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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 - 2:00pm

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A – 1st & 2nd August 2020

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my
rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (55:1-3)

(Hasten and eat).

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come! Buy corn without
money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages
on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you
will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will
live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 144)

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

Reader: The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love. How
good is the Lord to all, compassionate to
all his creatures.

**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, 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 Romans
(8:35, 37-39)

*(No creature can separate us from the love of God,
which is in Christ).*

Nothing can come between us and the love of
Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being
persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being
threatened or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power of him who
loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life,
no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still
to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come between us and the
love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every
word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew (14:13-21)*

(They all ate and were satisfied).

Parish News and Happenings

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in
every taste.

READINGS FOR 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A : 8th & 9th August 2020
1 Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33

BAPTISM are open. For Baptism Preparation please contact Maria D'souza through email :
maria197114@gmail.com or parish office.

*Please Note: BAPTISMS – On 2nd and 4th
Saturdays & Sundays of each month at
11:30 am.*

Notice : Please note that Easter Raffle draw will be held over the coming weeks. Please return the raffle ticket books and money to Lina or to Parish office ASAP.

Thank you to those of you who have paid for/
returned your Raffle tickets. Thank you so much for help with the sales.

Reflection :

A modern version of the miracle

Christ fed five thousand people in the desert. Everyone got as much as they wanted, and still there were twelve baskets of food left over. It was an astonishing display of compassion and generosity on His part. But He couldn't have done it without the five loaves and two fish given him by a young boy, and without the help of the apostles.

Mother Teresa fed nine thousand people every day in Calcutta. But she couldn't have done so without the generosity of many people around the world, and the assistance of her sisters and lay helpers. Here is an example of the kind of generosity which made this daily miracle possible.

One day a young couple came into their house and gave them a large sum of money.

'Where did you get so much money?' Mother Teresa asked.

'We were married two days ago,' they replied. 'We decided not to have a wedding feast, but to give the money to feed the poor instead.' 'Why would you

do this?' she asked. 'Because we love each other and wanted to begin our married life with an act of sacrifice,' they replied.

What made their act of generosity all the more amazing was the fact that both of them were high-caste Hindus, who normally will have nothing to do with the poor.

Sometimes a small deed takes on an importance far beyond its actual value. When Jesus told the apostles to give food to the people, they said, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' On hearing this Jesus might have said, 'That's no good. Forget the whole thing. Send the people home.' But he said no such thing. Instead, he took the five loaves and two fish, and with them fed the people.

There is a tendency today to go in for the big gesture, and to neglect the small gesture. Hence, we may be tempted to think that because our contribution is small, it will make no difference. So we excuse ourselves from doing anything. But everything helps. Enough crumbs make a loaf. Besides, our example may trigger a response in others.

Feeding hungry bodies is one of the corporal works of mercy. It is something we could and should be able to do ourselves. But there is a food which only God can give.

Jesus was concerned about those who were hungry. However, he didn't just feed people's bodies; he nourished their minds, their hearts, and their spirits. The people Jesus fed in that lonely place that day went home fully nourished - in body and in spirit.

The miracle involved a lot more than giving food to people. It was an expression of the care and love of God for his people. The food is a symbol of the life God want us to have - life here on earth, and eternal life in the hereafter.

The miracle recalled the Old Testament story of manna in the desert. It shows us Jesus as the new Moses who feeds his people in the desert. It is an anticipation of the table of the Eucharist where Jesus nourished the early Christians and nourishes us now. In the Eucharist we taste the love of God. The proof that we have experienced that love will be our willingness to love others.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies,

Flor McCarthy, SDB

Parish News and Happenings

Feast Day Mass of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – 8 August 2020

On the feast day of St Mary MacKillop (8 August) the Diocese of Wollongong, in collaboration with the Diocesan Catholic Women's League, usually celebrates Mass at one of the churches where Mary MacKillop visited during her lifetime. Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions and limitations arising from that, this year we will be filming a special Liturgy of the Word for the feast day. You are invited to view the liturgy on the diocesan YouTube channel <http://dow.sh/YouTube> or website www.dow.org.au on Saturday, 8 August 2020.

Thank you for your continued support :

Thank you to all our parishioners who give financially each week / month via Envelopes or direct debit. We really appreciate your financial support to our parish.

If you usually donate to us through the planned giving envelope system, I am inviting you to consider moving across to giving electronically via the two options that can be found on our diocesan website www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving

Option 1 : Catholic Development Fund online form
Option 2 : Creating your own recurring payment via internet banking.

