



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B – 8th & 9th May 2021

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
Proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING

reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
(10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48)

*(The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out
upon the gentiles also).*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 97)

All: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reader: Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

All: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reader: The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

All: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John (4:7-10)

(God is love).

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John (15:9-17)

(No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends).

Parish News and Happenings

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

BAPTISMS 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.

READINGS FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY

YEAR B : 15th & 16th May 2021

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13 or Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

Baptism

Through the waters of Baptism,
We present

Caitlin Rose McMahon
Jasper Kaine Carlos
Gideon Chase Morales
Jude Joseph
&
Elijah Reghan Dias



Enter into the life of God the Father,
Son,

Following Thursday's announcement from NSW premier, we have put the following protocols in place:

- **Wearing masks in 'places of worship' is mandatory (until 12:01am Monday 10 May)** (People are not required to wear masks if they are children aged 12 or under, or experience a physical or mental illness, condition or disability that makes wearing a fitted face covering unsuitable)
- **Singing is prohibited** in Places of Worship
- **Prebooking is still required for weekend masses.**
- **Check-in through QR code is still required.**

Flood Appeal

Bishop Brian's Letter to parishes:

The Australian community has always lived with the constant threat of fire, floods, drought and cyclones. Covid-19 loomed large at the beginning of last year during the catastrophic fires that affected much of eastern Australia, in particular the Shoalhaven area of our own diocese.

The response from the broader Australian community was immediate and significant. Despite Covid-19 understandably absorbing much of our attention, the Good Samaritan type response from all around Australia was inspirational.

The March 2021 floods in the southern part of the Diocese of Lismore have had a devastating impact on residents and farmers. Accordingly, the Diocese of Wollongong is supporting a Flood Appeal launched by the Bishop of Lismore, Most Rev Gregory Homering, to provide financial and practical support to the Lismore community.

I am urging our parishes, schools and social services communities to throw their support behind this important cause. I am most grateful for any support you can offer to those who have been so affected by this natural disaster.

Yours in the Lord
Bishop Brian Mascord

Our parish will holding the special collection to support the Lismore community on the weekend of 22nd & 23rd May 2021. Please come prepared & donate generously. Thank You!

Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, we ask your blessings on all mothers. May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom, strength and selfless love. Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good. Mary Mother of Jesus we ask you on this Mother's day to pray for our own dear mothers. May your Son, Jesus, reward them for all the care they have so lovingly given us over the years.

GOD BLESS ALL OUR MOTHERS

Wishing all of the mothers and grandmothers of our Mary Mother of the Church community a very blessed day.



Parish News and Happenings

Reflection : Love sets us free

Every afternoon as they came home from school the children played in the Giant's garden. It was a lovely garden, with soft green grass and fragrant flowers. Twelve apple trees grew there, which in spring broke out in lovely blossoms, and in autumn were laden with large red apples.

Once the Giant went away for seven years, He returned home on a winter's day to find the local children playing in the garden. He got very angry. 'Get out of here!' he cried. The garden is mine. No one plays in it but me.'

He chased them out and put up a big sign on the gate which said: TRESPASSERS WILL BE PROSECUTED. Now the children had nowhere to play except on the dusty road, they used to wander around the high walls sadly.

Spring came, and all over the land there were lovely blossoms and the birds sang happily. Only in the Giant's garden it was still winter. There no green leaf or blade of grass or flower appeared. There the bird refused to sing. Snow covered the grass with a white cloak, and frost painted the trees silver. Then they invited the hail, and he too came.

'I cannot understand why spring is so late in coming', said the Giant, as he sat by the window and looked out at his cold, white garden. 'I hope there will be a change in the weather soon.' But the spring never came, not the summer. Autumn came and gave fruit to every garden but none to his.

The following year he woke one morning to find that the hail had stopped dancing, and north wind had ceased blowing. A lovely perfume came to him, 'I believe the spring has come at last,' he said. He jumped out of bed, looked out of the window, and saw a wonderful sight. Through a little hole in the garden wall the children had crept in and were sitting in the branches of the trees. And the trees were so glad to have them back that they covered themselves in blossoms.

