



WEEKEND MASSES

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

Weekday Masses
Monday – Friday 9:30 am

Adoration
Friday 10 am - 11 am

Reconciliation
Saturday 11 am – 12 pm (with Adoration)

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Sunday 28, Year A | 11 October 2026

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To know, follow and share Jesus with our neighbours.

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Mass Today

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you is found
forgiveness, O God of Israel.*

FIRST READING | Isaiah 25:6-10

*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away
the tears from every cheek.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 22

**I shall live in the house of the Lord all the
days of my life.**

SECOND READING | Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart that we
might see how great is the hope to which
we are called. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL | Matthew 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those
who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*

This Week

9:30 am Mass – Mon 12 Oct

9:30 am Mass – Tues 13 Oct

9:30 am Mass – Wed 14 Oct

9:30 am Mass – Thurs 15 Oct – **St Teresa of Jesus** [Memorial]

9:30 am Mass – Friday 16 Oct

READINGS NEXT WEEK – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Year A

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

Dressing for the Feast

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history.

God is the king, Jesus the bridegroom, the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets. For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies.

Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His Apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people—good and bad alike—to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad.

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from

the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ.

As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ we will find supplied whatever we need.

In the rich food of His body and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever.

But are we dressed for the feast? Are we clothed in the garment of righteousness? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received.

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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One in Christ, United in Mission

This year marks the 100th World Mission Sunday, celebrated on 18 October 2026. Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme:

"One in Christ, united in mission."

The Holy Father reminds us that **mission begins with our union with Jesus Christ**. When Christ is at the centre of our lives and our parish community, we become more united with one another and better able to share the Gospel. A divided community weakens our witness; a loving and reconciled community helps others encounter Christ.

Pope Leo also reminds us that **every baptised person has a part in the Church's mission**. Mission is not only the work of priests, religious or missionaries overseas. Each of us is called to make the love of Christ visible through our words, our actions and the way we live.

On World Mission Sunday, we are especially invited to support missionaries through **our prayer, our witness and our financial generosity**. Even a small gift becomes an act of solidarity with those bringing the Gospel to people who are poor, isolated or in difficult circumstances.

May we be **one in Christ and united in mission**, bringing his love to our families, our neighbourhoods and our world.

Upcoming Events

Anointing Mass

10am Sat 7 November

Prayer Ministry

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

Children's Mass

10:30am Sunday 25 October

Praise God! Our Testimony & Prayer Ministry is Bearing Fruit

Over the past two months, our parish family has been intentional in giving God the glory He deserves—and the Lord has been faithful! Parishioners sharing testimonies at Mass has deeply touched our community, and through the foyer box and website, we see the Lord moving powerfully among us.

Celebrating Answered Prayers

We give thanks to God for His extraordinary grace! Together, we celebrate:

- **Restoration & Healing:** Prayers answered for physical health, peace during illness, and rapid unexpected recoveries.
- **Provision & Peace:** Heavy burdens lifted, jobs provided, and houses sold.
- **Family Reconnections:** Broken relationships reconciled and families reunited.

Lifting Up Our Community's Needs

As we praise God for His blessings, we continue to carry one another's burdens in prayer (*Galatians 6:2*). Please join us in praying at this time for:

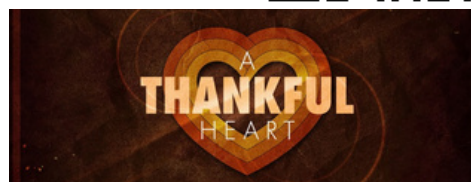
- Family members struggling with addiction and personal health concerns.
- Family members battling cancer and babies on the way.
- Reconciliation in relationships, and for children and loved ones to return to the Church.

Keep Sharing & Praying!

Whether you have a breakthrough to celebrate or a need for prayer, please reach out.

- **In Person:** Fill out a paper slip in the foyer and drop it into the Testimony & Prayer Box (*anonymously if preferred*).

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



Prayer Intentions

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

Isobelle Pinson, Alex Silveira, John Rhodes, Dolores Malihan, Maureen Connolly, Michael Kos.

ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

Emily Omilig, Neville (Marty) Hyland, Graham Thompson, Gerry & Jovito Gatpatan, Keith Percival, Des Chapman, George Thomas Thurn, Mauro Puse Jr II, Eduardo Jose, Augustina Alcantara.

