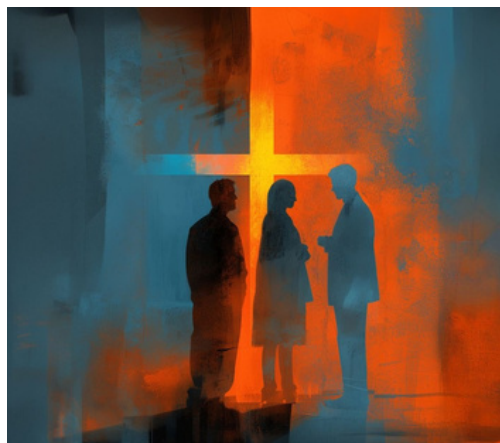




WEEKEND MASSES

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)
NO CONFESSIONS 12 SEPTEMBER

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

FIRST READING | Ezekiel 33:7-9

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will
hold you responsible for his death.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 94

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

SECOND READING | Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world
to himself; and the Good News of
reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL | Matthew 18:15-20

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will
have won that person back.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my
soul is thirsting for God, the living God.*

National Child Protection Week

Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action

9:30 am Mass – Mon 7 Sep

9:30 am Mass – Tues 8 Sep – **Nativity of Mary [Memorial]**

9:30 am Mass – Wed 9 Sep

9:30 am Mass – Thurs 10 Sep

9:30 am Mass – Friday 11 Sep (11:30am Lectio Divina & shared lunch in Parish Hall)

10:30am Ordination Mass of Dn Seth Harsh, OLHC Rosemeadow (NO CONFESSIONS)

This Week

READINGS NEXT WEEK – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Year A

Sirach 27:20-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

To Win Them Back

As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today's first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church.

He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on rules of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel. The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers—similar to those given to Peter. They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name.

But the powers He gives the Apostles and their successors depend on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, so the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father.

But today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who

trespass against us, a theme that we'll hear in next week's readings as well.

Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them.

This is the love that Paul in today's Epistle says we owe to our neighbors. To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths.

We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today's Psalm—urging the sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, the rock of our salvation.

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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Love Speaks Directly

When someone hurts, disappoints, or frustrates us, what do we usually do? Often, it is easier to talk about the person than to talk to the person. We complain to a friend, tell others what happened, or quietly avoid the person altogether.

Today's readings offer us a different way. In the First Reading, God appoints Ezekiel as a **watchman**. He has a responsibility to warn others when they are going in the wrong direction. His task is not to condemn them, but to care enough to speak the truth.

St Paul tells us how that truth must be spoken: **"Love your neighbour as yourself."** Christian correction must always come from love. Truth without love can wound; but love that is afraid to speak the truth may fail to help.

Jesus then gives us a very practical instruction: **"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone."** Jesus does not tell us to gossip, embarrass the person publicly, or gather others onto our side. He tells us to go directly to the person.

And notice the purpose: **"If he listens to you, you have won back your brother."** The goal is not to win the argument, but to win back the relationship.

This week, perhaps we can ask ourselves: **Is there someone I have been talking about when I should be talking to them?**

As a parish community, let us become people who speak honestly, listen humbly, forgive generously, and seek reconciliation. Whenever we do this in Christ's name, **He promises: "I am there among them."**

Giving Glory to God

Share Your Answered Prayers!

Has God answered a prayer, brought healing, or granted a blessing in your life—big or small?

In the Scriptures, whenever God moved among His people, they built a monument of stones to remember His goodness (Joshua 4:6–7). When we share our answered prayers, it isn't bragging—it gives glory to God and builds up the faith of our entire parish family!

Why Share Your Testimony?

- Glorify God: Praise Him for His active presence in your daily life.
- Encourage Others: Your story gives hope to someone currently going through a hard season.
- Build Expectation: Remind our community at St John's that Jesus Christ is alive and moving in power today!

How to Share:

- Online: Visit therekindleproject.com.au/answered-prayers or scan the QR code below.
- In Person: Fill out a paper slip in the foyer and drop it into the Testimony & Prayer Box. (You may remain anonymous if you prefer).

Let's build an altar of praise together and give thanks for all the good things God is doing!



Upcoming Events

Anointing Mass

10am Sat 7 November

Prayer Ministry

Receive prayer for any need - physical or spiritual 11:30am Sunday 12 Sept.

Children's Mass

10:30am Sunday 27 September

Prayer & Shared Lunch

11:30am Fri 11 Sept (Parish Hall)

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

Lucinda Coutinho, Roger Hontenosa, Letecia Garcia Lavon, Ann Caroline English.

ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

Sybil & Joe Dawson, Nicolo Rudisi, Frank Byron, Flavio Mustone, Margaret & Laurie McGuiness, Desmond James McAuliffe, Reynaldo Puse, Patricia Beard, Brock Bolin, Maryanne Tomarchio.

