



## 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 15, Year A | 12 July 2026**

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## Mass Today

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

### FIRST READING | Isaiah 55:10-11

*The rain makes the earth fruitful.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 64

**The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

### SECOND READING | Romans 8:18-23

*All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### GOSPEL | Matthew 13:1-23

*A sower went out to sow.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.*

*Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.*

## This Week

9:30 am Mass – Mon 13 July

9:30 am Mass – Tues 14 July

9:30 am Mass – Wed 15 July – **St Bonaventure, bishop & doctor [Memorial]**

9:30 am Mass – Thurs 16 July

9:30 am Mass – Friday 17 July

## READINGS NEXT WEEK – Sixteenth Sunday in Year A

*Wisom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43*

## The Word's Return

Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word—and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today's Gospel especially.

Again, we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in which the Word can grow and bear fruit.

As we sing in today's Psalm, in Jesus, God's Word has visited our land to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit.

The first fruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in Baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. In this, we are made a "new creation", the first fruits of a new heaven and a new earth.

Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility. But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today's First Reading.

His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steals it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns.

In the Eucharist, the Word gives Himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness.

And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord's Day — when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.

Scott Hahn - [stpaulcenter.com](http://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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## Is My Heart Ready?

Every Sunday, when we come to Mass, God speaks to us through His Word. But today's Gospel invites us to ask a simple question: **Is my heart ready to receive what God wants to say?**

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus reminds us that God's Word is like a seed. The seed is always good, and God never stops sowing it generously into our lives. The difference is not the seed, but the condition of the soil.

There are times when our hearts become hardened by disappointment, crowded with worries, or distracted by the busyness of everyday life. At other times, our hearts are open, receptive, and ready for God to work within us.

The good news is that no heart is beyond God's care. A gardener can prepare hard soil for planting, and God can also soften and renew our hearts. Through prayer, the Scriptures, the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, He helps us become the rich soil where His Word can take root and bear fruit.

The prophet Isaiah gives us another wonderful promise: God's Word never returns empty. Even when we cannot see immediate results, God is quietly at work. Like a seed growing beneath the surface, His grace is changing us in ways we may not yet recognise.

As we celebrate the Eucharist this weekend, let us pray with confidence: **"Lord, make my heart good soil. Help me to hear Your Word, trust in Your promises, and bear fruit through acts of faith, hope, and love."**

## VOCARIS – Testimony Night

Young adults (18+) are invited to an profound evening of faith featuring the testimonies of a deacon (soon to be ordained priest), a religious sister and a married couple, each sharing the joy of discovering God's unique call in their lives. Join us on Saturday, 15 August, from 6 pm–9:30 pm at the Wilton Community Centre (25 minutes from Macarthur and Wollongong). Go to [dow.sh/Vocaristestimony](http://dow.sh/Vocaristestimony).

## Renewed & Sent

### Invite from Bp Brian Mascord

Join delegates from across Australia and many other countries. "We have the greatest news the world has ever known: Jesus Christ is alive, he loves us, and he sends us. At the **Parish Renewal Summit (1-3 Oct)**, my hope is that we will be reminded of this truth, renewed in our own discipleship, and encouraged to share this hope with others. I warmly encourage you to be part of this gathering as we seek together the renewal of our parishes and the mission of the Church."

[renewedandsent.com.au](http://renewedandsent.com.au)

### Volunteer @ the Summit

Our parish has been asked to provide 30 volunteers to serve during the Renewal Summit. If you are available to volunteer in a variety of roles, you can register at a special price of **\$79 (normally \$225) and receive a free T-Shirt.**

**Ask for a volunteer flyer today.**



## Prayer Intentions

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS & THE SICK

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

Gordon Hunter, Franca Nasso, Hunter, Allan Ross, Sherley Xavier, Victoria Telesforo Vasquez, Elizabeth Muller, Ross Robert Taylor.

### ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

Joy Sutton, Esther McPherson, Elamma Kuriakose, Leone Paseka, Henryk Swierk, Julia Brunt-Petelo, Ryan Connor McCarthy, Noel D'Cruze, Aggie D'Sa, Michael Lucilo, Philip Collings.

