



## 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 - 2:00pm

*Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary*

*Year A – 17th & 18th October 2020*

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn you ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (45:1, 4-6)

*(I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance).*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the lions of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is not other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 95)

**All: Give the Lord glory and honour.**

**Reader:** O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

**All: Give the Lord glory and honour.**

**Reader:** The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.

**All: Give the Lord glory and honour.**

**Reader:** Give the Lord, you families of people, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

**All: Give the Lord glory and honour.**

**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: Give the Lord glory and honour.**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

(1:1-5)

*(We are mindful of your faith, hope and love).*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Matthew (22:15-21)**

*(Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's).*

# Parish News and Happenings

## Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

## **READINGS FOR 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Year A : 24th & 25th October  
Ex22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40**

**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.**

## **Catholic Mission Appeal For the Joy of the Lord is your Strength**

This weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope and support to live a fulfilling life. Today you have the opportunity to support the Arrupe Centre as it continues this essential work. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need in Cambodia and around the world. Please give generously.

## **Divine Word Missionaries Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of their formation in Australia (1920– 2020)**

During the centenary year celebrations to be held from 23rd Oct 2020 to 24th Oct 2021 Special events will be organised for all who are part of the legacy of Divine Word Missionaries, to be grateful for the journey accomplished and renew our commitment to the vision of our society.

As Fr. Bill Burt SVD says, 'With thanks, we divine Word Missionaries look at the past 100 plus years. We are thankful to the Australian people who welcomed us here and who have joined us in making St. Arnold Janssen's dream for the World, a reality in this part of the globe. We look to the future, trusting in God, the Divine Word, who has brought us this far and who leads us into the future'.

## **Reflection: Allegiance to God comes first**

God and Caesar have always proved hard to reconcile. Each seek to swallow up the other. On the one hand, you can have a dictatorship in which God and religion are outlawed. On the other hand, you can have a religious fundamentalism which leads to theocracy, and theocracy is the arch-enemy of democracy.

The most important part of a ship is the rudder. Without the rudder it could not be steered. It would simply run amuck. The most precious thing we possess is our conscience. Without a conscience we could not steer the barque of our lives towards the harbour of truth and right. It is easy to sell one's conscience or hand it over to someone else. But for Christians God must always have the first claim on our conscience.

Franz Jaggerstatter was born in Austria and was brought up a Catholic. He was an ordinary, unremarkable young man who had only an elementary education and who became a casual worker. There was nothing about him to suggest that he had in him the stuff of martyrs.

However, at some stage he suddenly matured. He became very responsible and began to take his religion seriously. He was not, however, fanatical about it. He married a girl by the name of Anna, and they had three children.

By this time the Second World War was raging. At thirty-six Franz was called up to serve in Hitler's army. But he refused to join up. This was tantamount to suicide. Friends tried to talk him into joining up.

'I cannot join', he said simply. 'Why not?' they asked. 'Because I believe that this war is not a just war. Therefore, it would be wrong for me to joined up. It would be against my conscience.' 'But many others have joined up. So why can't you?' they persisted. 'What others do is their business. I have to answer for my own conscience.' 'But many others have joined up. So why can't you?' they persisted, where's your loyalty to your people, to your country, to your flag?' they continued.

'I love my people, and I love my country. But there's a higher law-God's law. And God's law tells me that this war is wrong.'

It wasn't that he wanted to die. He had a lot to live for. He was arrested and put in prison. There further efforts were made to get him to change his mind. Even his wife begged him to reconsider his decision. But all to no avail. Franz was beheaded on August 9, 1943. He felt he was obeying the words of Christ: 'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.' Indeed, the memorable words of Thomas More could be applied to him: 'I die the King's good servant, but God's first'.

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Today you could say that Caesar's place is taken by the secular State, that is, the State which is not so much against God as without God. It no longer bases its law on God's laws. This can pose serious dilemmas for Christians, especially those in public office. They cannot impose their own moral values and beliefs on others, yet they must not take part in what, from a Christian viewpoint, is morally wrong.

