



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.

13 JUNE 2021
THE IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY
YEAR B



Entrance Antiphon

My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading from the prophet Isaiah 61: 9-11

Responsorial Psalm

1 Sm 2:1. 4-8. R. see. v.1
(R.) My heart rejoices in the Lord my saviour.

Second reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8: 28-30

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is the Virgin Mary, who kept the word of God, and pondered it in her heart. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to Luke 2: 41-51

Communion Antiphon

Mary treasured all these words, reflecting on them in her heart.

TWELFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME B

First Reading

Jb 38:1. 8-11

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

Second Reading

2 Cor 5:14-17

Gospel Mark 4:35-41

Diocesan Feast Day for the Immaculate Heart of Mary

We celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary the day after the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The closeness of the two celebrations shows how the heart of Mary to be close to the heart of her Son.

The traditional image of the heart of Jesus is of a pierced heart, a heart that has suffered because of love. The heart of Mary is also a pierced heart. When Jesus was presented in the Temple, Simeon said to Mary, "a sword will pierce your own soul too." Mary, like her Son, knew the pain that love brings, as is clear from today's gospel. When the child Jesus went missing, Mary and Joseph went looking for him. The gospel reading captures the pain of loss, which is every parent's pain, and the pain of everyone who has ever loved someone deeply. Jesus' words to Mary when she eventually found him, "Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" showed that even at a young age Jesus was given over to a greater purpose than Mary and Joseph's purpose for him. Mary had to learn to let Jesus go even as a child. More painfully she had to learn to let him go as an adult as he hung from the cross. Yet Mary could do that because her own heart was given over to God; that is what we mean by referring to her Immaculate Heart. If our own heart is given over to God and God's purpose for our lives, we too will come to know when and how to let go of those we love.

Here is a little bit of our Diocese's history.... On 15 November 1951, Pope Pius XII announced that a new diocese would be created from the two archdioceses of Sydney and Canberra & Goulburn. To be named Wollongong, the diocese was officially established on 11 February 1952. Bishop Thomas McCabe was transferred from Port Pirie to become its first bishop and the historic Church of St Francis Xavier in Wollongong became the cathedral. At the time of establishment, there was a Catholic population of approximately 22,000 in 18 parishes.

In 1959 Pope John XXIII dedicated the diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Save Our Graves Online Petition

(Important message from Bishop Brian Mascord).

I give my support to Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP who has recently launched a *Save Our Graves* online petition to put pressure on the NSW Government to reverse its decision to exclude faith and charitable groups from the management of cemeteries in NSW that operate on Crown land. This also has the support of other faith leaders from the Muslim and Jewish communities.

The government's decision is a serious attack on religious freedom and raises significant questions as to the appropriateness of handing over the management of cemeteries to a bureaucracy that has no experience in providing comfort to grieving families or the management of burial grounds. Caring for the dead and those who love them is a spiritual mission, not secular. Our faith teaches that it is one of our "corporal works of mercy" and this underpins the way we look after our cemeteries, which we have been doing for over 150 years.

An online petition page has been established at www.saveourgraves.com.au and you are encouraged to sign this petition and circulate it to your family & friends in NSW

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
Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online	Reconciliation: by appointment
For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website https://dow.sh/dailymass	For all Sacramental enquiries call the parish office. Confirmation preparation commences on Saturday July 24.

Rosters

20 June 2021	6pm	9.30am	5pm
Monitor	Berna Potter	Bianca Heuvel, Tess Vergara	Betty & Boby Thalody
	Ronald Tuyor	Nelia Balingit, Laura Marquinez	
Altar Server	Ryan Potter	Orly Simbul	Robert Selvaraj
Reader	Richard Kaldasaun	Volunteer	Ronda Thompson
Counting	Louise Muscat, Lina Agius	Flowers	Audrey Tanuvasa
Vacuuming	Feiloakitohi family	Foyer	Feiloakitohi family

Prayer intentions

For the sick & homebound: Veronica Robins, Allan & Kelvin Marquinez, Amelia Jimenez, John Ingster, Elizabeth Moore, Nelia Balingit, John Morgos, Greg Watson, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Ron Allen, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Gabriel Gonzales, Francisco Carmona, Doreen Gribbons, Clayton Diack, Emily Rose Pavicin, Pat & Denise Furner, Claude Fricot, Tracey Bokor, Lily Pereira, Doris Wahhab, John Kajdrys, 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: Pedro Sapalo, Loretta Yates, Emilia Moralde, Jycex Appadoo, Jenny Bishop,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frazer Towel, Isabelo Sitjar, Maurice Spillane, Ivan Srebrenovic,
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.





Parish Events

Bulletin Notices

ALPHA Celebration night on Tuesday 15 June at 7.30pm. Alpha has just concluded its weekly sessions and you are all most warmly invited to come along for the celebration night to hear stories from the participants and to thank the people who have helped during the sessions, prayer partners and hospitality. Light supper will be provided. Please RSVP to the parish office.

Working Bee: 17—20 June: Choose the day that best suits and contact the parish office for more details. There are many small and large projects that require maintenance.

Planned Giving envelopes are available in the foyer this weekend. If your envelopes are not there please call the parish office during the week. If you wish to order a set of envelopes please contact the parish office. Giving receipts will be available at the parish office after 6 July.

If you wish to **join electronic parish planned giving**, please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving> or contact the parish office.

Refreshments in the hall on Sunday 20 June after 9.30am Mass

Behind the Scenes Church Tour on 20 June 11am; All are invited to a talk given by Andrew Fricot after Mass and refreshments in the hall. Starts in the church foyer.

