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Mass Today

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING | Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Give her a share in what she has worked for.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | *Psalm 127*
Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL | Matthew 25:14-30
Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

This Week

9:30 am Mass – Mon 16 Nov
9:30 am Mass – Tues 17 Nov – **St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious [Memorial]**
9:30 am Mass – Wed 18 Nov
9:30 am Mass – Thurs 19 Nov
9:30 am Mass – Friday 20 Nov

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)*

READINGS NEXT WEEK - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe/Yr A
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

Settling Accounts

The day of the Lord is coming, Paul warns in today's Epistle. What matters isn't the time or the season but what the Lord finds us doing with the new life, the graces He has given to us.

This is at the heart of Jesus' parable in today's Gospel. Jesus is the Master. Having died, risen, and ascended into heaven, He appears to have gone away for a long time.

By our Baptism, He has entrusted to each of us a portion of His "possessions," a share in His divine life. He has given us talents and responsibilities according to the measure of our faith.

We are to be like the worthy wife in today's First Reading and the faithful man we sing of in today's Psalm. Like them, we should walk in the "fear of the Lord"—in reverence, awe, and thanksgiving for His marvelous gifts. This is the beginning of wisdom.

This is not the "fear" of the useless servant in today's parable. His is the fear of a slave cowering before a cruel master, the fear of one who refuses the relationship that God calls us to.

God has called us to be trusted servants, fellow workers, using our talents to serve one another and His kingdom as good stewards of His grace. In this, we each have a different part to play.

Though the good servants in today's parable were given different numbers of talents, each "doubled" what he was given. And each earned the same reward for his faithfulness —greater responsibilities and a share of the Master's joy.

So let us resolve again in this Eucharist to make much of what we've been given, to do all for the glory of God. That we, too, may approach our Master with confidence and love when He comes to settle accounts.

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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.

"Don't Bury Your Talents!"

Imagine receiving a wonderful gift, but instead of using it, you hide it in a cupboard and forget about it. What a waste! Yet, sometimes we do the same with the gifts God has given us.

In today's Gospel (Matthew 25:14–30), Jesus tells the parable of three servants entrusted with their master's money. Two servants put it to good use, while the third, out of fear, buried it in the ground.

Jesus reminds us that **everything we have is a gift from God** — our life, faith, time, abilities and opportunities. God gives each of us different gifts, but he asks us to use them faithfully.

Sometimes we may think, "I am too old," "I am not talented enough," or "I have nothing to offer." But God does not ask us to do great things. He simply asks us to do what we can with love and faithfulness.

As a parish community, we invite everyone to put their gifts into action. Could you welcome people at Mass, join the choir, become a reader, help with children's sacramental preparation, visit someone who is sick or lonely, or assist with parish activities? Even a little of your time can make a difference.

Our parish invitation this week: Speak to a priest or ministry leader after Mass and offer your time or talents. If you are already serving in a ministry, invite someone else to join you.
Let us not bury the gifts God has given us, but use them to build a more welcoming, caring and active parish community.

May we one day hear Jesus say: **"Well done, good and faithful servant."**

Upcoming Events

Christmas Carols
6pm Friday 18 December

Prayer Ministry
Receive prayer for any need—physical or spiritual—11:30am Sunday 13 Dec.

Children's Mass
10:30am Sunday 22 November (final)

✨ Christmas Craft Class ✨

Sunday 29 November, 2pm – Parish Hall
Come and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of Christmas crafts, storytelling and fellowship! Make Christmas cards and tree decorations while celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.

All ages welcome! Materials, tea and coffee provided. Please bring a plate to share.

RSVP by Thursday 26 November to the Parish Office on **4625 8044.**

Bring your family and friends and share the joy of Christmas!

Ministry Thank You Dinner ✨Saturday 28 November✨

We warmly invite **all parishioners who have served in any ministry during 2026** to a special **Thank You Dinner** on Saturday 28 November, following the Vigil Mass. This is an opportunity to come together and celebrate your generous service and dedication to our parish throughout the year.

If you would like to attend, please write your name on the sign-up sheet provided.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Community Christmas Carols

Each community is invited to come and lead us in singing 2-3 carols on Friday 18 December. Please email **music@sjec.au** with your details.

Happy 90th Birthday, Ruth and Beryl!

Our parish family warmly congratulates **Ruth McDonald** and **Beryl White**, *our wonderful twin sisters, on their 90th birthday this week!*

We thank God for the gift of your lives and wish you both good health, happiness and many more blessings.