Every Christian living in the modern world is faced with difficult decisions. There are so many little 'Caesars' vying for a piece of our conscience. There is the party, the company, the club. Franz Jaggerstatter shows us that we must give God the first and highest claim on our loyalty. Whatever else we must give to Caesar, let us make sure that we do not give him our conscience.

## New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies Flor McCarthy, SDB

### Mass Timings

**All Saints Day** : Sunday 1st November 2020  
Mass at 8:00am & 10:00am

**All Souls Day** : Monday 2nd November 2020  
mass at 9:00am & 7:00pm in  
the Church

**(Pre booking required - Please ring or email the parish office)**

### Catholic Care— DOW notice

CatholicCare is committed to ensuring the welfare of the elderly people within our local area. With this, we are offering some macrame lessons at no expense to you at Lake Side Golf Club Camden at 10am. Morning tea is provided and numbers are capped at 8 with 2 CatholicCare staff, the trainer and will comply with all Covid-safe requirements. The following dates are available

Mon : 26 Oct      Thurs 29th Oct

Monday 2 Nov    Thurs 5 Nov

Monday 9 Nov    Thurs 12 Nov

Monday 16 Nov   Thurs 19 Nov

Tues 24 Nov

So, get together with some friends and come along. Please contact Jane 0417 018 752, or Melissa on 0400 550 627 with your preferred date.

### Community Notice

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Minto will be holding an Art & Craft sale at Minto Market Place at 10:00am - 3:00pm on Sunday, 25th October 2020.

We would love to see you all there. For further details, contact M Micheline for Sr. Kerry on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 9am -4pm on 02 96039797. Table will be setup near Best & Less. Thank You!

## 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**

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## 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.

## Thank you Note from Beattie Family :

( Terry & Teresa Beattie )

Thank you for your thoughts & prayers and all the good wishes during our illness. We really appreciate your love and support.

## 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         | * Salelea Timu               |
| * Erin Louise Guerrero     | * Joeslin Hebru de la Chaise |
| * Carole Dimayuga          | * Makerita Faaso             |
| * Maris Ronquillo          | * Dalisay Bach               |
| * Aida A Dayao             | * Mary Albury                |
| * Nancie                   | * Mark Ambrose               |
| * Eva Silang               | * Laura O'Connell            |
| * Michael & George Milazzo | * Alex Longhurst             |
| * Ikay Arguelles           | * Rosario Evangelista Lee    |
| * Marivic Arguelles        | * Josephine Ooi              |
| * Gloria Masangkay         | * Wilfred M                  |
| * Maria Nguyen             | * Memory Harrison            |
|                            | * Rhonda Lynch               |



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



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| † Evelyne Sullivan          | † Iyong Wiloni    |
| † Peter Tabutoa             | † Eileen Shaw     |
| † Annie Stephen             | † Alfredo Pineda  |
| † Daniel Dalilis Sr         | † Lettitia Lewis  |
| † Johnny Dempsey            | † Mariano Roson   |
| † Alfredo Pineda            | † Peter Tsiaparas |
| † Sr Doreen Dyson           | † Mary Raisbeck   |
| † Bernadette Nation         |                   |
| † Anacleto & Rosie Solano   |                   |
| † Sister of the Holy Rosary |                   |
| † All Souls in Purgatory    |                   |
| † Deceased members of :     |                   |
| - Cabacungan Family         |                   |
| - Cabanilla Family          |                   |



## Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

**Birthday** - Joanna Paulynn Masangkay/ Emma Ann Alin / Cris Artuz / Corrine Patterson

**Special Intentions** : Kevin, Rowan, Ayesha Dsouza / Oliver & Patrick Solano / Priya

**Thanksgiving** - Evelyn Camcam / Artuz Family / Mark Ambrose

## 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.