



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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All Saints Day | 1 November 2026

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Mass Today

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
 as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all
 the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice
 and praise the Son of God.*

FIRST READING | Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

*I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of
 counting, of people from every nation, race,
 tribe and language.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 23

**Lord, this is the people that longs to see
 your face.**

SECOND READING | 1 John 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Come to me, all you that labour and are
 burdened, and I will give your rest, says
 the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL | Matthew 5:1-12

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be
 great in heaven.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Blessed are the the clean of heart,
 for they shall see God. Blessed are the
 peacemakers, for they shall be called children of
 God. Blessed are they who are persecuted
 for the sake of righteousness,
 for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

9:30 am Mass – Mon 2 Nov - **All Souls [Solemnity]**

9:30 am Mass – Tues 3 Nov

9:30 am Mass – Wed 4 Nov - **St Charles Borromeo, bishop [Memorial]**

9:30 am Mass – Thurs 5 Nov

9:30 am Mass – Friday 6 Nov

All Souls Day Masses at 8am (Cemetery), 9:30am, 12pm, 7pm

This Week

READINGS NEXT WEEK – Thirty-Second Sunday in Year A

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Saints, Here and There

The first reading focuses us for today's solemnity. In *Revelation*, St John reports "a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue."

This is Good News. Salvation has come not only for Israel, but for the Gentiles as well. Here is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham, that by his seed all the nations of the world would bless themselves.

The Church celebrates many famous Christians on their individual memorials, but today she praises God for all his "holy ones," his saints. That is the title St Paul preferred when he addressed his congregations.

Divinised by Baptism, they were already "saints" by the grace of God. They awaited, however, the day when they could "share in the inheritance of the saints in light".

And so do we, as the Scriptures give us reasons for both celebration and hope. In our second reading, St John tells us that

to be "saints" means to be "children of God"—and then he adds: "so we are"! Note that he speaks in the present tense.

Yet John also says that we have unfinished business to tend. We are already God's children, but "what we shall be has not yet been revealed." Thus we work out our salvation: "Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure."

We do this as we share the life of Christ, who defined earthly beatitude for us. We are "blessed," He says, when we are poor, when we mourn, when we are persecuted for His sake. It is then we should "Rejoice and be glad, for [our] reward will be great in heaven".

Until then, we pray with the Psalmist: "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." Salvation has come through Abraham's seed, but it belongs to all nations. For "the Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it".

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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Feast of All Saints Called to Be Holy

This Sunday, we celebrate the **Feast of All Saints**, honouring not only the well-known saints but also the countless ordinary people who lived faithful lives and are now with God in heaven.

In today's Gospel (Matthew 5:1–12), Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, reminding us that holiness is not about being famous, powerful or perfect. It is about being humble, merciful, pure in heart, and bringing peace and love to others.

Holiness is not just for a few special people. It is a calling for every one of us. We are all called to become saints through the way we live, love, forgive and serve others each day.

As members of St John's Parish, we are called not only to come to Mass but also to put our faith into action. **Our parish can only become a loving and welcoming community when each of us takes responsibility for building it.**

My invitation to every parishioner this week is simple: **Don't just come to church—be the Church!** Reach out to someone who feels lonely, welcome a new parishioner, offer your time to a parish ministry, or invite someone who has been away from the Church to come back.

Let us work together to make St John's a community where everyone feels welcomed, loved and encouraged to follow Jesus.

Saints are ordinary people who allow God to do extraordinary things through them. Let us begin today!

All Souls Day (2 Nov) Masses at 8am (Cemetery), 9:30am, 12pm, 7pm



All Saints and All Souls

A Time to Remember and Pray

This weekend, we celebrate the **Solemnity of All Saints (1 November)**, honouring all those who now share in God's glory and reminding us that we are all called to holiness.

On **Monday, 2 November, All Souls' Day**, we remember and pray for all the faithful departed, especially our deceased family members, friends and parishioners.

Special All Souls' Day Cemetery Mass

We will celebrate a **special Mass at Old St John's Cemetery, George Street, Campbelltown, on Monday, 2 November, at 8am.** All parishioners and families are warmly invited to join us. Please bring your own folding chair or portable seat for the Mass.

November – Month of the Holy Souls

Throughout November, all our Parish Masses will include prayers for the faithful departed. Parishioners are invited to take a **November Mass Offering Envelope**, write the names of their deceased loved ones and return it to the parish. Their names will be placed in our **Parish Book of Remembrance.**

We also encourage everyone to visit the graves of loved ones, offer flowers, light a candle and pray together as a family.