Rosters Sunday 18 October

Acolyte

Vigil Michael Norris

7:30 Tom Hunter & Uruguay

9 Pauloleono Aukusitino & Nathan Cox

10:30 Raul Ladera

5 Jason de Guzman

Extraordinary Ministers

Vigil Vicky Horgan, Sam Nour

7:30 Shirley Moretti, Ian Star

9 Ken Fernandez, Falakika Nau

10:30 Ioana Brunt, Maria Aliifa'alogo

5 Jismin Jio & Hazel Vargas

Readers

Vigil Jolene Gonzales, Elizabeth Javier

7:30 Lucas Alcantara, John Lloyd,

Mary-Ellen Bland

9 Michael Willis, Reiltin Bullock

10:30 Roslyn Williams, Kate Delmo,

Ancy Mathews

5 Kerrie McDonald, Kimberly Sumang

Musicians

Vigil Ben McKenzie & John George

9 Glynn Family

10:30 Joe Talamaivao

5 Siervas Musika Choir

Volunteers needed

We are looking for parishioners who can help look after the **Parish Piety Store** before and after the **Vigil Mass, 10.30am Mass and 5.00pm Mass**. If you are able to help, please speak to **Fr John**. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. The **2027 Columban Calendar** is now available for purchase from the Piety Store for **\$11 each**.

First Reconciliation - Parent Information Night

Is your child in **Year 3 or older** and has **not yet received the Sacrament of Reconciliation**? Parents are invited to an Information Night about preparation for First Reconciliation/Penance/Confession. **7pm Wednesday 21 October 2026 Church**

At least one parent is required to attend this Information Night. We look forward to supporting your family as your child prepares for this important sacrament.

One Foot Forward

October is Mental Health Month and I'm walking 300km across the month in One Foot Forward to help create better mental health for all. Please make a donation and support my walk to help change lives.

You can sponsor me here:

oneff.co/a/RichaHea

Thank you, Fr Richard

October – The Month of the Holy Rosary

October is traditionally dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**, a beautiful prayer that helps us to contemplate the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary.

The Rosary is not only about repeating Our Fathers and Hail Marys. At the heart of the Rosary is **Jesus**. Through each mystery, we reflect on his life, ministry, suffering, death and resurrection. Mary takes us by the hand and leads us closer to her Son.

We live in a world filled with worries—wars, violence, family difficulties, sickness, loneliness and uncertainty. We also carry our own personal concerns. The Rosary invites us to bring all these things before God and to trust in his loving care.

This October, I invite our whole parish to take up a simple challenge: pray at least one decade of the Rosary each day.

Let us offer that decade for peace in our world, for our families, for those who are suffering, and for the needs of our parish community. If possible, gather as a family and pray together. Even five quiet minutes offered faithfully to God can become a beautiful habit of prayer.

Perhaps by the end of October, the Rosary will not simply have been something we prayed for one month, but a prayer that has found a new place in our daily lives.

May Our Lady of the Rosary help our parish to grow in **prayer, faith and love**.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

ST JOHN'S JOKES CORNER

A scripture teacher was asking the primary school class: "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and gave all my money to the parish, would that get me into heaven?"

"No!" the kids shouted.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the lawns, and looked after everyone who was sick, would that get me into heaven?"

"No!" they answered again.

"Well then, how can I get into heaven?"

A seven-year-old in the front row stood up and smiled: "You've got to accept the invitation and turn up for the feast!"

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 8:53am; Campbelltown 8:56am; Leumeah 8:59am. 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!



24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur is on **this weekend** at Campbelltown Stadium. If you are interested in participating or want more information please contact Mark Wallington on **0407 350 030** or to make a donation, please use the link:

mycause.com.au/page/404133/j-walkers

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 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. Bring your mates, youth group or others from your school. Register by 12 Oct to go into the draw to win Sony Noise Cancelling Headphones and a \$100 Grill'd voucher! Register: **dow.sh/fries**

News from the Diocese

A vocation view

The Lord generously invites us to his banquet of life. Listen carefully to his call, put on Christ, and follow him with joy. (Matthew 22:1-14) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, the diocesan vocations director, **vocations@dow.org.au**

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!

The Journey

Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast

The Journey is the weekly podcast for parishioners in the Diocese of Wollongong. Each week it brings you great music, formation in faith, with an array of fantastic presenters from our Diocese and around Australia.

Just go to **www.jcr.org.au** and we will send it to you each week.

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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