



“If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.”

John 12:26

This day marks the landing of Australian and New Zealand soldiers at Gallipoli during the Great War of 1914 - 1918. It has become a national day of remembrance in which we honour the courage and self-sacrifice of those who have served in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The liturgy recognises the sacrifice of the fallen, commends them to eternal life, and prays that the justice and peace which they sought to defend may dwell in our lands.

Acknowledgement of Country

As we gather ‘On Country’ in this sacred place, let us acknowledge that we are on the Land of the Wangal clan.

While there has been great change to this land over the generations, we recognise that the story and spirit of Aboriginal people will always be written in this landscape.

By doing this acknowledgement, we show our respect for the Ancestors who have performed age old ceremonies and held celebrations here for many thousands of years.

We also pay respect to the local elders past & present.

Australia is Holy Land and the great challenge for us is to open our eyes to see the stories written, open our ears to hear the songs that have been sung and open our hearts to feel the sacredness of the Land on which we are standing today.

The St Mark’s Catholic Parish acknowledge and pay respect to the Wangal clan, one of 29 tribes of the Eora nation and the traditional custodians of this land.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

St Mark’s pays respect to elders past and present, and extend this respect to all Aboriginal people living in or visiting our parish community.



THE ODE

They shall grow not old
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning.
We will remember them
Lest we forget.

NO GREATER LOVE:

Today we remember the heroism and courage of Australians and New Zealanders who sacrificed their lives in the fields of battle.

We remember all of the civilian victims of war.

Their voices pierce the silence, echoing the longing of the psalmist for the day when justice will flourish and there will be fullness of peace forever.

St Mark’s Catholic Church Drummoynes Great War Memorial 1914 - 1918

We honour their spirit and we ask that you remember them in your prayers.



Edmund Henry (Jack) Collins

Private No. 4268, 29th Battalion. Died 23 March 1917

Joseph Ignatius Connell

Private No. 6619, 8th Field Ambulance. Died 26 October 1917

John Stephen Coolahan

Lieutenant 5th Machine Gun Company. Died 3 May 1918

Bernard Patrick Dawson

Private No. 2125, 2nd Battalion. Died 6 - 9 August 1915

Michael Hawley

Private No. 3538, 53rd Battalion. Died 19 July 1916

Peter Bernard Joseph O'Reilly

Lieutenant, 38th Battery 10th Field Artillery Brigade. Died 6 May 1917

Arvan James Prichard

Lieutenant 22nd Machine Gun Company. Died 18 July 1918

James Stuart Duncan Weir

Private No. 2867, 4th Battalion. Died 26 July 1916.

Colin Geoffrey Wilson

Private No. 1303, 33rd Battalion. Died 28 July 1918

John Michael Joseph Wills

Private No. 7099, 13th Battalion. Died 8 August 1918

Anzac Day

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Rev 14:13

(All) Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Let them rest from their labours, for their good deeds go with them.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God, who sent your Son to die that we might live, grant, we pray, eternal rest to those who gave themselves in service and sacrifice for their country. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Wide is the dominion of the Lord, in a peace that has no end.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who lived in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing up the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt, and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:2-4, 7-8, 12-13, 17, R. v.7

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

1. O God, give your judgement to the King, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. May the mountains bring forth peace for the people and the hills, justice. May he defend the poor of the people and save the children of the needy. **(R.)**
3. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**
5. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Peace I leave with you, says the Lord; my own peace I give you. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Peace is what I give to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, O heavenly Father, that the sacrifice of Christ, who laid down his life for his friends, may raise all those who have died in war to the victory of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: On this special day, we pray for the needs of our Nation and a troubled world. We remember especially all those who have died in the service of their country so that we might live in peace and freedom.

Reader: We pray for the members of the Australian Defence Force deployed on operations and for their families, that their prayers for each other will bear the fruit of consolation and comfort. *(pause)* **Lord, hear us. All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for all who have been wounded or traumatised by their active service in places of conflict. *(pause)* **Lord, hear us. All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for all families who grieve for loved ones lost. May they be consoled by the love that conquers even death itself. *(pause)* **Lord, hear us. All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for all Australian and New Zealand service men and women who have died: Give eternal rest to all who have made the supreme sacrifice in the service of our nations. *(pause)* **Lord, hear us. All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: Heavenly Father, hear our petitions and grant us lasting peace in our time. When our time comes to follow those we remember today, give us the courage to commend ourselves into your hands and to come with Christ to the life which has no end. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 15:13

(R.) Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

By our communion with this Sacrament, O Lord, grant us, we pray, fortitude in the cause of right, and may our remembrance of those who have died in war make us ardent defenders of your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

The Ode of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them. **(R.)** We will remember them.
Lest we forget **(R.)** Lest we forget **A Minute Silence is kept**

Anzac Day Blessing

Gracious and loving God, As we mark this Anzac day, we remember all who lost their lives through Australia's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. On Anzac day, we especially remember the courageous actions undertaken by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps during the First World War.

