



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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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Mass Today

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

FIRST READING | Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations
before his countenance.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 95

Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL | Matthew 22:15-21

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar
and to God the things that are God's.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who
fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to
rescue their souls from death, to keep them
alive in famine.*

9:30 am Mass – Mon 19 Oct

9:30 am Mass – Tues 20 Oct

9:30 am Mass – Wed 21 Oct

9:30 am Mass – Thurs 22 Oct

>>> **10 am Mass – Friday 23 Oct – Grandparents Mass (School COLA)** <<<

<<< **Parish pilgrimage to St Mary MacKillop Chapel, North Sydney** >>>

This Week

READINGS NEXT WEEK – Thirtieth Sunday in Year A

Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Caesar and the King

The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above.

In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading: "I have called you... though you knew me not."

The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem. Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power. Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins.

The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel, "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar," are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight.

The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven, we are called to be a light to the world—working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as today's Epistle counsels.

We owe the government a concern for the common good and obedience to laws—unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church.

But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image. We owe Him our very lives—all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love.

We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will—until from the rising of the sun to its setting all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.

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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World Mission Sunday

We Belong to God – Sent to Share His Love

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus by asking whether it is right to pay taxes to Caesar. Jesus asks them to show him a coin and says, "**Whose image is on this coin?**" They reply, "Caesar's." Jesus then says, "**Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.**"

The coin bears the image of Caesar, but **we bear the image of God, because we are created in his image and likeness.** Therefore, we belong to God, and our lives should reflect his love.

Today, we also celebrate **World Mission Sunday**, with the theme "**One in Christ, United in Mission.**" It reminds us that every baptised person is called to share the Good News of Jesus. When we think of missionaries, we often imagine priests, religious sisters and brothers working in distant countries. But we are all called to be missionaries, beginning in our own homes, parish and neighbourhoods.

We become missionaries when we care for the sick, welcome strangers, help those in need, forgive others, and share our faith through kindness and love.

World Mission Sunday also invites us to support missionaries throughout the world through our prayers and generosity.

Here at St John's, our parish mission is "**To know, follow and share Jesus with our neighbours.**"

This is not simply a statement, but a call to action for every one of us.

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday, let us ask ourselves: Am I giving God a place in my life? Am I sharing his love with others?

We bear God's image.

We belong to God.

And we are sent to share his love.

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:

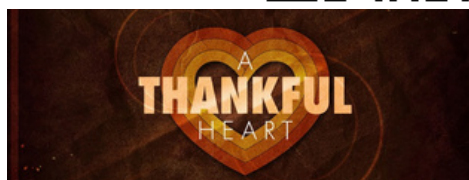
- Family members struggling with addiction and personal health concerns.
- Family members battling cancer and babies on the way.
- Reconciliation in relationships, and for children and loved ones to return to the Church.

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

Pope Leo, 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

Van Xavier Nyugen, Aurea Consunji Santos, Wilfredo Consunji, Isobelle Pinson, Alex Silveira.

ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

Tom McNally, Eusebia Lalap, Antonio Reyes, Camilo Dagami, Joseph Borg, Emily Omilig, Neville (Marty) Hyland, Graham Thompson, Gerry & Jovito Gatpatan, Keith Percival, Des Chapman.

Rosters Sunday 25 October

Acolyte

V5 Brian Thompson

7:30 Tom Hunter & Manusamoa

9 Joy Kuriakose

10:30 Gavan Hill, Andrei Valderrama

5 Jason de Guzman

Extraordinary Ministers

V5 Graeme & Roseleen Goldie

7:30 Karen Schneider & Volunteer

9 Diana & John Hill

10:30 Norma McNally, Imelda Landrigan

5 Rowena & Patrick Cooke

Readers

V5 Marie Cassar & Volunteer

7:30 Jean Reid, Cathy Porter, Ian Star

9 Marie Joseph, Nathan Cox,

Cherima Lucilo

10:30 Martin Shields, Ella Talamaivao,
Children (Universal Prayers)

5 Tess Valesini, Val Alcantara

Musicians

V5 Ben McKenzie & John George

9 Glynn Family

10:30 Joe Talamaivao

5 Filipino Choir

Volunteers needed

We are looking for parishioners who can help look after the **Parish Piety Store** before and after the **Vigil, 10.30am and 5pm Masses**. If you are able to help, please speak to **Fr John**. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

The **2027 Columban Calendar** is now available for purchase for **\$11 each**.

First Reconciliation - Parent Formation Night

Is your child in **Year 3 or older** and has **not yet received the Sacrament of Reconciliation**? Parents are invited to an Formation Night about preparation for First Reconciliation/Penance/Confession. **7pm Wed 21 October 2026 in the 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 400km across the month to help create better mental health for all. Please make a donation and support my walk to help change lives.

To sponsor me, place cash into an envelope (#OFF) on the collection plates or to make a tax-deductible gift visit:

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

The tax collector asked the parishioner, "Have you given Caesar what belongs to Caesar?"

"Certainly," he said. "And I've given God what belongs to God."

"Then what's left for you?"
"Apparently, the bill!"

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!

Upcoming Events

Anointing Mass

10am Sat 7 November

Prayer Ministry

Receive prayer for any need—physical or spiritual—11:30am Sunday 8 Nov.

Children's Mass

10:30am Sunday 25 October

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2026

Thank you to everyone in our parish who generously supported the Bishop's Annual Appeal recently. Through the special collection, together with donations made online, our parish community has helped support the retirement and health of clergy and the sound and holistic formation of seminarians.

Our parish has contributed **\$3,065** to the Appeal. Tax-deductible donations are still being gratefully received at dow.org.au/giving or call (02) 4222 2400

"I am deeply grateful for the way our diocesan community continues to support both those who have served us faithfully and those preparing to serve in the years ahead. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support."

Bishop Brian Mascord

News from the Diocese

A vocation view

God has stamped his image upon your heart and calls you by name. Seek his guidance with trust, and offer your life generously in service to his Kingdom. (Matthew 22:15-21)

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

What's on around the Diocese?

Check out upcoming formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events – too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!



Thank you for your recent support of the 24hr Fight Against Cancer Macarthur. The total raised from St John's Parish from donations, raffles tickets, receipts and on-line donations is **\$1,852.15**. What a fantastic result! Thank you! Mark & Pauline Wallington

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

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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