Happy 90th Birthday! May God bless you both abundantly!

Rosters

Sunday 22 November

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 Abilene Barnes, 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

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal: 28–29 November

This Christmas, **let us share God's love with those in need!** The SVdP Society, Campbelltown, will hold its Christmas Appeal at all Masses on **28–29 Nov.** We warmly invite every parishioner to give generously and help struggling families across Macarthur experience the joy, hope and love of Christmas.
Together, we can make Christmas brighter for those in need!

Kids' Corner

"Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord." (Mt 25: 21)
How does it feel when someone says, **"Well done! You really helped"**? In Jesus' story, a master celebrates someone who has used what they were given well. We can do that too! You might be good at making people laugh, listening or helping someone understand their work. Each day brings a chance to use those gifts. Invite someone into your game. Keep trying when learning gets tricky. Help tidy up without being asked. You don't have to do something huge to make a difference. Small things done with love can bring a lot of joy!
This week I will use one of my gifts to help someone and spread kindness!

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
Matilda McMurray, Liam MacMeanmain (Ireland), Anne Serret, Eva Jones, Jess Valix.

ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

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

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.

St John's School History Project: Discovering Our School's History

Stay tuned to step back in time and explore the fascinating stories, historic buildings, memorable events and cherished traditions of St John the Evangelist School. Discover the history that makes our school special! More information will follow as a dedicated team is developing a database and an online platform to share with the school and wider community.

If you have any photos or memories to share please email:
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ST JOHN'S JOKES CORNER

A pastor asked a miserly parishioner why he never gave anything to the church. He said: "I keep my money nice and safe. It is carefully hidden. Because when I die, I want to be buried with all my money."

The pastor thought for a moment. "In that case, you should leave it in the offering plate on your way out. It'll be the last place anyone looks for it."

The Catechist asked the children's liturgy, "What did the servant do with his talent?" A little boy replied, "He hid it so the boss couldn't take it back, just like I hide my broccoli!"

'Advent Books/Christmas cards

Christmas cards & 'Presence' Advent - Christmas daily reflection books are now available for purchase from the Piety stall.
Advent books are $5 each.

St Francis Xavier's Feast

The Indian community invites you for the solemn Mass on the feast of St Francis Xavier on Thurs 3 December at 5:30pm, at Mary, Mother of The Church Parish, Macquarie Fields.
Please bring a plate.

Take time to prepare for Christmas

You're invited to join the FaithWorX group in the St John's Hall meeting room as we read & discuss the Gospel for the Sundays in Advent. We'll be using the reflections & artwork in the booklet *The Presence*, available for $5 from the Piety stall. Start about 6pm (after 5pm Mass) with a cuppa & biscuits and finish by 7.45pm. Start date is 22 Nov, to prepare for the following Sunday. No need to RSVP, you're welcome to just turn up with your copy of *The Presence*!

Christmas Masses 2027

There is a new timetable this year with all 6 Masses being held in the Church.

Christmas Eve: 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm
Christmas Day: 8am and 10am

Final VOCARIS of 2026...

Movie Night Under the Stars!

Young adults 18+ are invited to come and enjoy a **free food truck dinner**, a catechesis on the **Seven Deadly Sins** and an outdoor screening of ***Father Stu***, an inspiring story of faith and discovering God's call.
Saturday 5 Dec, 6–10pm,
St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park.
Bring a picnic rug or camping chair, your favourite movie snacks and a friend! Head to **dow.sh/vocarisdec26** for more information or to register! for more information or to register!

News from the Diocese

A vocation view

The faithful servants risked what their master gave them and entered his joy. God trusts every vocation with gifts to be used, never buried. Step forward. (Matthew 25:14-30)
If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, the diocesan vocations director, **vocations@dow.org.au**

"Ephphatha: Be Opened!"

Calling young men 18-35 years old

Jesus is always calling us to life, and life to the full—the challenge for us is to be open to hearing his voice. How can we become more open to his quiet voice in the big and small decisions of life? How do we know if we are called to marriage, priesthood or religious life, and how do you live your baptismal vocation more fully as a single young man?

Unmarried young men aged 18–35 who are open to discerning God's call are invited to join the priests of the Vocations Team and our seminarians for lunch, formation, Q&A and Eucharistic Adoration.

Sat 12 Dec at St Therese Parish, West Wollongong. Free entry. dow.sh/Ephphatha

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