Garage Sale on Saturday 25 June from 8am.
Fundraising Meeting will be held on 23 June at 7.30pm via Zoom. Contact the parish office for the link.

Friendship Group Tuesday 6 July for Christmas in July celebration.

PARISH FEAST DAY PICNIC on Sunday 18 July from 9.30am Mass: The next meeting will be on Monday 14 June at 6pm. A zoom link is available. It has been agreed by the committee that we will have a picnic this year, instead of our usual multicultural feast. All other aspects of the day will remain. We desperately require a coordinator for the concert. This person will need to book in performances and manage the program. We will be calling for volunteers during the next few weeks, so please register your availability with the parish office. More details will be shared in the next few weeks. For more info please contact Patricia on 0434705176.

Vinnies Winter Sleepout will be held on Saturday 24 July in our carpark after the 6pm Mass till daybreak.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will commence on Sunday 25 July at the 9.30am Mass.

Now that some aspects of church life are returning to normal, we are excited that Children's Liturgy of the Word will be recommencing on Sunday, 25th July at 9.30am Mass (We are appealing for members of OLMC to become Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders. You can start as a helper and progress to running the liturgy. A typical session includes reading the scriptures, discussing the Gospel message, singing the Creed and saying a kid friendly version of the Prayers of the Faithful. If time allows, we finish with a colouring or activity sheet. The whole session takes 20 mins at most and there is a PowerPoint we display on the screen that guides you. Please consider joining our team. Contact Lee Scales on 0407000281 for more information or contact the Parish Office.

The Alliance of the Holy Family International are inviting you to participate in the Global Family Evangelization and have Our Lady of Fatima and the Child Jesus Statues visit your home and have your family consecrated to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. For more information please contact Rey 0423235708 or Patricia 0412689933.

The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus. The Chosen is a new 'free to view', television program that creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and is receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen> to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via *The Chosen app* download more information, visit @live.local.cymw on Instagram

MT Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville 25—27 June—Lovestruck: Towards the Path: A weekend to explore and discover the PATH that is hidden in God's heart for you. (18-45 year old participants) Presented by the Carmelite Missionary Sisters For booking call 87953400.

3 July (1 day retreat) Who am I interiorly? Reflecting on Scripture and the wisdom of St Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross, we will explore the paradoxes inherent in discerning and understanding how to develop a balanced self knowledge, with a view of growing in authentic Christian living. For booking call 87953464

The Journey' – 13 June 2021 Podcast
Great to have Mother Hilda breaking open God's mercy in Hosea and a deeply personal faith testimony from Frances Fairs and of course great contemporary worship music too. Listen at jcr.org.au or your local Christian Radio station.

2021 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass
If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Sunday, 8 August 2021 at 2pm, please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au at the Office of the Bishop by Friday 2 July and an invitation will be sent to you.

LIVE Local: Attention High School students!
LIVE Local is a deanery youth group ran by CYMW in the Macarthur Region at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church Hall, Campbelltown Every Friday night! 7pm–9pm during school terms: What to expect? Food, live music, games, prayer, and community! We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, visit @live.local.cymw on Instagram.

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She stored up all these things in her heart.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journeying that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.



Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection

Hearts conjoined

Martin Hogan



The Church uses some inspired words of Isaiah to describe Mary, the mother of Jesus and the favoured handmaid of the Lord: "He has clothed me with the garments of salvation and covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." This feast celebrates her wonderful purity of heart, or what we might today call her personal integrity.

Historically, devotion to the Heart of Mary grew up in parallel, but at a lesser pitch than that of devotion to the Heart of Jesus, only starting to become more prominent during the time of St John Eudes. Only after the 1830 Apparitions at Rue du Bac in Paris to Catherine Labouré, and the establishment in 1836 of a society dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at the Parisian Church of Our Lady of Victories, did this particular devotion take root. It got added impetus through the apparitions of our Lady at Fatima, central Portugal, in May 1917, to three devout young Portuguese children, Lucia Santos and her two cousins: Francisco and Jacinta Marto. Since then devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary has gradually spread through the whole Church, greatly helped by its warm espousal by Pope John Paul II.

The main difference between it and the devotion to the Heart of Jesus is that the latter emphasises the Sacred Heart as being full of love for mankind, while devotion to Mary's heart is focussed on the love that her heart has for Jesus, her Son, and through him, for the Eternal Father. The Marian devotion is not an end in itself, since the love of her heart is meant as a paradigm for the way we should love God. So as in all of Mariology, she leads us closer to God, rather than becoming an alternative object of devotion, still less an obstacle to our worship of God. The focus on her heart as immaculate or sinless means that she is uniquely able to really love God the way God should be adored. Honouring Mary's Immaculate Heart is another way of honouring her as the one chosen to be the Mother of Christ, recognising her extraordinary holiness and the immense love she had for Jesus as his mother, drawing her to share and co-operate in his redemptive sufferings.

The focus of this devotion is to unite mankind to God through Mary's heart, through a process of consecration and reparation. We may consecrate ourselves to Mary's Immaculate Heart as a way of being completely devoted to God, with Mary as our intermediary in this process of consecration. Because of the analogy between Jesus and Mary, consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart is linked to consecration to Jesus' Sacred Heart, to which it remains subordinate and dependent.

The theme of repentance from sin, prominent in the Fatima apparitions, has been central to the preaching of Christianity from the time of the Apostles: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 3:2). The idea of reparation for our own sins and, because of a common membership of the mystical body of Christ, for those of others, is an extension of early Christian mysticism. As St Paul said: "I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, the church ." (Col 1:24)