St John the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH CAMPBELLTOWN



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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Christ the King | Mass Today

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour. To him
belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING | Ezekiel34:11-12, 15-17
You, my flock, I judge betwen sheep and sheep.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | *Psalm 22*
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL | *Matthew 25:31-46*
He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

This Week

9:30 am Mass – Mon 23 Nov
9:30 am Mass – Tues 24 Nov - **Ss Dung-Lac, priest, & companions, martyrs [Memorial]**
9:30 am Mass – Wed 25 Nov
9:30 am Mass – Thurs 26 Nov
9:30 am Mass – Friday 27 Nov

READINGS NEXT WEEK - First Sunday of Advent / **Year B**
Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

When the End Comes

The Church year ends today with a vision of the end of time. The scene in the Gospel is stark and resounds with Old Testament echoes.

The Son of Man is enthroned over all nations and peoples of every language. The nations have been gathered to see His glory and receive His judgment. The King is the divine shepherd Ezekiel foresees in today's First Reading, judging as a shepherd separates sheep from goats.

Each of us will be judged upon our performance of the simple works of mercy we hear in the Gospel today.

These works, as Jesus explains today, are reflections or measures of our love for Him, our faithfulness to His commandment that we love God with all our might and our neighbor as ourselves.

Our faith is dead, lifeless, unless it is expressed in works of love. And we cannot say we truly love God, whom we cannot see, if we don't love our neighbor, whom we can.

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. And we are to follow His lead, to imitate His example.

He healed our sickness, freed us from the prison of sin and death, welcomed us who were once strangers to His covenant. He clothed us in Baptism, and feeds us with the food and drink of His own Body and Blood.

At "the end," He will come again to hand over His kingdom to His Father, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

Let us strive to be following Him in right paths, that this kingdom might be our inheritance, that we might enter into the eternal rest promised for the people of God .

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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"Have We Loved Jesus in Others?"

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of Christ the King**, the final Sunday of the liturgical year. But what kind of King is Jesus?

Jesus is not a King who seeks power or wealth, but a King of love, mercy and service. He came not to be served, but to serve and give His life for us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that **we will be judged by how we love and care for others,** especially the poor, the sick, the lonely and those in need.

He says: ***"In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."***

We do not need to do extraordinary things to serve Jesus. A kind word, a friendly visit or a helping hand can bring His love into someone's life.

Dear parishioners, **this week, I invite each of us to do one simple act of love:** phone someone who is lonely, visit a sick or elderly neighbour, welcome someone new at Mass, or offer help to a family who is struggling.

Next weekend, **28–29 November**, we can also share Christ's love by generously supporting our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal to help local families in need.

Imagine the difference we could make if every parishioner showed just one extra act of kindness this week!

Let us remember: **The best way to honour Christ our King is to love Him in one another.**

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!

St John's Parish Christmas Carols 6pm Friday 18 December

We warmly invite **all parish choirs, ethnic communities, and Parishioners** to take part in our Parish Christmas Carols in St John's Church. Come and share the joy of Christmas through music and singing as one parish family! To help us organise the program, please send your chosen Christmas carols to **Flor Artus** at **anpcomp3@gmail.com** or contact her on **0468 785 108**.

Let us come together to celebrate the joy of Christmas!

Rosaries/Sunday Missals

Christmas cards, beautiful rosaries & Sunday Missals are now available for purchase from the Piety stall.

Rosters

Sunday 29 November

Acolyte / Server

V5 Brian Thompson
7:30 Tom Hunter & Uruguay
9 Pauloleono Aukusitino & Emmanuel
10:30 Gavan Hill
5 Jason de Guzman

Extraordinary Ministers

V5 Sam Nour, Marie Cassar
7:30 Florence Mascarenhas, Ian Star
9 John Hill, Amelia Jimenez
10:30 Abilene Barnes, Imelda Landrigan
5 Jismin Jio, Hazel Vargas

Readers

V5 Angel Estepa, Jolene Gonzales
7:30 Mary Ellen Bland, John Lloyd
9 Diana Hill, Nathan Cox
10:30 Norma McNally, Broone Periera
5 Sofia de Zilva, Sean Donovan

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

"When you didn't help someone in need, you didn't help me." (Matthew 25: 45)

Have you ever seen someone sitting alone or struggling with something you find easy? Jesus reminds us that when we care for someone who needs help, we are caring for him too. That might mean inviting someone into your game, helping a classmate or checking on a friend who seems sad. You don't need to do something huge. A friendly smile, a listening ear or saying, "Would you like some help?" can make someone feel noticed and loved. It can be easy to think, "Someone else will help." But you could be the person who makes a difference! Even if you're not sure what to do, you can ask a trusted adult to help. Keep your eyes open today. Who needs a little kindness from you? This week I will notice who needs help and do something about it.

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.

Praise God!

Our Parish Family in Prayer

How wonderful it is to see the Lord's goodness unfolding among us! Thank you, Jesus, for your constant love and faithfulness to our parish family.

Celebrating Answered Prayers

- **Youth & Work:** We rejoice with our students who passed their exams with "flying colours," and give heartfelt thanks for a parishioner's daughter who secured a new job after months of uncertainty.

Lifting Each Other Up

- **Our Youth:** For peace and guidance as students await exam results, university offers, and discern their next steps.
- **Healing & Comfort:** For loved ones and parishioners facing cancer, scoliosis, and osteoporosis.
- **Families & Loved Ones:** For grace in struggling marriages, the safe arrival of new babies, and the eternal rest of our dear departed family members.

Have a blessing to share or a prayer need? Drop a note in the foyer Testimony & Prayer Box anytime—we love praying with you. All glory to you, Lord Jesus!



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*!

St John's Jokes Corner

A teacher asks, "If there are ten sheep in a paddock and one jumps the fence, how many are left?" A boy answers, "None, Miss." "No, nine," says the teacher. "You may know your maths, Miss," says the boy, "but I know sheep."

Christmas Carols in Sign Language Come and Join Us!

Would you like to learn something new and share the joy of Christmas?

Lorraine Mulley, a member of the Deaf community, warmly invites everyone to a fun **"Sign Singing" Christmas Carols Practice**. Come and learn to sign 2 Christmas carols **Come all ye faithful** and **Joy to the world**!

4:30–6 pm, **Friday 27 November,** St John's Church.

No experience needed – just bring your enthusiasm! **All ages are welcome**. Let's make Christmas joyful and inclusive for everyone!

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

Immaculata Mission School: 1 – 7 Jan
"Am I Not Your Mother?" @ Presbyterian Ladies College, Armidale
immaculata.org.au/ims

Senior Ladies – St John's Community

Christmas get together Lunch
Campbelltown Catholic Club
12 noon Friday 4 Dec 2026

For all senior/retired ladies and friends. A nice way to catch up with "old" and meet new friends.
Enquiries Kay 0413 931 596 or Jan 4625 4455



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:
Debbie: dagilroy59@gmail.com
Trish: april_lilly@hotmail.com

News from the Diocese

A vocation view

Christ the King shepherds his flock through those who serve. Ask where he is calling you to feed, welcome, visit or care for his people.

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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