



To know, love and serve Jesus  
by sharing our gifts through our baptismal mission

*We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
YEAR B  
28 February 2021



**Entrance Antiphon**

Of you my heart has spoken,  
Seek his face. It is your face,  
O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

**First Reading** from the  
book of Genesis 22:1-2.  
9-13. 15-18

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9  
(R.) I will walk in the  
presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

**Second Reading** from the  
letter of St Paul to the  
Romans 8:31-34

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud, the  
Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear  
him. Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!

**Holy Gospel** according to  
Mark 9:2-10

**Communion Antiphon**  
This is my beloved Son, with  
whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

**NEXT WEEK**  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
YEAR B

**First Reading:** Ex 20:1-17

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68  
Lord, you have the words  
of everlasting life.

**Second Reading:**  
1 Cor 1:22-25

**Gospel:** Jn 2:13-25

## Alpha Launch Night: *Come and See*

Tuesday March 2, 2021 in our parish hall.

arrive at 6:45 for a 7pm start

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish is holding an evening to launch our first Alpha for 2021. Come along and enjoy a light meal, a short DVD, and a small group discussion.

Due to COVID, we do have limited seats available, please register yourself and your guest's attendance via the website or by calling the parish.

[www.olmcvarroville.org.au](http://www.olmcvarroville.org.au) / [www.varroville.dow.org.au](http://www.varroville.dow.org.au)

Ph: 9603 7373 / 0434 705 176

For anyone not able to attend on Tuesday evening, Alpha will also be hosted on Tuesday morning in the home of one of our parishioners, beginning Tuesday 2nd March 9:30- 11:30 am and if you wish to attend please contact the parish office. "Pre schoolers welcome! "

**Alpha is for everyone;** all backgrounds, all contexts, all ages.

Alpha is particularly attracting many young people who are asking the some of the big questions of life. Questions like, 'Is there more to life than this?' for further information please go to [www.alpha.org.au/catholic-context](http://www.alpha.org.au/catholic-context)

*For many years now, Alpha has shown itself powerful in bringing faith alive in all kinds of people. Its focus is on Jesus, its method is simple and its appeal is wide-ranging. It is well adapted for use in Catholic communities looking to provide the kind of ignition we need if we are to become a more missionary Church.*

Archbishop Mark Coleridge *Archbishop of Brisbane*



## Contact us

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## Mass times

Sunday Mass times	Weekday Mass times
Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Mass at 9am
Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm
Reconciliation: by appointment	All Sacramental enquiries: call the parish office

## Rosters

7 March 2021	6pm	9.30am	5pm
<b>Monitor</b>	Bev & Ryan Potter	Cheryl & Eugene Gabin	Kathy Randal
	David Fehlberg	Jackie Plasto	Volunteer
<b>Altar Server</b>	Ryan Potter	Orly Simbul	Robert Selvaraj
<b>Reader</b>	Russell Binny	Allan Roma	Gabriel Mafi
<b>Counting</b>	Polly Benney, Nora Burgess	<b>Flowers</b>	Mago Shaheen, Lorraine Bryant
<b>Vacuuming</b>	Lorraine Bryant, Jackie Plasto	<b>Foyer</b>	Feiloakitohi Family

## Prayer intentions

***For the sick & homebound:*** John Morgos, Greg Watson, Fr David Catterill, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Ron Allen, Sean Finnerty, Eduvigis Reyes, Rose Levoune, Gabriel Gonzales, Francisco Carmona, Doreen Gribbons, Jenny Bishop, Clayton Diack, Emily Rose Pavicin, Pat & Denise Furner, Claude Fricot, Tracey Bokor, Lily Pereira, Mary & Reg Gardner, Doris Wahhab, John Kajdrys, Gabor Weiner, Erlinda Hermes, Aurelia Vertucio, Ofilia Mawson, Mary & Frances Raithi, Marie Atkins, Jeanna San Diego, Hugo Garzotto, Eileen Butcher, Josephina Duefries, Austin Taylor, Marisa Aguirre, Joan Wilson.  
*May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.*

***For our recently dearly departed:*** Denise Field, Nina De La Cruz, Jose Manubay, Philomena Lopez, Ruth Matining, Ring Doar, Daisy Lebroux, Jean Claude Furlong.

***Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*** Ed Benney, Luke Spinnato, M A Pereira, Lio Feiloakitohi, Anne Migus, Josephine Thompson, Antoine Selvaraj. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.*



## YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

*"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"*

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

# Bulletin Notices

**The new parish website** has been launched this week. Go to our website [www.olmcvarroville.org.au](http://www.olmcvarroville.org.au) to check it out. It is still being updated, so keep an eye on it for the next few weeks and send us some feedback. We are excited to have a more modern and contemporary website to reflect our parish. If you are having difficulty accessing the website please go to [varroville.dow.org.au](http://varroville.dow.org.au).

**Friendship Group** will be on Tuesday after the 9am Mass in the meeting room. All are most warmly welcome to attend.

**Stations of the Cross are in the church every Friday evening at 7pm during Lent.**

**Alliance of the 2 Hearts Mass and Devotion** will be on Friday evening at 7.30pm on 5 March and 9 April, then on the first Friday of each month.

**ROSTERS** are due for renewal at the end of March. Please contact the parish office if you need to update your details and availability.

