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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Year A – 12th & 13th September 2020

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your
people Israel.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Sirach (27:30-28:7)

*(Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray,
your sins will be forgiven).*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then plead for his own sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 102)

All: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Reader: My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

All: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Reader: It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

All: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Reader: His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

All: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Reader: For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

All: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

(14:7-9)

(Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord).

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Matthew (18:21-35)

*(I tell you that you forgive not seven times
but seventy times seven).*

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Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The Children of men seek shelter in the
shadow of your wings.

READINGS FOR 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A : 19th & 20th September 2020
Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

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.

Child Protection Sunday

This year marks 30 years for Child Protection Week (6-13 September 2020) with this year's theme being 'Putting Children First'. One of the key objectives of the week is to provide the opportunity for conversations around child safety to occur within the community. In sharing our experiences and knowledge we can encourage each other to continue to work together to further develop our child-safe practices.

Our parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – TO SUPPORT THE RETIREMENT AND HEALTH OF CLERGY

Given that we are still limited to the number of people who can attend Mass and collections are not currently being taken up, this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal has moved to an **ONLINE** format. Find out more at dow.org.au/giving.

Bishop's Annual Appeal will be held in our parish on the weekend of 19/20 Sept.

"Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your donation to this appeal next weekend, will enable me to provide a dignified retirement for our diocesan clergy and ensure that our parish communities stay connected during this time of pandemic. While I acknowledge the pressure that some households are facing at this time, if you are in a financial position to give, I would be very grateful if you would consider giving generously to this appeal.

Bishop Brian

Reflection... The Process of forgiveness

Jesus asks us to forgive 'seventy times seven'. Which means forgiveness must be unlimited. There is no point in being glib about forgiveness, or pretending that it is easy. It is never easy. Without the grace of God it is sometimes impossible. When we get hurt, we naturally grow resentful and bitter. Resentful and bitterness are very dangerous things, and we cannot be healed of them unless we forgive.

We all need to forgive because at one time or another we all have been hurt. But what can we do? We must realise that forgiveness cannot be achieved overnight. It is not something that happens in one go. Forgiveness is a process, and like all processes it takes time. There are steps we can take, which, with the grace of God, will lead to forgiveness and healing of the hurt.

We must recognise that a wrong has been done to us. There is no point in pretending it didn't happen. We must recognise that we have feelings about this - feelings of anger and hurt. These feelings are not sins. In fact, they are natural and healthy. We should talk about these feelings. If we can't do this with the person who has hurt us, we should do it with someone else.

Then at some point we make a decision to forgive. Forgiveness is an act of the will. But this doesn't mean that feelings of hurt and bitterness will suddenly disappear. The healing of these will take time.

Finally we have to make a decision about our relationship with the person who has hurt us. Here we have three choices: to continue it, break it off for a while, or discontinue it altogether. Reconciliation is not always possible. It takes two to be reconciled.

Unless we forgive others we ourselves will not be forgiven. It is not that God is vindictive. It is just that we do not forgive others we make it impossible for ourselves to receive God's forgiveness. Imagine two people living in the same room, one of whom closes the blind because he doesn't want the other to enjoy the sunlight. But in so doing he also deprives himself of the sunlight.

It's not a question of forgiving if and when the offender repents. We are expected to forgive even if the offender doesn't repent - that is what makes it so difficult, and why we need God's grace.

We need to pray for the gift of forgiveness. Unless we forgive, we will not be able to let go of bitterness and resentment, and so will not know peace or healing. Forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting. It means remembering and letting go. Forgiveness is a holy task. Only God can help us to accomplish it fully.

Flor McCarthy, SDB

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Update on Easter Raffle Draw :

Delighted to announce that our postponed Easter raffle will now take place on this **Sunday, 13 September after 10am Mass**. Winners will be notified. Thank you for your patience.

Diocesan Notice :

In recent days, the NSW Government has strongly encouraged people to make greater use of face masks in places of worship to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. While it is not yet mandatory, NSW health authorities highly recommend everyone participating in a Mass, Adoration or any other service at a place of worship wear a face mask. Therefore, following this advice, we request our parishioners to use masks when attending a parish Mass for their safety and the safety of others.

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.

Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish.

Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/> to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.

For your information our Parish's bank account details are: **Account Name : Macquarie Fields Parish**
BSB: 066711
Account No: 001737

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 (*insert phone number/email*) 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 24/07/2020, 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 and 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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| * Jamie Masangkay | * Remo De Santis |
| * Jocelyn de Jesus | * Maria Hunkin |
| * Erin Louise Guerrero | * Rhonda Lynch |
| * Carole Dimayuga | * Louis Ratinon |
| * Maris Ronquillo | * Dragica Lovic |
| * Aida A Dayao | * Cynthia L Cabrera |
| * Nancie | * James Botika |
| * Eva Silang | * Saalelea Timu |
| * Michael & George Milazzo | * Joeslin Hebru de la Chaise |
| * Ikay Arguelles | * Fr Anthony Shing |
| * Rose Ooi | * Kinneth Kyd |
| * Bel Sayas | * Makerita Faasoa |
| * Ali Fattah | * Rudy |
| * Finn McConnon | * Jackie Heeraman |
| * Moira Aualiitia | * Dalisay Bacho |



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



- ✠ Leon Rego
- ✠ Lolita Guzman
- ✠ Mary De Visser
- ✠ Fuimaono Lautasi
- ✠ Barry Paul Duggan
- ✠ George & Kathleen Hogan
- ✠ Danny Mathieson
- ✠ Jess Narce
- ✠ Reynaldo De Guzman
- ✠ Richard Henricks
- ✠ Jun Reyes
- ✠ Perfecto Lasa Sr
- ✠ Maria Da Costa Freitas
- ✠ Carmelina Lipovic
- ✠ Crispina Contreras
- ✠ Mariyam Kunjuvarkey
- ✠ Mariyam Kachappilly
- ✠ Mary Chittnapilly
- ✠ Dany Petrovic
- ✠ All Souls in Purgatory
- ✠ Deceased members of :
 - Camcam & Cabanilla Family
 - Uppan Family
 - Vattoly Family
 - Fernando Family



Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday - Nimmi Lowe / Katherina Gunawan /

Zac Anthony Masangkay / Fr Sonar SVD / Raja / Yvette /
Rosa Lee Qiu / Christina Lee Fleckhammer

Thanksgiving - G.T. Lobo & Fly

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.*