



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.*

20 JUNE 2021  
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME B



**Entrance Antiphon**

The Lord is the strength of  
his people,  
a saving refuge for the one  
he has anointed.

Save your people, Lord,  
and bless your heritage,  
and govern them for ever.

**First Reading** from the  
book of Job 38:1. 8-11

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

**Response:**

**Give thanks to the Lord,  
his love is everlasting.**

**Second Reading** from the  
second letter of St Paul to  
the Corinthians 5:14-17

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has  
appeared among us;  
God has visited his  
people. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel** according to  
Mark 4:35-41

**Communion Antiphon**

The eyes of all look to you,  
Lord, and you give them  
their food in due season.

**NEXT WEEK**  
27 JUNE 2021  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:**

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

**Second Reading:**

2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15

**Gospel:** Mk 5:21-43

**Year of St Joseph: Joseph as “Protector”**  
“show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life”  
Refugee Week, 20-26th June 2021

“Within days, or even hours, violent oppressors will occupy your town centre.” For refugees around the world, this scenario typifies an immediate threat. With no time to respond, they abandon livelihood, community and homeland to escape civil war, political unrest, religious persecution, effects of climate change and exploitation or systematic abuse of basic human rights. Their desperate attempts to find refuge are often not final solutions but new beginnings. A long journey into the unknown is marked by fear, danger and daunting obstacles.

Mid-2020 data from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees estimated that worldwide numbers of forcibly displaced people surpassed 80 million. According to their statistics, 26.3 million were refugees, an additional 4.2 million were recorded as asylum-seekers and tens of millions of others classified as internally displaced or stateless.

From Matthew’s Gospel narrative of Jesus’ birth and the roles of Joseph and Mary, we learn of the many challenges faced by this young family. Joseph followed the example of his ancient Biblical Fathers of Faith — Abraham, Isaac and Jacob — under the guidance of the angel’s visionary message: “Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you’” (Mt 2: 13).



Joseph’s protective response to Herod’s imminent threat to the life of his newborn son Jesus, mirrored that of many parents among today’s displaced people. At short notice, Joseph got up to protect his young family from danger, “For Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him,” and in the dark of the night, “took the child and his mother” (Mt 2: 14). He embarked on an escape into the unknown; a journey involving fear, danger and an uncertain future. At the same time, it was a venture filled with deep hope and trust in God’s providence that it would lead to safety and a better place for Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

For the family, settling in a new place was just the beginning. Soon he would discover that being separated from home and immediate family meant that the fundamental means of social support was no longer available. Joseph and Mary would also have had a sense of being lowly strangers stranded in a new place under an unknown local language and unfamiliar cultures and customs. As a family still dealing with the trauma of flight and estrangement, those challenges would have impacted heavily on Joseph, Mary and Jesus. Similar conditions and circumstances continue to confront the 80 million refugees and displaced people today.

*Fr Khalid Marogi*

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

## Rosters

27 June 2021	6pm	9.30am	5pm
<b>Monitor</b>	David Fehlberg	Gabriel & Ofa Mafi	Terry & Maree Reilly
	Bev & Ryan Potter	Gerry & Margaret Connolly	
<b>Altar Server</b>	Ryan Potter	Orly Simbul	Robert Selvaraj
<b>Reader</b>	Candice D'Coutho	Theodora Kennedy	Volunteer
<b>Counting</b>	George Shiner, Reg Bucknell	<b>Flowers</b>	Maria Dalecki
<b>Vacuuming</b>	Hermi & Charity Tamisin	<b>Foyer</b>	Ronda & Peter Thompson

## 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:** Heyden Hurst, Pedro Sapalo, Loretta Yates, Emilia Moralde, Jycex Appadoo, Jenny Bishop,

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Damien Champion, Frazer Towel, Isabelo Sitjar, Maurice Spillane,  
*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



## Parish Events

## Bulletin Notices

**This weekend we are conducting a flood appeal at the request of Bishop Greg Homeming for the people of the Lismore Diocese.**

**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.

**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.

**Vinnies Winter Appeal** will be held next weekend.

**HELP RESCUE A CHILD FROM HOMELESSNESS THIS**

**WINTER** Your donation can provide warm blankets, clothing, or a meal for someone experiencing homelessness. Your donation can help remove the threat of hunger for a family by providing them with groceries for the week. Your donation can ensure that a family facing homelessness has a safe place to sleep tonight.

**Vinnies Winter Sleepout** will be held on Saturday 24 July in our carpark after the 6pm Mass till daybreak. For more information contact Gabriel Mafi.

**State of Origin Game 2** is on Sunday 27 June, from 7pm. We will be watching on the big screen in the meeting room. BYO snacks and come along to cheer your team on.

