



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 16, Year A | 19 July 2026

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Mass Today

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

FIRST READING | Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
In the place of sin, you give repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 85
Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING | Romans 8:26-27
*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that
could never be put into words.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth; you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL | Matthew 13:24-43
Let them grow together until the harvest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.*

This Week

9:30 am Mass – Mon 20 July

9:30 am Mass – Tues 21 July

9:30 am Mass – Wed 22 July – **St Mary Magdalene [Feast]**

9:30 am Mass – Thurs 23 July

9:30 am Mass – Friday 24 July

READINGS NEXT WEEK – Seventeenth Sunday in Year A
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

Of Wheat and Weeds

God is always teaching His people, as we hear in today's First Reading.

And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us; that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Again, this week's readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom?

Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kind-

ness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first, we must turn and call upon Him. We must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives.

So, we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat—truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin.

For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad. But the harvest draws near. Let's work so that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

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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StJohnCampbelltown

Thank You, Marilyn!

This week our parish says farewell to someone who has been a faithful and dedicated servant of our community for more than thirty years.

After more than three decades as our Parish Secretary, Marilyn Baert is retiring. While many know Marilyn as the friendly face in the parish office or the familiar voice on the phone, her contribution to our parish has been far greater than most people realise.

For over thirty years, Marilyn has been the quiet, steady presence behind the scenes, helping to keep parish life running smoothly. She has welcomed parishioners, assisted families through baptisms, weddings and funerals, prepared bulletins and parish records, supported generations of priests, and served our community with professionalism, kindness and generosity.

Those who have worked with Marilyn know her dedication, reliability and willingness to go the extra mile. Much of what she has done has gone unseen, but her faithful service has helped make our parish the welcoming community it is today. On behalf of all the priests, past and present, the Parish Leadership Team, parish staff, volunteers, and parishioners, I extend our heartfelt thanks to Marilyn. Thank you for your faithful service, friendship, generosity and the care you have shown to so many people over the years.

Marilyn, we pray that God will bless you with good health, happiness and peace as you begin this new chapter of retirement. Thank you for everything you have given to St John the Evangelist Parish. You will always remain a cherished member of our parish family.

May God bless you always!

VOCARGS – 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.

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

Thanks from Vinnies

St Vincent de Paul Conference thanks you for your generous donation of **\$3,664.05** towards our Winter Appeal, as well as 120 blankets. It is greatly appreciated by all those we help.

The staff and children of St John's School donated a wonderful amount of groceries towards our food pantry. The pantry has been a great addition since last year to our continuing ability to help those in need.

St Patrick's College's knitting club donated many rugs to help the needy.

These handmade rugs bring such comfort and joy to the most vulnerable people who come to us.

God bless each one of you for your kindness.

Marguerite Donoghue
President, SVdPC Conference

Upcoming Events

Anointing Mass

10am Sat 5 September (original date)

Prayer Ministry

Receive prayer for any need - physical or spiritual 11:30am Sunday 9 August

Rosters Sunday 26 July

Acolyte

Vigil Volunteer please

7:30 Brian Thompson

9 Bernard Augustine

10:30 Gavan Hill, Andrei Valderrama

5 Tom Hunter

Extraordinary Ministers

Vigil Graeme & Roseleen Goldie

7:30 Karen Schneider, Ken Fernandez

9 Diana & John Hill

10:30 Norma McNally, Imelda Landrigan

5 Rowena & Patrick Cooke

Readers

Vigil Marie Cassar, Sheila Fonseca

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

Vigil Ben McKenzie & John George

9 Glynn Family

10:30 Joe Talamaivao

5 Filipino Choir

Sacrament of Confirmation – Parent Information Night

Children who are 11 years or older [Year 6] 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. More information is available on the parish website.

Cursillo Diocesan Women's Encounter

Thursday 10 to Sunday 13 September 2026
Carmel House Varroville

Cursillo is a life changing experience providing a method to support and nurture our faith journey and enable us to live vibrant Gospel oriented lives. The weekend will include talks, discussions fostering friendship, daily Mass, spiritual direction, good music, fun and laughter. Cost: **\$320** (payment options available) covers all meals, accommodation, resources and activities. Enquiries:

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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.

ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

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

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 by no later than Monday, 17 August 2026. Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett 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



A family of three generations are having breakfast together when the youngest grandson looks over at his 20-year-old newlywed wife and asks her, **"Will you pass the honey, honey?"** She giggles and passes the honey. His father, not to be outdone, looks over at his beautiful wife and asks, **"Will you pass the sugar, sugar?"** She laughs, "You're still a charmer," and passes the sugar. The 80-year-old grandfather looks up, makes eye contact with his wife of 60 years and asks, **"Will you pass the tea... bag?"**

World Youth Day Seoul 2027

Diocesan Pilgrimage Applications are now open for the Diocese of Wollongong's pilgrimage to World Youth Day Seoul 2027! If you're interested in joining thousands of young Catholics from around the world for this once-in-a-lifetime experience of faith, community and pilgrimage, visit dow.org.au/wyd27 for information on the itinerary, costs, travel arrangements and FAQs.

Not ready to apply just yet? Join our mailing list at dow.sh/wyd27 to receive the latest updates and announcements.

Great Saints of Italy Catholic Pilgrimage

Join Fr Patrick Vaughan on a 12-day pilgrimage journey through Italy, departing 21 Sept 2026. Uncover the sacred heart of Italy — a land where a rich tapestry of faith, history, and culture comes alive. Walk where Saints walked, pray where miracles unfolded, and explore timeless villages nestled among the hills and countryside, each one a thread in this sacred story. Stand in awe before majestic cathedrals, walk beneath the frescoed heavens of the Sistine Chapel, and behold masterpieces born of divine inspiration. Let your soul be captured by the beauty, grace, and wonder of this unforgettable pilgrimage. For more information and bookings, please visit: harvestjourneys.com/tour/great-saints-of-italy/

Homecoming Silent Retreat 28 - 30 August Carmel House, Warrville

"His father saw him, ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."

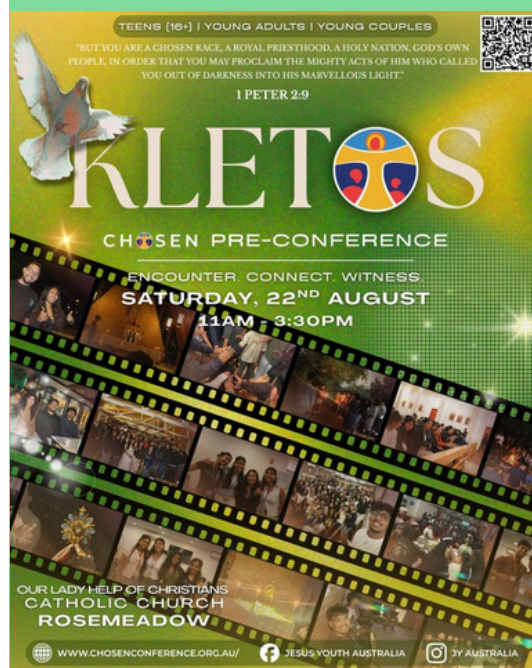
(Luke 15:20)

Your heavenly Father waits for you to come away with him for a weekend of silently soaking in his great love for you. Embrace this opportunity for encountering deep peace and serenity. This retreat is for men and women aged 18+. Hosted by the MGL Sisters. Choose from a weekend retreat or extend your time with a 5-day retreat option. w/e: trybooking.com/DIDBK extended: trybooking.com/DIDBU

News from the Diocese

A vocation view

God's kingdom grows patiently, often unseen. Stay faithful, listen deeply, and trust the Spirit's guidance. Perseverance in prayer reveals the path God prepares for you. Like the mustard seed, your calling may seem small at first. Trust God's patient work—your "yes" can transform the world. If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, the diocesan vocations director, vocations@dow.org.au



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