## Rosters Sunday 19 July

### Acolyte

Vigil Michael Norris  
7:30 Tom Hunter  
9 Pauloleono Aukusitino  
10:30 Joy Kuriakose, Andrei Valderrama  
5 Volunteer please

### Extraordinary Ministers

Vigil Vicky Horgan, Sam Nour  
7:30 Shirley Moretti, Ian Star  
9 Ken Fernandez, Falakika Nau  
10:30 Ioana Brunt, Faalu Faamau  
5 Jismin Jio, Alexander Wojcik

### Readers

Vigil Jolene Gonzales, Elizabeth Javier  
7:30 Lucas Alcantara, John Lloyd,  
Mary-Ellen Bland  
9 Michael Willis, Reiltin Bullock,  
Nathan Cox  
10:30 Ancy Mathews, Kate Delmo,  
Roslyn Williams  
5 Kerrie McDonald, Kimberly Sumang

### Musicians

Vigil Ben McKenzie & John George  
9 Glynn Family  
10:30 Joe Talamaivao  
5 Siervas Musika Choir

## Sacrament of Confirmation – Parent Information Night

Children in Year 6 or older who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are invited to prepare for Confirmation.

A Parent Information Night will be held on Wednesday, 29 July, at 7 pm in the church. At least one parent is asked to attend to receive important information about the preparation program.



## Upcoming Events

### Anointing Mass

10am Sat 5 September (original date)

### Prayer Ministry

11:30am Sunday 12 July (TODAY!)

11:30am Sunday 9 August

## 2026 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, you are warmly invited to the Significant Marriage Anniversaries, celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Sunday 6 September 2026 at 2pm** at the **St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong**. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Registration is essential and must be completed online at [dow.sh/ma26](http://dow.sh/ma26) by no later than Monday, 17 August 2026. Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)

## How to Raise Up Leaders - 21 & 22 July

Every parish has people whom God is already calling and gifting for mission. Our next **Formation Pathway** session, **Raising Up Leaders**, will explore practical ways to recognise those gifts, invite people forward, entrust real responsibility, and form confident leaders without relying on the same few people. Participants will learn the difference between recruiting volunteers and raising leaders, along with a simple apprenticeship model for developing others. Join us at Campbelltown Catholic Club on **Tuesday 21 July, 7-9pm**, or via Zoom on **Wednesday 22 July, 7-9pm**. Registration is essential: [dow.sh/fpjuly2026](http://dow.sh/fpjuly2026)



A little boy came home from Sunday school and proudly told his mum, "Today we learned about the farmer who threw seeds everywhere!" His mum replied, "That doesn't sound very sensible."

The boy said, "That's what I thought too—until the teacher said Jesus wasn't talking about farming. He was talking about us!" Sometimes the problem isn't the seed—it's the soil.

## Thank You

A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed towards Fr Richard's 20th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination gift.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$2,000, which has already been presented to Fr Richard as a token of our gratitude and appreciation for his faithful priestly ministry.

Fr Richard was deeply touched by your kindness and extends his heartfelt thanks for your prayers, generosity, and good wishes.

May God bless you for your continued support of our parish and our priests.

## Eucharist28 Update – This is My Body, Given For You

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

The theme for Eucharist28 is 'This is My Body, Given For You', which invites us to reflect on the words that Christ spoke as he instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

At each Mass, the priest repeats Jesus' words from the Last Supper, and the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

This miraculous change does not end with the gifts. As we receive the Body of Christ, we are transformed into the Body of Christ, carrying His presence into our homes, workplaces, schools, parishes and communities.

Just as He gave His life for us, we too are called to offer our lives in sacrifice and service to God and to those around us.

This national journey to Eucharist28 is an invitation for all of us to share in the breaking of the bread and allow Christ's presence to transform us. The journey begins now, in our own hearts and in our own parishes. For catechetical material to help your parish and community prepare for this moment, head to [eucharist28.org/resources](http://eucharist28.org/resources).

## News from the Diocese

### A vocation view

*Make your heart ready to receive the Word of God sown through the Mass and Sacraments in the Church. (Isaiah 55:10-11)*

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, the diocesan vocations director, [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

### Ageing with Confidence

**What's age got to do with it?**

Wed 22 July Campbelltown Catholic Club  
Join CatholicCare for a free community event with Dr Emily Steel from the Australian Human Rights Commission, sharing practical approaches to ageing well. Doors open at 9am to chat with community partners, and the presentation will commence at 10am. Morning tea included. Register via the QR code, call 1800 967 894 or [catholiccare.dow.org.au](http://catholiccare.dow.org.au)  
Enquiries to Jane Hollier 0417 018 152 or [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au)



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