Let us honour the saints by following their example and remember our departed loved ones by praying for them.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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

Eva Jones, Jess Valix, Virginia Teodoro, Justiniano Andres, Van Xavier Nyugen.

ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

During November all Masses will be offered for those listed in the Book of Remembrance.

Rosters Sunday 8 November

Acolyte

V5 Raul Ladera

7:30am Tom Hunter & Manusamoa

9 Brian Thompson & Nathan Cox

10:30 Joy Kuriakose & Andrei Valderrama
5 Tom Hunter

Extraordinary Ministers

V5 Marie Cassar & Abilene Barnes

7:30am Mary Ellen Bland & Volunteer

9 Diana & John Hill

10:30 Falakika Nau, Maria Aliifa'alogo
5 Jean Reid, Sam Nour

Readers

V5 Vicky Horgan, Juliet Manalastas

7:30 Jim Mutton, Trevor Williams, Mary Johns

9 Ken Fernandes, Cherima Lucilo

10:30 Sinisita Filitoga, Hazel Vargas,
Christina Tatola

5 Sofia de Zilva, Sean Donovan,
Precious Parcardo

Musicians

V5 Ben McKenzie & John George

9 Glynn Family

10:30 Joe Talamaivao
5 Siervas Musika Choir

Piety Store Volunteers

Thank you to the parishioners who have volunteered so that we can now open the store after every Mass. Thank you so much. Please stop by the store today to see what is available for purchase. If you don't have any cash, you can use the tap machine to pay for the purchase.

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

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

One Foot Forward

I walked over **400km** across October to help create better mental health for all - together we have raised over **\$3,300!** Please make a donation 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



✦ Christmas Craft Class ✦

Get ready to ignite your Christmas spirit at a festive afternoon of family fun, fellowship, and creativity! Join us for free Christmas Craft & the Story of Christmas Celebration—the perfect way for children to learn the story of the very first Christmas! Your family can make beautiful Christmas Cards and Sparkling Tree Decorations.

2pm Sun 29 Nov in the Parish Hall.
Open to adults and children – bring your family and friends! Enjoy laughter, fellowship and a chance to meet other people. All material supplied.
No experience needed. – just come ready to create and connect! Tea and coffee provided. Please bring a plate to share. Let's celebrate the joy of Christmas together!

RSVP essential for all by Thur 26 Nov to the Parish Office: 02 4625 8044.

Diocesan Annual Catechist Mass

All active and retired SRE Catechists and those involved in the Sacramental preparation of children are warmly invited to the Annual Catechist Mass and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, **21 Nov at 10am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.**

Join Bishop Brian Mascord, for this celebration, followed by a morning tea.
To register: visit dow.sh/cm26 or contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au for more information.



Campbelltown Theatre Group Concert

Campbelltown Theatre Group is celebrating its 70th anniversary with the 'Take A Bow' Anniversary Concert today, **Sunday 1 November 2pm at The Cube, Campbelltown Catholic Club.** It will feature highlights from their rich musical & theatrical history, backed by a 30 piece orchestra.

Tickets are available at the door.

News from the Diocese

A vocation view

The saints came from every nation, race, and language, answering God's call in countless ways. Listen for the Lord's voice in prayer and trust him to reveal your vocation and mission. (Revelation 7:9-14)

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



A Post-School Getaway for Year 12 Graduates

Finishing Year 12 can bring big changes. BEACHHOUSE is a relaxed threeday beach house experience helping school leavers build faith, friendship and community as they begin life beyond school.

Jesuit Villa House, Gerroa
16–18 February 2027
\$275 (includes accommodation & meals)
Year 12 graduates
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

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.



The MGL Sisters warmly welcome you and your family to the **“Alive” Family Retreat Day** to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit. Discover as a family your unique mission and how to live with boldness and love! This interactive retreat is designed for all ages to enjoy together.

9am – 4pm Saturday 14 Nov 2026

Where: Beginning with 9am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Varroville, then moving to the parish hall for a day of inputs and activities.

Meals: Please bring your own lunch and snacks to safely accommodate your family's specific dietary needs and preferences.

trybooking.com/DIDCJ



FORMATION PATHWAY: Watch Your Language! Words That Shape Culture

Could the words we use be holding back parish renewal? Join us as we explore how everyday language shapes our beliefs, behaviours and parish culture, with practical workshops and an open Q&A on all things parish renewal.

Tuesday 3 November: Campbelltown
Wednesday 4 November: Wollongong or
Zoom Time: 7–9 pm
Register: dow.sh/fpnov26



A child asked, “Do I have to be perfect to become a saint?”

“No,” replied the catechist. “But you do have to keep practising.”

“Good,” said the child. “I’m very experienced at starting again!”

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