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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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

Year C – 15th & 16th January 2022

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 its 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 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.

Parish News and Happenings

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.

**Readings for 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C : 22nd & 23rd January 2022
Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30;
Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21**

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

BAPTISMS on 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:30 am

Parish Ministries

From new year onwards, Acolyte, Altar Serving, Choir, Eucharistic Ministries will recommence. Please let us know if you are unable to continue in your ministries.

Cursillo Three-Day Weekend

Ladies of the Wollongong Diocese. Life has been so unsettled and erratic for many of us. If you are feeling in need of revitalisation in your Spiritual life, please join us for our next 3-day Cursillo weekend. The weekend will be held at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park and consist of talks, discussion, friendship, daily Mass, and spiritual guidance on request. Our Spiritual Director is Father Chris Roberts. **The weekend commences at 6pm on 17 March and concludes at 4pm on 20 March 2022.**

Accommodation and all meals included in the cost. For further details please contact Denise D'Amore 0438 254 139, or denisedamore0@gmail.com

Cleaning Ministry:

Are you able to help? We desperately are in need of church cleaners. This Ministry is as important as other Ministries of the Church. In order to keep the church clean and presentable as a place of worship, groups of Four to Five volunteers are rostered once every six weeks to wipe and dust the pews, vacuum the floor, sweep the surrounds of the church.

This cleaning takes place after morning Mass on Saturdays and usually takes about 1 hour to complete. Cleaning may be done at an alternative time if all group members are agreeable.

Please come forward and offer us your time to help keep our church beautiful and presentable. Ring the parish office or email us if you are able to help.

Thank you!

Synod of Bishops :

Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "**For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission**". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at:

<http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

2022 Sto Nino Fiesta :

The Sto Nino Association of Campbelltown & Macarthur is celebrating its 25th Anniversary and Fiesta at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church Campbelltown on Sun 16 January 2022 with a Eucharistic Mass at 12 noon. All welcome.

Vocation View :

God's Spirit is given to each person for the common good. What are your gifts? Be willing to share them for the good of others. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

Parish News and Happenings

Reflection :

The wedding feast of the Kingdom

If we take the miracle of Cana literally, we reduce it to a once-off wonder and greatly limit its meaning. It's not really about the power to change water into wine. We already know how to do that - it happens every year in our vineyards and wineries. The miracle has a deeper and broader meaning, and one that is valid for all time. It's about something far more wonderful.

In attempting to describe the relationship between God and his people, the Bible uses the image of a bridegroom and his bride. And in describing the joy God finds among his people, it uses the image of a wedding feast.

The First Reading contains a message of hope for God's people at one of the lowest moments in their history. Jerusalem lay in ruins many of the people were exiled in Babylon. Israel, once God's bride, is now like a widow bereft of children. However, her husband, God, has not forgotten her. There will be a new wedding feast. God will restore his people.

This promise was fulfilled in the return from exile, but more especially in the coming of Jesus. It's no surprise to find that Jesus started his public ministry at a wedding feast. At that wedding the wine ran out. This was a way of saying that the old religion, the old observances, had been found wanting. The time has come for the promises to be fulfilled. The time has come for a new law and new spirit.

The prophets had foretold an abundance of wine in messianic days. At Cana Jesus provided just that. And all those who tasted the new agreed that it was better than the old. We note the sheer generosity of the miracle. Those six jars were capable of holding somewhere between twenty and thirty gallons each. We see not only Jesus' power, but also his generosity. We get a glimpse of the warmth of his heart. The new order began with an act of compassion.

What Jesus did at Cana was not a once-off thing. It pointed to what would happen all through his ministry. The changing of water into wine is a symbol for what he was about. Everywhere he went the old was made new. For the widow of Nain he changed tears into joy. For Zacchaeus he changed selfishness into love. For the thief on Calvary he changed despair into hope. And on Easter morning he changed death into life.

His presence could change beyond recognition the lives of those with whom he came into contact. And he continues to do this for those who believe in him and follow him. He transforms our lives into something wonderful. He offers us something that

we pine for but can't achieve on our own. He offers us a share in the divine life - nothing less than the ecstasy of communion with God. But all of this will remain at the level of theory unless we experience it in our lives, unless in some way in our own lives Jesus changes water into wine.

Water is a good thing and essential for bodily survival. However, though it gives satisfaction it doesn't give joy. Wine, on the other hand, intoxicates and raises the spirit.

Blessed are those who thirst for the new 'wine' that Jesus provides. The old is the promise; the new is the fulfilment. Material things are not enough. Jesus brings another dimension to life. He brings a joy which the world cannot give.

He asked the servants to draw out the water / wine and take it to the steward. Jesus always used human intermediaries to convey his gifts. He asks us to share with others the gifts he has shared with us.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

Flor McCarthy, SDB

Pastoral Emergencies

Fr Bosco is away on his Home Leave. If you, or your loved one's, are sick or dying and are in need of the sacraments, please contact the parish office or Fr Gideon.

Also if you or someone you know would like a phone call from our priests or a member of our parish team we invite you to reach out. Please email the parish office or ring and provide the relevant contact detail

Update on Protocols for Masses :

Now we have reached the 'Stage 3' milestone set by the NSW Government and the diocese, there are no density limits for Mass, Funerals and Weddings. Parishes can set their own density limits, where appropriate, to ensure the safety of parishioners. That means No preregistration is required.

QR Code

COVID-19 Safe QR check-ins are required for entry to the church.

Masks

Face masks for 12years and above are required.

Singing

Congregational singing can commence.

Parish News and Happenings

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Thanksgiving : Rosemelita Cabacungan

Special Intentions : Fr Bosco's Safe trip

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

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| * Rachel Portugal | * Sr Mary Louise |
| * Jamie Masangkay | * Angelita Molano |
| * Jaypee Masangkay | * Sabrina |
| * Aida A Dayao | * Zenaida Lasig Octot |
| * Nancie | * Jennifer |
| * Eva Silang | * Charmine |
| * Renato Bernardo | * Karen Glen |
| * Jocelyn de Jesus | * Rey Legaspi |
| * Jose Herson Morfe | * Josephine Ooi |
| * Aurora Estrella | * Yanna |
| * Edgardo Publico | * Glenn Langan |
| * Stephan Rochecouste | * Vukovic Family |
| * Dominic Hassan | |
| * Hazel Balais | |
| * Brielle Balais | |



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



- ✠ Jesus del Rosario
- ✠ Paz del Rosario
- ✠ Irma Bakulic
- ✠ Reuben Samith
- ✠ Brian Lloyd
- ✠ Wilson Asuit
- ✠ Yene Ronas
- ✠ Genevieve Hancock
- ✠ Frank Medill
- ✠ Jose Ravino
- ✠ Irene Patterson
- ✠ Anne Roman
- ✠ Anacleto Solano
- ✠ Raymunda Caleon
- ✠ Katerina Fagalilo
- ✠ Marcelle Fabian
- ✠ James Read
- ✠ Juliet Aviles Tagle Martinez
- ✠ 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.