On this national day of commemoration, we pray for the airmen, sailors and soldiers who died in battle, sacrificing their lives while on duty. We commemorate their bravery and pray for the families who lost loved ones. As we strive for peace in our country and world, help us to become instruments of your peace. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

THE SACREDNESS OF ANZAC

ANZAC can be broadly described as sacred, even though it is a human event, as are all human events sacred.

Why?

Because God walks in and is a present to us through every human event within our imperfect world. The birth of Christ, His taking flesh and living amongst us is enduring and transformational. Christ lives with us and is immersed within our human condition, both good and evil.

Secondly ANZAC is sacred because human life is sacred. Each human being is precious in God's sight. The life and fate of each soldier who died at Gallipoli matters to God. The nobility, the courage, heroism, the selfless acts and mateship of each matters to God and indeed are graced by Him. The immense grief of loved ones for the dead matters, God grieves with them as does the communal mourning of a nation stripped of so many young lives, this matters to God. This Anzac Day citizens will march with both pride and honour. This will be seen on their faces, both young and old, gathered in unity of purpose. This matters and is sacred to God. The sacredness of each human life compelled God to send his Son so that through his Death all may have life. Each generation will find new meaning in the celebration of Anzac day. Many in our secular world focus entirely on human values which is very good in itself. The prism of faith will hopefully allow us a far deeper and richer understanding of the human condition in the person of Jesus as we ponder the significance of this Anzac event and deal resiliently with world events.

In Christ's Death and Resurrection we have a source of hope that not only support us in those catastrophic events but can aide us greatly in the challenges of every day human existence. Ritual is sacred, for we Catholics the sacraments are the ultimate sacred ritual, the salvific events in which we find Christ. The Holy Eucharist is our daily Bread, the seedbed for regular nourishment for life's journey, the source of life.

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THE LAST POST: In military tradition, the Last Post is the bugle call that signifies the end of the day's activities. It is also sounded at military funerals to indicate that the soldier has gone to his final rest and at commemorative services such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

The Last Post is one of a number of bugle calls in military tradition that mark the phases of the day. While Reveille signals the start of a soldier's day, the Last Post signals its end.

The call is believed to have originally been part of a more elaborate routine, known in the British Army as "tattoo", that began in the 17th century. In the evening, a duty officer had to do the rounds of his unit's position, checking that the sentry posts were manned and rounding up the off-duty soldiers and packing them off to their beds or billets. The officer would be accompanied by one or more musicians. The "first post" was sounded when he started his rounds and, as the party went from post to post, a drum was played. The drum beats told off-duty soldiers it was time to rest; if the soldiers were in a town, the beats told them it was time to leave the pubs. (The word "tattoo" comes from the Dutch for "turn off the taps" of beer kegs; Americans call this "taps" or "drum taps".) Another bugle call was sounded when the officer's party completed its rounds, reaching the "last post" – this signalled that the night sentries were alert at their posts and gave one last warning to the other soldiers.

The Last Post was eventually incorporated into funeral and memorial services as a final farewell, and symbolises the duty of the dead is over and they can rest in peace.



The Anzac Day

What is Anzac Day?

Anzac Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

What does ANZAC stand for?

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as Anzacs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

Australians recognise 25 April as a day of national remembrance, which takes two forms. Commemorative services are held across the nation at dawn – the time of the original landing, while later in the day, former servicemen and servicewomen meet to take part in marches through the country's major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal, and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, Anzac Day is a time at which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

Why is this day special to Australians?

When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and its government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth.

In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany.



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are one and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.



ANZAC Biscuits

50g Flour	50g Butter
75g Sugar	1tbsp Golden Syrup
$\frac{1}{3}$ C Coconut	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp Baking Soda
$\frac{1}{3}$ C Rolled Oats	2tbsp Boiling Water

1. Mix together flour, sugar, coconut and rolled oats.
2. Melt butter and golden syrup.
3. Dissolve baking soda in the boiling water and add to butter and golden syrup.
4. Make a well in the centre of flour, stir in the liquid.
5. Place in spoonfuls on cold greased trays.
6. Bake 15 to 20 minutes at 180°C.

ANZAC DAY



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Parish Priest: Fr Michael McLean PP EV
Priest in Residence: Fr Denis Minns OP
Pastoral Associate: Sr Antonia Nedu ISR
School Principal: Mrs Melissa Lentini

Masks are recommended, please respect the sacredness of our church and remember to turn off your phone during the Mass.

St Mark's Parish, Drummoyne acknowledges the Wangal people, one of 29 tribes of the Eora nation and the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

