pancake	\$548.00
Sausage Sizzle	\$500.00
Samoan	\$805.00
Parish Samoan & Pacific	\$1,400.00
Samoan next Generation	\$350.00
Indian	\$1,429.00
Indian	\$316.00
Mauritian	\$250.00
Lemonade	\$30.00
Raffle Ticket	\$6,260.00
Garage Sale	\$970.10
	\$16,131.70

CATHOLIC CARE Aged Care PRESENTATION –

Monday 21 October :

CatholicCare will be visiting Mary Mother of the Church Parish to provide a comprehensive and important presentation on Aged Care, covering topics such as: How to get into the Aged Care system and also the services that CatholicCare can provide. Presentation to commence after 9am Mass. Moring Tea will be provided.

RSVP : Veena - Parish office :

mfields@dow.org.au OR call 9605 6169

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Why is it important for seniors in our community to keep their minds fit?

CatholicCare will be visiting Holy Family Ingleburn parish to deliver an important presentation on maintaining mental fitness of seniors. They will address topics such as:

- Simple way to keep your mind fit
- Ideas for self-care
- Practical tips and tricks for maintaining an active mind and good mental health

Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Presentation to commence after 9am Mass

RSVP to Michaela - Parish Secretary Email: ingleburn@dow.org.au Phone: (02) 9059 4134

"COME & SEE, GO & MAKE" Formation Opportunity!

**Campbelltown – Tuesday, 1 October,
7-9:30pm**

**Wollongong (& Zoom) –
Wednesday, 2 October, 7-9:30pm**

Registration essential: <http://dow.sh/oct2024>
All welcome!

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL IN SUPPORT OF CLERGYCARE:

The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be promoted in our parish this weekend. A third collection will be taken, with all proceeds going towards the Bishop's Appeal. To find out more or make a tax deductible donation please visit www.dow.org.au/giving or call (02) 4222 2446 to make a donation over the phone.

"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**

REFLECTION:

The kind person one is

When Nelson Mandela was a student lawyer in Johannesburg, he had a friend whose name was Paul Mahabane. Mahabane was a member of the African National Congress (ANC), and had the reputation of being a radical. One day the two of them were standing outside a post office when the local magistrate, a white man in his sixties, approached Mahabane and asked him to go inside to buy him some stamps. It was quite common in those days for a white person to call on a black person to perform a chore. Paul refused. The magistrate was offended.

'Do you know who I am?' he said, his face turning red with anger. 'It is not necessary to know who you are,' Mahabane replied. 'I know what you are' The Magistrate boiled over and exclaimed, 'You'll pay dearly for this', and then walked away.

That white man was convinced that he was superior to Mahabane simple because he was a magistrate. And It's clear that it had become second nature to him to expect others, especially if they were black, to serve him.

We tend to define and evaluate people in terms of the job they do. Hence, if we learn that a person is a doctor, our estimation of the person soars. But if we learn that a person is an ordinary worker, our estimation stays earthbound. This is unfair and rather silly. There is something more important than the job, namely, the kind of human being behind the job.

The mistake the apostles made was to put the job, or the position first. In their eyes, the greatest among them was the one who had the highest position. They obviously thought that Jesus would set up an earthly kingdom, and so each wanted to get a top position in is kingdom.

But Jesus told them that his kingdom was not about seeking honour and glory for oneself, but about serving others. If they were prepared to serve others, then by all means they could have a top place in his kingdom. But they would not be sitting on high chairs or soft seats. They were more likely to be down on their knees with a basin of water in one hand and towel in the other, washing the feet of 'the little ones'.

It's not what I do but what I am that is important. One's self-worth should not depend on the work one does. It's possible to possess an altitude of self-worth and accomplishment, regardless of what one does for a living.

There's a lot of talk nowadays about self-esteem. And rightly so, because it is pretty basic thing. But if we want to feel proud of ourselves, we've got to do things we can be proud of. Feelings follow actions. What might those kind of things be? Jesus tells us what they are. They are deeds of love and service. He set the example himself. He gave his life in the service of others. No one can go higher than that. He is the greatest in the kingdom.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Maria Constant

Thanksgiving : Constant / Tina Pineda

Special Intentions: Ancy Antonita Amarnath

Wedding Anniversary : Angela & Amarnath

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 | * Jordan Joval |
| * Mirella Autard-Catherine | * Rey Manoto |
| * Mick Jones | * Katarina Klindic |
| * Lavina, Joseph & Lawry | * Dominique Autard |
| * Sue Aston | * June Carroll |
| * Alwyn Noronha | * Fellie Duggan |
| | * Ricardo Villarosa |

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



- ✠ Ismael G. Cruz
- ✠ Nelson Gooch
- ✠ Josefa Asumcion
- ✠ Peter Hanh Van Tran
- ✠ Ricardo Villarosa
- ✠ Jane Bradley
- ✠ Joseph Gomez
- ✠ Thresia
- ✠ Santiago M. Hernandez
- ✠ Roberto Bhoj Torres
- ✠ Mervyn De Vesser
- ✠ Mary De Vesser
- ✠ Mary Brennan
- ✠ Mila Katon
- ✠ Eugene Danton
- ✠ Perfecto Lasa Sr.
- ✠ 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.*