**LIVE Local:** Attention High School students! LIVE Local is coming back and we are going to be better than ever! LIVE Local is a youth group ran by CYMW in the Macarthur Region. *Where?* St John the Evangelist Catholic Church Hall, Ctown *When?* Every Friday night! 7pm-9pm *What to expect?* Food, live music, games, prayer, and community! We look forward to seeing you there :) For more information, visit @cymdow on Facebook or Instagram.

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend** *We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!*  
**Come and join us on April 16-18, 2021 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, Book online:** [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact **Christine & Terry Mahony** on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au).

**Mount Carmel Catholic College** Year 7 2022 information evening will be held on Monday March 1. To attend the evening please contact the College for specific instructions.

**St Patricks College for Girls** will be holding an open day on Saturday 27 February commencing at 10am.

**Engaging the Seekers - Reaching the Unchurched Webinar: Wednesday 3rd March, 7pm-8pm**  
In the current pandemic, people are spiritually curious. Many are asking who is in control of their lives, and what the purpose of life is. People are seeking to find the truth and many churches are in prime positions to offer them a place to search and provide answers to their deepest longings. Join Kevin Bailey and Donna Brennan (Alpha in a Catholic context co-ordinator for Alpha Australia) as we explore and discuss innovative ways to reach people and bring them to a beautiful experience with Jesus. To register visit: [www.divinerenovation.org/australasia](http://www.divinerenovation.org/australasia)

## Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online

For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website <https://dow.sh/dailymass>.

The Diocese of Wollongong is set to become the new producer of Mass for You at Home, beaming Mass into people's living rooms across the country each week from Easter Sunday, 2021.

Mass has been broadcast on free-to-air television for decades, providing spiritual nourishment for people who are not able to attend Mass in person for a range of reasons. With COVID-19 restrictions dramatically increasing the number of people in this situation, the need for virtually accessible worship services has never been greater. Bishop of Wollongong, Most Rev Brian Mascord DD said the diocese was very excited to be entrusted with producing Mass for people who are homebound, without internet, or in prison, aged care facilities and hospitals, as well as those flicking through the channels on a Sunday morning. "In parishes across the country, people are trying their best to make the celebration of the Mass something that is beautiful, prayerful and a source of strength," he said.

## Bible Study is coming back!

CYMW will re-launching Bible Study every Tuesday night, 6:30pm to 8pm at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church, Balgownie (47 Balmoral St, Balgownie NSW 2519) Bring your bible - we are going to be studying the Gospel of Mark. Young Adults 18+, we look forward to seeing you there! For more information, visit @cymdow on Facebook or Instagram.

## Prayer Resources for Individuals and Families

During this time of social isolation, it is important that we pray and stay connected to our community. A range of online resources are available to assist with this. These include daily prayers and readings, prayer services, the Sunday Office, commentaries, homilies and reflections as well as Gospel based activities and resources to support personal and family prayer. Go to: [liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray](http://liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray) and follow the prompts to access. Hopefully, these resources will help create prayerful solidarity with our community and the whole Body of Christ.

**Retreat Program 2021 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre,** 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville

**Weekend Retreat: 12-14 March:** Embracing three dimensional thinking: The length and the breadth, the height and the depth: through creating symbolically, abstractly and scripturally in art, participants will explore contemplative thinking that invites us to grow in awareness of the depths, and the breaths of God's presence in our lives. **For bookings, complete the enquiry form online at [mtcarmel.com.au](http://mtcarmel.com.au) or call 87953400**

**Day Retreat: 6 March: Lazarus Come out:** A day of recollection on the raising of Lazarus in John 11  
**Day retreats will be held on the first Saturday of each month in the parish hall commencing at 10am.**  
**For bookings and more information call 8795 3464.**

# Gospel

# Mark 9: 2-10

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud,

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.



## Reflection

WEEK 2  
SOLOMON  
ISLANDS

PROJECT COMPASSION  
**BE MORE**



Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment.

The school faced water shortages for about half the year. Staff and students would walk for up to half an hour to collect water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables. Then in April 2020, amidst the threat of COVID-19, Tropical Cyclone Harold struck, damaging school buildings and its vegetable garden.

With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed eight large water tanks and provided cyclone proof materials to repair the damage. It also helped the school to implement COVID-19 prevention measures, providing fabric for students to make face masks.

Margret's school now has enough safe water to supply the school's population of 150 and has the capacity to cater for more students. It plans to boost food security, by increasing its agricultural production. This will improve nutrition and boost the school's income, while building resilience to future disasters. Margret hopes that the school can aspire to "Be More". "I am proud that our school community works together with Caritas Australia as our partner in ensuring that we live in a healthier environment," Margret says.

The disciples in today's gospel stood in the presence of God. "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him! Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus." It was here they recognised the divinity of Jesus and hope for humanity. They saw God anew in their teacher and were transformed. We are called to see God anew. To see God's presence in our brothers and sisters on our streets, in our nation and around the world. In seeing, we, like the disciples, are called to "listen to him."

As we listen, this Lent we are called to "aspire not to have more, but to be more". To hear in a new way, to let go of those things that hold us back and to take up other things that allow us to live more simply, to show a deep and lasting respect for our global family and for the earth. The Project Compassion story of Margret, is also a story of transformation.

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She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment. The school faced water shortages, with not enough to supply staff and students with safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables. Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden, amidst the threat of COVID-19.

With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures. The community has been transformed with enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more and with plans to boost food security through increased agricultural production.

As we continue on our Lenten journey may we welcome the opportunity to "Be More" open to God's invitation to "listen to him".

