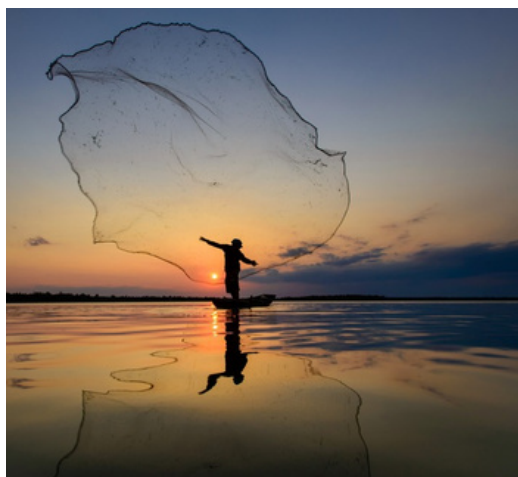




WEEKEND MASSES

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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Mass Today

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*God is in his holy place,
 God who unites those who dwell in his house;
 he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

FIRST READING | 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
You have asked for wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 118
Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING | Romans 8:28-30
He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

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 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and never forget all his benefits.*

This Week

9:30 am Mass – Mon 27 July

9:30 am Mass – Tues 28 July

9:30 am Mass – Wed 29 July - **Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus [Memorial]**

9:30 am Mass – Thurs 30 July

9:30 am Mass – Friday 31 July - **St Ignatius of Loyola, priest [Memorial]**

11am Funeral Mass (St Paul's, Camden) Sat 1 August - Fr Rick McCann

READINGS NEXT WEEK – Eighteenth Sunday in Year A
Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

Treasures of the Kingdom

What is your new life in Christ worth to you?

Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading—asking not for a long life or riches but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?

The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst; yet, many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given so that they—and we—might live.

We, too, must ever discover the kingdom anew. We are called to find it as a treasure, a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish. And we must be

willing to give up all that we have—all our priorities and plans—in order to gain it.

Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul in today's Epistle calls the purpose of God's plan: for Jesus be the firstborn of many brothers.

His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will.

We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son.

If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good—that we whom He has justified will also be glorified.

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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World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This weekend the Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, inviting us to give thanks for the gift of our older generations.

In his message for this year, Pope Leo XIV reminds us of God's beautiful promise: **"I will never forget you"** (Isaiah 49:15). While many older people experience loneliness, illness, or feel forgotten, God never forgets them. Their lives remain precious in His eyes, and they continue to have an important place in the Church and in our families.

Grandparents and the elderly are more than keepers of family history. They are witnesses of faith, perseverance, and unconditional love. Through their prayers, wisdom, and life experience, they continue to enrich our communities in countless ways.

This World Day is also an invitation to each of us. Perhaps we can visit an elderly relative or neighbour, make a phone call, share a meal, or simply spend some time listening. These simple acts of kindness remind others that they are loved and valued.

As Pope Leo reminds us, God never forgets His children. May we reflect that same faithful love by ensuring that no elderly person in our parish or community feels forgotten.

Let us thank God for our grandparents and all the elderly among us, and ask the Lord to bless them with peace, good health, and the joy of knowing they are deeply loved by God and by us.

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 this **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.

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

Thank You – Parish Soup Night

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Soup Night such a wonderful success. Around 60 parishioners came together to enjoy a warm evening of friendship and community.

A special thank you to the parishioners who generously prepared the 10 delicious soups, and to our wonderful team of volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes. Your careful planning, preparation, and willingness to serve made the evening run so smoothly.

Thank you to everyone who came along.

Your presence helped make it a joyful evening of fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you again at our next Soup Night at

6pm Saturday 15 August

Upcoming Events

Anointing Mass

10am Sat 5 September

Prayer Ministry

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

Children's Mass

10:30am Sunday 23 August

Clergy Retreat

17 - 21 August (No weekday Masses)

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

Fr Rick McCann, Gordon Hunter, Franca Nasso, Hunter, Allan Ross, Sherley Xavier.

ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

Shaneil Madhoji, Selu Paseka, Brigid McCullins, Joy Sutton, Esther McPherson, Elamma Kuriakose, Leone Paseka, Henryk Swierk, Julia Brunt-Petelo, Ryan Connor McCarthy, Noel D'Cruze.

