



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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

18th & 19th January 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (62:1-5)

(As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you).

'About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; not longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have it's wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 95)

All: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Reader: O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

All: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Reader: Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

All: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Reader: Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name.

All: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

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: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:4-11)

(One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses).

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the

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same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit, another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

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

John (2:1-11)

(The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee).

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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)

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 11:30am

Readings for 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C : 25th & 26th January 2025

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30;

Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Children's Choir

Children aged 4 to 12 years are warmly invited to join the Children's Choir!

The Children's Choir will sing at the **8:00 am Mass on the 1st Sunday of each month. Practice will take place last Saturday of every month at 2pm - 3.30pm in the church.**

If your child/children are interested in joining, please contact Star via SMS only **0417 697 979.**

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Parish Hospitality Ministry :

The Hospitality Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with our monthly Parish Cuppa, held after Mass on the first weekend of each month from **March to December**. This is a great chance to connect with fellow parishioners and strengthen our parish community over a cuppa. Sadly, without enough volunteers, we may have to discontinue this parish gathering.

If you'd like to lend a hand or know more, please contact the parish office. Thank You!

Parish News and Happenings

Parish Profit and Loss Statement - 2024

Total Income : \$ 316,797.00

Total Expenses : \$ 210,606.00

Summary of Major Works Completed in 2024:

- Tree cutting
- Hall windows replacement and interior painting
- Church lights upgrade

Future Projects Planned:

- Complete Church Painting
- Installation of New Air Conditioning System
- Construction of New Toilets

Resumption of Communion from the Chalice in the Diocese of Wollongong

Please note that receiving from the chalice is entirely optional. Those experiencing symptoms of a cold, flu, covid, or any other illness are kindly asked to refrain from sharing the chalice. The practice of wiping the chalice after each communicant will be observed to maintain hygiene.

The WORD in other words - Bible Diary 2025

Is now available for sale. **The cost is \$25.00 / each.** For enquiries : please contact Tina Pineda on 0408 785 626 or Lina De Santis on 0418 264 696

Forthcoming Dates for Bible Study Sessions:

January: 26th

February: 9th & 23rd & will be held at 2:30 PM in the Logos Centre. All Welcome

REFLECTION : Mary: model of ministry

St John depicts Mary as involved at the beginning of Jesus' ministry (at Cana), and again at the end of it (on Calvary). Mary is thus associated with the whole of his ministry. A look at the Gospels shows that she was involved at all the key moments in his life.

At the annunciation she was asked if she would become the mother of the Saviour. She set aside her own plans, and said a generous 'yes' to what God asked. Ministry sometimes means being willing to set our own plans aside, and to answer a call to lend a hand.

At the visitation she took the initiative. On hearing that her elderly cousin, Elizabeth, was expecting a baby, she visited her, staying until her child was born. Ministry sometimes means taking the initiative - seeing a need and responding to it.

At Cana we see Mary's sensitivity. She noticed that the wine had run out, threatening to ruin the occasion for the young couple. She wanted to help them, but realised that she couldn't do it herself. So she turned to her Son and asked him to help, which he did with great generosity. Ministry at times means noticing a need, but realising that we can't handle it ourselves. So we have to refer it to others who can. This is not the same as passing the buck.

During his public life Jesus was surrounded by crowds. Mary didn't understand what he was about. She feared that he was being taken over. As a mother, she felt compelled to rescue him. But he declined to be rescued. She had misread the situation. He was in control. He had a job to do, and was capable of handling himself. Ministry can involve making mistakes and experiencing frustration and failure. But this is not due to a lack of concern but to a lack of understanding.

On Calvary Mary stood at the foot of the cross, watching Jesus die. Though she desperately wanted to save him, she was powerless to do so. Sometimes in ministry there is nothing we can do. So our only ministry is like that of Mary at the foot of the cross - a silent, supportive presence. A reassuring, supportive presence can mean the world to the sufferer. It saves him / her from the awful prospect of dying alone and abandoned.

These are only glimpses. But a picture emerges of Mary - that of a caring person. In many ways, a typical mother. Mary is a model of ministry. But her role must always be seen in relation to that of her Son. Her role now is that of a mother caring for those who would follow him.

All of us are in ministry in one way or another: towards one another, in our families, in the wider community. Even the work that we do can be seen as a ministry, a service. While women seem to have a special gift, all of us have the capability. Ministry may mean giving things (like at Cana), but more often it is about giving of ourselves. We must be ready for frustration, misunderstanding, failure, powerlessness. But the only thing we have to fear is indifference. No particular skills are needed. At the end of the day, it comes down to love. Ministry is an expression of love.

In ministry what we are doing is what the servants did at Cana. They were just the agents of Jesus. They drew out the water that had turned into wine and gave it to the guests. Ever since, Christ's ministers have been drawing out of the same source. They have been sharing the gifts of Jesus to his Church and to the world. From his fullness we continue to receive and to share.

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Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Rajan / Myron D'Souza /

Thanksgiving: Bui Family / Isabelle Noronha / Noronha Family /

Special Intentions: Tu Pham

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 |
| * Jaypee Masangkay | * Selda Dimayuga |
| * Aida Dayao | * Nancie |
| * Maria Vu | * Mason Dulalia |
| * Alan & Margaret Raisbeck | * Jun & Charo Doctors |
| * Mick Jones | * Catherine Nguyen |
| * Noelene Bartlet | * Mabel Artuz |
| * Wally Skoczylas | * June Carroll |
| * Carmencita Palma | * Fellie Duggan |
| * Dr. Cyd Orosco | * Danica Pineda Lacin |
| * Agatha Go Ay Nio | * Stanislava |
| | * Anthony Smith |
| | * Elizabeth Messain |



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



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| ✠ Sue Aston | ✠ Eric Gaynor Sr. |
| ✠ Philip Punla | ✠ Wilson Asuit |
| ✠ Reynaldo S. De Guzman | ✠ Gene Ronas |
| ✠ Genowefa Michon | ✠ Genevieve Hancock |
| ✠ Lawrence Fernandes | ✠ Abraham Bittar |
| ✠ Sarah Sequeira | ✠ Therese Heeraman |
| ✠ Felizardo Berioso | ✠ Johny Domingo |
| ✠ Felicidad Berioso | ✠ Ruben Smith |
| ✠ Tristam Patterson | ✠ Romeo Kabigting III |
| ✠ Joseph Patawaran | ✠ Anes Dagorne |
| ✠ Ricardo Reyes | ✠ Anacleto Solano |
| ✠ Barry Duggan | ✠ Kathy Cross |
| ✠ Rosario Carualho | ✠ Leocine Dauguet |
| ✠ Daya Saykkara | ✠ Mirella Riga |
| ✠ Simon Kunzle | |
| ✠ 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 - 25th & 26th January 2025

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

25/01 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Jennet Menezes | (2) Maria D'Souza |
| (3) Terry B / Teresa B / Irma / Jisha J | |
| (4) Syona & Rosy | |

26/01 - 8.00 am

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| (1) Calvin Ambrose | (2) Jim Fogarty |
| (3) Steve N / Lucy N / Emelia B / Mimi C | |
| (4) Emmanuel Sailies / Nerayo Santos | |

26/01 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Elisha Sailago | (2) Jaiden Valencia |
| (3) Carmen A / Marc G / Nancy K / Eileen P | |
| (4) Tomjo Rinson / Jayson Huynh | |

Church Cleaners (25/01)

Judges

Corrine & Michael Patterson
Sheila & Herbert K / Sharon & Calvin Ambrose