**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.

If you wish to perform in the outdoor concert please contact Grace Stagg.

We need 1 or more volunteers to coordinate and help with the logistics of setting up the stage, chairs, gazebos and traffic monitors. If you can help with this 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.

**Alive in the Spirit Virtual Pastoral Ministry Conference**

**8-10 July** We are encouraged to engage in a special opportunity inviting us to experience new vision, new energy, new life as we become the community Christ calls us to be. "Alive in the Spirit", an innovative online pastoral ministry conference, from 8 to 10 July 2021, which will enliven and inspire our Catholic Church through a variety of keynotes, workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences. Our Parish has registered for this online, interactive event and all those involved in ministry are encouraged to join for part or all of this important event in the life of our Catholic Church. To find out more details, please go [www.aliveinthspirit.com.au](http://www.aliveinthspirit.com.au) and register at the parish office on 96037373.

**Plenary Council 2021** With just over 100 days to Assembly One of the Plenary Council, you can keep up to date by accessing the Plenary Post on the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

**The Journey' Weekly Podcast** Great to have Fr Dave Callahan speak about the path to God and Francine Pirola helps us with some great marriage insights. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au) or your local Christian Radio station.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word will commence on Sunday 25 July at the 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.

**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

**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](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) at the Office of the Bishop by Friday 2 July and an invitation will be sent to you.

**Free Technology Training for Seniors**

If you are struggling with your mobile phone, downloading apps, or using a QR code CatholicCare and St Benedict's Catholic College have teamed up to run a Cross + Generational training program. This is a unique opportunity for an 'exchange of gifts' between both students and seniors. After a successful trial in All Saints Catholic Parish Shellharbour, this model will be used in the Macarthur region.

There will be 2 groups. The first commencing on Tuesday 13 July for 4 consecutive weeks. The second group will commence on Tues 10 August for 4 consecutive weeks. Both sessions will be held at St Benedict's Oran Park from 1pm - 2.30pm. Places will fill quickly for both sessions, so please contact Jane, Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417018152

*Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel Reflection

Fr Michael Tate

### *The Voice which Accompanies to the Other Side*

Every element of the universe, even the most destructive, is listening for the voice of Our Lord, "Quiet, be still." In this Gospel story, the waters of chaos respond to the voice of the Lord of all creation, allowing Jesus to accompany his disciples to the other side of the Sea of Galilee.

We all know of times when chaos storms into our life, when we feel we are being swamped whether from outside or from some part of our own personality. Some part of our life is facing death. We may cry out to Jesus "Don't you care?"

He *will* come to accompany us but always to "the other side". Our Lord does not indulge the fantasy of "turning back the clock". We have to keep rowing in a new direction. There is no nostalgic return to the old situation. We may well feel displaced, disoriented, but Our Lord is our companion in the unfamiliar situation we have reached.

We could take a moment to pray for Our Lord to help us in all life-threatening situations, especially in the final transit through the wrenching chaos of death. May we hear him rebuke the Prince of Darkness and Death: "Quiet, be still" as he accompanies us to the other side, to the promised land of Heaven.

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Joseph demonstrated his commitment to safeguard his family and face the new reality foretold in his dream as he followed God's call to go to Egypt, "and remained there until the death of Herod" (Mt 2:15). Like so many displaced parents who care for their families in our contemporary world, Joseph protected and supported Mary and Jesus. Joseph's example is an inspiration for us to generously embrace the encounter with our displaced brothers and sisters who are likewise seeking refuge and security for their families. The Gospel account encourages us to compassionately listen to their stories of suffering, isolation and hopelessness.

Pope Francis, in this year's message for World Day of Migrant and Refugees Towards an Ever Wider "We" said "The truth however is that we are all in the same boat and called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer others, but only a single 'we', encompassing all of humanity." He emphasises the importance of welcoming refugees and migrants and offering them protection. A generous, hospitable spirit reflects the universality of our Church and contributes to her enrichment and growth. "In encountering the diversity of foreigners, migrants and refugees, and in the intercultural dialogue that can emerge from this encounter, we have an opportunity to grow as Church and to enrich one another."

On a personal level, I have been privileged to meet and listen to the stories of many brave and courageous parents, children and young people who have ventured with hope. They, like Joseph and many of our own forebears, took a dangerous journey, and faced enormous pressure and trauma. Many challenges and struggles were endured in order to provide a safe and secure future for their children. Listening to the recently arrived and longer-term migrants and refugees can help us to appreciate Joseph and Mary's own experience and — in the spirit of Refugee Week and September's 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees — increase our understanding of Pope Francis' call to respond to the needs of our new neighbours so that together "we" can continue to create an ever greater "us". Fr Khalid Marogi is the Director of the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office.