Rosters

Sunday 13 September Acolyte

Vigil Volunteer please

7:30am Brian Thompson

9 Volunteer please

10:30 Raul Ladera, Andrei Valderrama

5 Tom Hunter

Extraordinary Ministers

Vigil Alexandra Wojcik, Marie Cassar

7:30am Mary Ellen Bland, Ken Fernandez

9 Diana Hill, Sheila Fonseca

10:30 Falakika Nau, Maria Aliifa'alogo

5 Jean Reid, Sam Nour

Readers

Vigil Vicky Horgan, Juliet Manalastas

7:30 Jim Mutton, Trevor Williams, Mary Johns

9 Ken Fernandes, Cherima Lucilo, Nathan Cox

10:30 Sinisita Filitoga, Hazel Vargas,

Christina Tatola

5 Sofia De Zilva, Sean Donovan,

Precious Parcardo

Musicians

Vigil Ben McKenzie & John George

9 Glynn Family

10:30 Joe Talamaivao

5 Siervas Musika Choir

RENEWED & SENT

Bishop Brian Mascord invites you to the Renewed & Sent Parish Renewal Summit at St Gregory's College, Gregory Hills, from 1–3 October 2026.

Join clergy, religious, lay leaders, ministry volunteers and parishioners from across the Diocese of Wollongong for three days of inspiring keynote presentations, practical workshops, prayer, and opportunities to connect with others who share a passion for the future of our parishes. This opportunity aligns with Bishop Brian Mascord's Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes, helping us to grow as communities where people encounter Jesus, become his disciples, and are sent to share the Gospel. Whether you come on your own or as part of a parish team, you'll leave encouraged, inspired, and equipped with practical ideas to help your parish grow in faith, mission, and community. For the full program and registrations, visit

renewedandsent.com.au

Registrations closing soon

St Carlo Acutis Relic and Display coming in September

Our diocese is excited to be hosting the International Carlo Acutis Major Relic Pilgrimage between 14-21 September 2026.

The relic will visit the parishes of **Oran Park (Mon 14),**

Rosemeadow (Tue 15), Nowra (16-17/9), and the Wollongong Cathedral (Fri 18 - Mon 21), with opportunities for veneration of the first-class relic of St Carlo, participating in the sacraments, and visiting St Carlo's own Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Everyone, but especially students and young adults will be amazed and drawn into a deep experience of faith in encountering St Carlo's story, relic and the display.

Go to stcarloaustralia.com for more information.

Living the Gospel

The Macarthur Social Justice Network
guest speaker series

In their Social Justice Statement, "Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division" the Australian Catholic Bishops call us to reject dehumanising language, overcome polarisation, and "choose encounter over division."

To help us live out this gospel call, we are hosting Paul Power, Co-CEO of the Refugee Council of Australia, on Saturday 10 October, from 2pm to 4pm in the Penola Room at St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park. This vital talk moves past political headlines to explore how we can stand in solidarity with marginalized migrants and refugees. For catering, email secretary@msjn.org to register interest.

Scriptural Context

A Scriptural Sandwich

The placement of this discourse about confronting your brother within the gospel of Matthew helps to shed light on its meaning. Immediately preceding this passage is the parable of the Lost Sheep, about leaving the 99 to go out in search of the one lost sheep. Immediately following this week's passage is the parable of the unmerciful or unforgiving servant who, despite receiving forgiveness of his own debt from his master, throws a fellow servant in debtors prison for failing to pay back money owed. The three passages together give a detailed discourse on forgiveness and reconciliation – dealing with those who have sinned, even against you personally and the powerful call to compassion and mercy.

Sausage Sizzle & The Chosen

Saturday 19 September

Join us after the Vigil Mass on **Saturday 19 September** for a **sausage sizzle and screening of episode 1 of The Chosen, Season 6.**

We are seeking donations of 150 thin sausages, 150 buns, ready-made salads, fruit and sweets. If you can help, please add your name and donation to the sheet provided.

If you are attending, please also write your family name and number attending on the attendance sheet so we can cater properly. Thank you for your generosity and support!

World Youth Day Seoul 2027 – Diocesan Pilgrimage

One Year to go until World Youth Day Seoul 2027! Applications are open for the Diocese of Wollongong's pilgrimage. 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. An information night will be held on Wed 2 Sep 2026 from 6-8pm at the Xavier Conference Rooms (38 Harbour St Wollongong) to provide further information and provide a chance for potential pilgrims to meet each other. Anyone looking to apply is required to attend this session.

Join our mailing list at dow.sh/wyd27 to receive the latest updates and announcements.

Senior Ladies

St John's Community

Get together Lunch – 12 noon
Campbelltown Catholic Club –
Friday 18 September 2026

For all senior/retired ladies and friends. A nice way to catch up on "old" and meet new friends.

Enquiries Kay **0413 931 596**
or Jan **02 4625 4455.**

News from the Diocese

A vocation view

"Ezekiel blew the trumpet not to condemn but to save. If you hear Christ's call to serve, don't silence it—sound it. The world needs watchmen." (Ezekiel 33:7-9)

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

Facing the issue

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

Compass Catholic Family Camping Weekend

Registrations are now open for our next CCFC Weekend planned for Friday 16 - Sunday 18 October. Join with families from across the Diocese for a relaxed weekend of family fun, faith and food! For more information and to register go to: dow.sh/familycamping26

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