The Giant quietly entered the garden and with a broad smile on his face approached the children. Then in a kind voice he said to them, 'It's your garden now.' He knocked down the wall. When the people were going to the market they saw the Giant playing with their children in the most beautiful garden they had ever seen.

Oscar Wilde's beautiful story is a commentary on Christ's commandment of love. When we refuse to love, we build a wall around ourselves. But we ourselves are the first to suffer. We condemn ourselves to a winter of loneliness and unhappiness.

But when we love, the wall falls down. We open ourselves to others. And we ourselves are the first to benefit. We experience a springtime of

Friendship, goodwill, peace and joy.

Love bestows many benefits on the one who loves. One of the greatest of these is the gift of joy. Jesus said to his apostles, 'If you keep my commandments and will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.'

Jesus talks about love and joy in the same breath. This is because they are intimately connected. Joy is the fruit of love. Joy is an over-flowing heart. The amount of joy we have is in proportion to the amount of love we share with others. If then we are not as joyful as we might be, perhaps it is telling us something.

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

2021 Sacramental Program

Confirmation :

Parent Meeting (meeting with parent/guardian and candidate) : **Tuesday 11th May at 7pm** in the Church

Reminder:

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation & First Holy Communion 2021 will close on Sunday 9th May 2021. Please submit your application forms to parish office through email : mfields@dow.org.au on or before the due date.

Mary Mother of the Church Winter Raffle 2021

First Prize : \$300

Second Prize : \$200

Third Prize : \$ 50

Plus 5 Consolation Prizes

Draw : 25th July 2021 after 10am mass

Tickets : \$2 per Ticket

Please support our Winter Raffle.

Tickets are on sale. Please see Lina.

All proceeds will be used to fund projects in the parish.

2021 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count)

All Catholic dioceses and parishes are urged to take part. **Mass Count will take place in our Parish over the first four weekends in May (starting 1 May 2021).**

This year, parishes will also be asked to provide estimates of the age and sex (in weekend 3 & 4) of those who attend Mass and Sunday assemblies. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Parish News and Happenings

**Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:
Special Intentions : Vic & Regina**

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

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| * Jamie Masangkay | * Joeslin Hebru de la Chaise |
| * Alicia Lustre | * Imelda Ibanes |
| * Aida A Dayao | * Zenaida Santos Abraham |
| * Nancie | * Glenn Langan |
| * Eva Silang | * Alexander Castillo |
| * Marivic Arguelles | * Belinda Quinto |
| * Zara Sto Tomas | * Placida Oruga |
| * Zdravko Lovic | * Ronnie Morfe |
| * Aurora Estrella | * Amie Suggun |
| * Jennifer De Zilva | * Sr Madhavi JMJ |
| * Clarissa Smith | * Aurora L Estrella |
| * Joanna Paulynn | * Sashi Mahoud Sharmen |
| * Cathrine Lucre | * Genoveva Rosas |
| * Jocelyn de Jesus | * Jennifer |
| * Alexander Castillo | * Akarsha & Ankita Srivastav |
| * Diana Vukovic | * Dell Smith |
| * Joshua Ramos | |
| * Evelyn Camcam | |
| * Judy Wabe Abraham | |
| * Elgan Wabe Abraham | |



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



- † Lily Pereira
- † Darryl Monteiro
- † Raymond Sequeira
- † Daisy Noronha
- † Walter Noronha
- † Jelena Vukovic
- † Marc Le Miere
- † Raphaella Santos Abraham
- † Jose Lustre
- † Neil Abraham
- † Soma & Jinasena
- † Kotin Kaduwa
- † Delfa Serrano
- † Lourdh Mary Rathana
- † Zachariah
- † Delfin Contreras Sr
- † Mary Fanning
- † Teodoro Alegrid
- † All Souls in Purgatory



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.