



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5 pm
Sunday 7:30 am; 9 am;
10:30 am & 5 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday – Thursday 9:30 am

Adoration

No Mass or Adoration on 2 October!!

Reconciliation

<< No Confessions on 3 October >>

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Sunday 26, Year A | 27 September 2026

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Mass Today

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING | Ezekiel 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 24

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING | Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL | Matthew 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

This Week

9:30 am Mass – Mon 28 Sep

9:30 am Mass – Tues 29 Sep - **Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels [Feast]**

9:30 am Mass – Wed 30 Sep - **St Jerome, priest [Memorial]**

9:30 am Mass – Thurs 1 Oct - **St Therese [Renewed and Sent Conference]**

Friday 2 Oct **NO PARISH MASS** // Saturday 3 Oct **NO CONFESSIONS**

READINGS NEXT WEEK – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Year A
Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

The Humble Path

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin?

This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance.

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's

justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, Humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross. In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

Scott Hahn - stpaulcenter.com

In the spirit of reconciliation we acknowledge the Dharawal people as traditional custodians of this land. We pay our respect to all Elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations peoples today.



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Saying Yes to God—and Living It

What does it mean to do the will of God?

Sometimes we imagine that God has a secret plan for our lives, and our task is to discover it. But God's will is often much simpler than we think.

God wants us to know him, love him, become holy, and love one another. Very often, we discover God's will in the simple things of everyday life—in loving, forgiving, serving and doing what is right.

In today's Gospel, a father asks his two sons to work in his vineyard. The first refuses but later changes his mind and goes. The second agrees but never goes. Jesus asks, "Which of the two did the father's will?"

The answer is clear: the first son. He may not have said the right thing at first, but he eventually did what his father asked.

Doing God's will is not simply saying "Yes, Lord." It is living that "Yes" through our actions.

Every day, we pray, "**Thy will be done.**" But do we really mean it? Are we willing to forgive someone who has hurt us, help someone in need, or change something in our lives that we know is wrong?

The first reading from Ezekiel reminds us that it is never too late to change. Like the first son, we may have said **No** to God in the past, but we can always turn back and begin again.

This week, let us ask ourselves one simple question: "Lord, what is the loving thing you are asking me to do today?"

Perhaps it is to forgive someone, visit a lonely neighbour, help a struggling family, or simply be more patient at home.

When we recognise what God is asking of us, let us not only say "Yes, Lord." Let us go and do it.

Giving Glory to God

Share Your Answered Prayers!

Has God answered a prayer, brought healing, or granted a blessing in your life—big or small?

In the Scriptures, whenever God moved among His people, they built a monument of stones to remember His goodness (Joshua 4:6–7). When we share our answered prayers, it isn't bragging—it gives glory to God and builds up the faith of our entire parish family!

Why Share Your Testimony?

- Glorify God: Praise Him for His active presence in your daily life.
- Encourage Others: Your story gives hope to someone currently going through a hard season.
- Build Expectation: Remind our community at St John's that Jesus Christ is alive and moving in power today!

How to Share:

- Online: Visit therekindleproject.com.au/answered-prayers or scan the QR code below.
- In Person: Fill out a paper slip in the foyer and drop it into the Testimony & Prayer Box. (You may remain anonymous if you prefer).

Let's build an altar of praise together and give thanks for all the good things God is doing!



Rosters

Sunday 4 October

Acolyte

Vigil Michael Norris
7:30 Tom Hunter & Uruguay
9 Joy Kuriakose & Emmanuel
10:30 John Hill, Andrei Valderrama
5 Jason de Guzman

Extraordinary Ministers

Vigil Graeme & Roseleen Goldie
7:30 Jean Reid, Ian Star
9 Erin Jones, Falakika Nau
10:30 Hazel Vargas, Imelda Landrigan
5 Rowena & Patrick Cooke

Readers

Vigil Carmel Gorman, Angel Estepa
7:30 Tarek Boulos, Atoni Kaufusi,
Mary Johns
9 Flor Artus, Wendy Fawbert
10:30 Norma McNally, Broone Periera,
Tessie Yaghooti Fam
5 Maria Brookes, Melinda Canete

Musicians

Vigil Ben McKenzie & John George
9 Glynn Family
10:30 Joe Talamaivao
5 Siervas Musika Choir



St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

Friday 23 October 2026

Come and join us on this wonderful Pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place Museum, Mount Street, North Sydney. Travel this journey together in friendship and fellowship. Enjoy 12pm Mass with Fr John at St Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel. This is a day of prayer and the remembrance of our Australian Saint. Meet on the train (City via Airport) departing from any of the following stations: Macarthur 8:53 am; Campbelltown 8:56 am Leumeah 8:59 am. Pick up the Flyer with the full day's itinerary from the Church foyer. On site visit: Memorial Chapel, Tomb of Mary MacKillop, Museum Galleries; Reconciliation Garden, Alma Cottage: the final residence of Mary MacKillop: and the Café and Gift Shop. No registration is needed so Just turn up! Come and join us for a wonderful day!