Rosters Sunday 2 August

Acolyte

Vigil Michael Norris

7:30 Tom Hunter

9 Joy Kuriakose

10:30 John Hill, Andrei Valderrama

5 Raul Ladera

Extraordinary Ministers

Vigil Graeme & Roseleen Goldie

7:30 Jean Reid, Ian Star

9 Maria Aliifa'alogo, Falakika Nau

10:30 Hazel Vargas, Imelda Landrigan

5 Rowena & Patrick Cooke

Readers

Vigil Carmel Gorman, Angel Estepa

7:30 Tarek Boulos, Atoni Kaufusi,

Mary Johns

9 Flor Artus, Wendy Fawbert

10:30 Norma McNally, Broone Periera,

Tessie Yaghooti Fam

5 Maria Brookes, Melinda Canete

Musicians

Vigil Ben McKenzie & John George

9 Glynn Family

10:30 Joe Talamaivao

5 Siervas Musika Choir

Biblical Roots of the Mass

The theme of EUCHARIST28 is *This is My Body, Given For You*.

Please join us at FaithWorX in St John's Hall on Sunday evenings to watch and discuss a series of videos, The Biblical Roots of the Mass - available on formed.org and presented by Dr Brant Pitre. Start date is 2 August. There are 10 videos. All welcome, just turn up! We begin at 6.15pm with a cuppa & biscuit, watch the video (35-50 mins) on the big screen, with discussion, and finish about 7.45pm.

Thanks from ACN

We offer our thanks to the parish for welcoming us recently. It was wonderful to be present with the community at the weekend Masses, meet people and of course speak about the work and mission of *Aid to the Church in Need*. We encourage anyone who might have been struck by our work in support of the suffering Church to visit aidtochurch.org. We also have an online store at www.thatcatholicshop.com. Thanks and God bless you.

Aid to the Church in Need AU/NZ

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



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 mins from Campbelltown). Go to dow.sh/Vocaristestimony.



An old farmer found an old dusty lamp in his shed, rubbed it, and a genie popped out. "I will grant you one wish," said the genie. The farmer thought for a moment and said, "I wish I had a listening heart and enough wisdom to understand my wife, my kids, and my neighbours!" The genie winced, scratched his head, and replied, "Mate, be reasonable... wouldn't you rather have a brand-new tractor?"

Homecoming Silent Retreat 28 – 30 August

Carmel House, Varroville

"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.

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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/

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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News from the Diocese

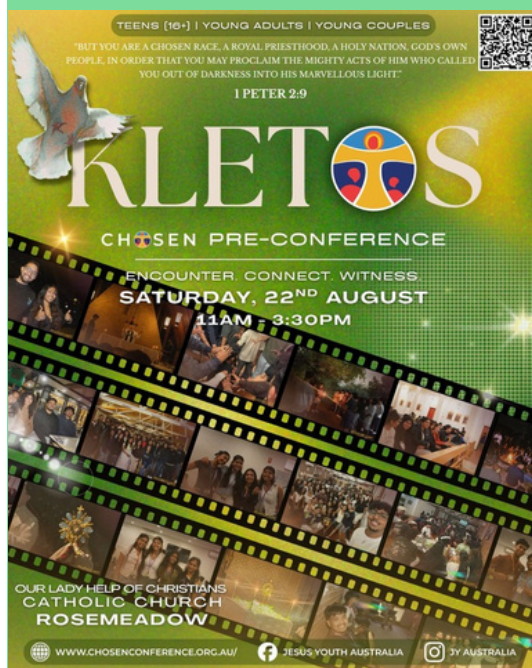
A vocation view

The merchant searched tirelessly until he found one pearl of great value, selling all he had to acquire it. Seek Christ wholeheartedly, and gracefully embrace the unique vocation He reveals. (Matthew 13:45-46)

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

Assumption Mass

The Indian community invites you for the solemn Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary & celebration of India's Independence Day on 15 August at 12 noon. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at Mount Carmel Parish, Varroville. Please bring a plate.



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