For your information our Parish's bank account details are:

Account Name : Macquarie Fields Parish
BSB: 066711
Account No: 001737

Your preferred method of giving is still through Envelopes & If it is a possibility for you, you could accumulate your envelopes and drop them into the parish office which remains open at this time using social distancing or just drop them in our letter box besides the Church gate.

If you wish to give by credit card please ring Veena in the parish office.

Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you. Thank you for all your support. Take care and stay safe and healthy.

Message from Fr Bosco to our Parishioners

"Effective Saturday 03/07/2020, attendance of parish masses for our church now up to 100 ***

As many of you know, we have recommenced all our normal Parish Masses, both on Weekdays and Weekends. Following the most recent guidelines from the NSW Government and Diocese of Wollongong, **the total number of persons allowed is calculated by allowing 4 square metres of space for each person on the premises.** Our church can accommodate maximum 100 people at a time. We are required to keep a record of all those entering the church building – name and phone contact. To help make the process easier for all, we are offering the following ways to attend Mass.

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00 & 10.00am
Booking still required. Please ring or email the parish office.

WEEKDAY MASSES :

Monday - Friday - 9.00am

Saturday – 8.30am

You do not need to book ahead of time since our attendance is usually less than 100. However, your name and details will be noted when you arrive.

For booked Weekend Masses, please remember that if your situation changes and you are unable to attend, please inform the parish so that your spot can be allocated to someone else. Also, for the safety of others, please not to come to the church if you are feeling unwell, have a temperature, or show any other flu like symptoms. While in the church building, please also observe the social distancing requirements. Markers have been placed to show where you are able to sit, either as individuals or as a family group.

Our parish will still continue to live stream 6.00pm vigil mass, 8.00am Sunday mass & all the weekday masses. Bishop Brian has indicated that the dispensation from obligation to attend Sunday Mass still applies, as it is not possible for all of us to attend a Sunday Mass in the Parish.

Please arrive at least 10minutes before Mass to go through checking. Please ensure to utilise the hand sanitisers provided as you enter and exit the church.

Thank you everyone for your patience and support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office. Let us continue to support one another as we look forward to soon gathering in greater numbers. I wish you all every peace and blessing,

Fr. Bosco

Parish News and Happenings

2020 Sacraments

Please note that First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our Parish have been **Suspended** for this year. We know this is a disappointment for everyone, but hope it helps you with your forward planning. Rest assured that your child will get to receive this beautiful Sacrament, but we will have to wait until next year when the current emergency situation is over.

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

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| * Dr Jose Hesron Morfe | * Sophia Ann Tramonte |
| * Jocelyn de Jesus | * Karen Varsanis |
| * Zyra Emma Macasaet | * Haveline Viegas |
| * Erin Louise Guerrero | * Herminia Dalilis |
| * Carole Dimayuga | * Remo De Santis |
| * Maris Ronquillo | * Jamie Masangkay |
| * Aida A Dayao | * Chermaine Miranda |
| * Nancie | * Tala |
| * Eva Silang | * Alex Longhurst |
| * Terry Beattie | * Anorexia Nervosa |
| * Michael & George Milazzo | * Maria Hunkin |
| * Michael Gaynor | * Finn |
| * Daryl Fraser | * Brian Lloyd |
| * Rafael Miguel Reyes | * Dominic Raisbeck |
| * Belle Christine Pobre | * Nell Glynn |
| * Sylvia Espino | * Desiree |
| * Teresa Youn | * Christian Toussaint |
| * Ikay Arguelles | * Vanda |



Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday - Leonila Gilera / Esperanza Aclan/
Danica Pineda / John Sohn

Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men 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.*

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



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| ✠ Fr Larry Faraon | ✠ Lucien Sullivan |
| ✠ Segunda Maglinao | ✠ Ana Kos |
| ✠ Carmelita Padilla | ✠ Ivan & Ria Ambrose |
| ✠ Peter C | ✠ Henry Chretien |
| ✠ Pampilo Ona | ✠ Joseph Fowler |
| ✠ Rodolfo Aclan | ✠ Cyril Rochecouste |
| ✠ Mathew, Mariam, Thresia | ✠ Cyril Houbert |
| ✠ Bryan Howard | |
| ✠ Suzanne Sheppard | |
| ✠ Margaret Van Kouwenitae | |
| ✠ Emmanuel A Bantug | |
| ✠ Avelino Angeles | |
| ✠ Frank Rochecouste | |
| ✠ Pierre Ducasse | |
| ✠ Leticia Hennandez | |
| ✠ Terry Sumeo | |
| ✠ Jan Piela | |
| ✠ Deceased members of : | |
| : Trevor De Lile Family | |
| Asoka Pieris Families | |
| ✠ All Souls in Purgatory | |



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.*