SPECIAL INTENTIONS & THE SICK

Guadalupe Jordan, Fr Ross Naylor, Craig Moores, Felisa Orca, Phillip W, Sean Logan, Joan Samuel, Helen Barnes, Ronald Elliott, Jack Wheeler, Roslin, John Moore, David Jones, Nathan Taylor, Cathy Hurst, John Wagner, Alan Johnson, Allan Marquinez, Carmela Labrador, Karen Milenkovic, Josefino Pangilinan.

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Rhodes, Dolores Malihan, Maureen Connolly, Michael Kos, Mary McLeod, Kate Grbavac.

ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

Keith Percival, Des Chapman, George Thomas Thurn, Mauro Puse Jr II, Eduardo Jose, Augustina Alcantara, Elmer & Santiago Munoz, MaryAnne Borg, Rodolfo Ligot, Perfecto Laza Snr.

Prayer Intentions

Upcoming Events

Anointing Mass
10am Sat 7 November

Prayer Ministry

Receive prayer for any need—physical or spiritual—11:30am Sunday 11 Oct.

Children's Mass

10:30am Sunday 27 September

Beach house – A Post-School Getaway for Year 12 Graduates

Finishing Year 12 can bring big changes.

Beach house is a relaxed three-day beach house experience helping school leavers build faith, friendship and community as they begin life beyond school.

Jesuit Villa House, Gerroa

16–18 Feb 2027

\$275 (includes accommodation & meals)

Only 20 places available

A chance to slow down, connect with other young Catholics and start the next chapter well. More details & registration: dow.sh/beachhouse

SANCTUS Rosemeadow

Join us for Sanctus Summit at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow on Wednesday 14 October 2026 starting at 6.30pm. Sanctus Summit is a monthly adoration night, bringing together young adults from different parts of the Diocese! Eucharistic Adoration from 6.30 - 7.30pm (Reconciliation will be available), followed by dinner at Ambarvale Hotel. Come along to pray before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and connect with other young people from the area!

Survey of Catholic Couples

The Australian Catholic Bishops want to hear about the experience of Catholics in their first 10 years of marriage. The information gathered will help inform the development of pastoral responses and resources for this vital stage of married life. Any couple married in the last 10 years, where at least one spouse is Catholic, can contribute their valuable insights via thepmrc.org/survey.

All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link. Your contributions would be highly valued.

ST JOHN'S JOKES CORNER

I Said I Would Do It!

A wife said to her husband, "I've asked you several times to fix that broken cupboard!"

Her husband replied, "Don't worry, darling. I told you I would do it. You don't have to remind me every six months!"

Moral: Good intentions are not enough.

We must put our words into action!

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 9 – 11 October at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Living the Gospel

The Macarthur Social Justice Network guest speaker series

In their Social Justice Statement, "Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division" the Australian Catholic Bishops call us to reject dehumanising language, overcome polarisation, and "choose encounter over division." To help us live out this gospel call, we are hosting Paul Power, Co-CEO of the Refugee Council of Australia, on Saturday 10 October, from 2pm to 4pm in the Penola Room at St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park. This vital talk moves past political headlines to explore how we can stand in solidarity with marginalized migrants and refugees. For catering, email secretary@msjn.org to register.

Faith & Fries – Campbelltown

Wed 14 October | 4:30pm–6:30pm, Grill'd Macarthur Square. Calling all high school students! Faith & Fries is a relaxed afternoon bringing together teenagers from across the Diocese of Wollongong for good food, new friendships and honest conversations about faith and life. Grab dinner at Grill'd, hear a real-life faith story and join a live Q&A panel, the topic for the night is Dating & Relationships. Whether you're involved in your faith, just curious or somewhere in between, you're welcome! Free to attend, with a special \$15 burger and chips deal available to purchase. Register by 5 October to go into the draw for our giveaway! (More details via the CYMDOW instagram) Bring your mates, youth group or others from your school. Register: dow.sh/fries

News from the Diocese

A vocation view

The two sons in today's Gospel show that God cares more about action than promises. Ask the Lord this week: where is he calling you to actually go? (Matthew 21:28-32)

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, the diocesan vocations director, vocations@dow.org.au

Jubilee of St Francis

Warrawong and Thirroul parishes warmly welcome pilgrimage groups to visit them during the Jubilee Year of St Francis. A plenary indulgence is available, under the usual conditions, to all the faithful "who, with a heart detached from sin, participate in the Year of Saint Francis by visiting, in the form of a pilgrimage, any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship anywhere in the world dedicated to Saint Francis" (Decree, 10 January 2026). Both parishes will be celebrating the Feast of St Francis with special Mass on Sunday 4 October 2026. Please contact the parish/es to arrange a time for your group's visit.

Compass Catholic Family Camping Weekend

Registrations are now open for our next CCFC Weekend planned for Friday 16 - Sunday 18 October. Join with families from across the Diocese for a relaxed weekend of family fun, faith and food! For more information and to register go to: dow.sh/familycamping26

Please donate to support our parish

Use the 3 tap machines to donate \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 or other amount (\$1 - \$99).

We know that less people are carrying cash, so the **DoW App** exists to allow you to donate on a one off or regular basis.

Visit parishgiving.dow.org.au to register to setup a donation for **Campbelltown Parish**—it takes only **30 seconds** to register and setup. All donations made are safe and secure—you need to enter your card details and then confirm your information before any payments or donations are processed. You can also change or edit your giving at any time in the app.



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