



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.

27 JUNE 2021
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B



Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading

from the book of Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2
(R.) **I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

Second Reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to Mark 5: 21-43

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

NEXT WEEK

4 JULY 2021
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B

First Reading: Ez 2:2-5

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 122. R. v.2

Second Reading:
2 Cor 12:7-10

Gospel: Mk 6:1-6



Every day, our workers and volunteers deliver aid to people unable to find secure and adequately paid work, and we witness the financial pressure and emotional toll this puts on them and their families. Vinnies assists people who are unemployed or underemployed by conducting home visits and helping with food and utility bills.

The St Vincent de Paul Society envisions an Australia that prides itself on its strong sense of justice and compassion. We aim to stand in solidarity with people who are living in poverty and experiencing disadvantage. We also strive to bring about greater awareness of the structural issues that give rise to inequality, for example, high unemployment, a weak social safety net and unfair tax structures. Learn more about these issues and how you can get involved below:

Breaking down barriers: Unemployment and underemployment.

Unemployment exists not because people are not prepared to work: the reality is that the jobs are simply not available. Australia has a persistently high rate of long-term unemployment, with over half a million people (65 per cent of those on Newstart or Youth Allowances) unable to find work for over 12 months.

Sadly, for people caught in a cycle of precarious and insecure work, having a job does not necessarily mean escaping poverty either. There has been a rapid growth in low-paid, part-time and precarious work and it is having a devastating impact on families and individuals. One in four Australians and half of employed 15 to 24-year-olds are in casual jobs, without access to leave entitlements.

Homelessness in Australia: Who is my neighbour?

Housing is a human right, but on any given night in Australia more than 116,000 people are homeless.

Every day, our staff and members see the human face behind the homelessness statistics. Homelessness doesn't discriminate – the homeless population comprises people of all ages and backgrounds.

For some, homelessness is a one-off occurrence. For others, it is a prolonged experience that may be interspersed with periods of being housed. The experience of homelessness in Australia can also vary greatly – from sleeping on the streets or other unsafe temporary situations, to moving between temporary situations (e.g. 'couch surfing'), to living in a crowded or unsafe dwelling that impacts on a person's ability to participate in family, community life and find secure employment.

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 Appeal will be held this weekend.

Contact us

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Sr Ninfa Timbal, CM
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Tuesday—Friday 9.30am-12.30pm
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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

4 July 2021	6pm	9.30am	5pm
Monitor	Suzanne & Russell Binny	Chris & Margaret Pew	Beatrix Reuter
	Myra Cortez	Allan & Anita Roma	Lynette Fernandes
Altar Server	Ryan Potter	Orly Simbul	Robert Selvaraj
Reader	Suzanne Binny	Irene Ravino	Gloria Divinagracia
Counting	Richard Kaldasaun, Irene Ravino	Vacuuming	Dominique Autard
Flowers	Mago Shaheen, Lorraine Bryant	Foyer	Russell & Suzanne Binny

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: Leslie Stewart, Heyden Hurst, Pedro Sapalo, Loretta Yates, Emilia Moralde, 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.





Parish Events

Bulletin Notices

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.

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.

Friendship Group Tuesday 6 July for Christmas in July celebration.

PARISH FEAST DAY meeting will be on Monday 28 June at 7.30pm. A zoom link is available.

PARISH FEAST DAY outdoor Mass will commence at 9.30am followed by a family PICNIC on Sunday 18 July 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. 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.aliveinthespirit.com.au and register at the parish office on 96037373.

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.

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 or your local Christian Radio station.

MT Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville 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 at the Office of the Bishop by Friday 2 July and an invitation will be sent to you.

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 August 21 - 22, 2021 at a Live-Out Marriage Encounter Weekend at St John Bosco Parish, Engadine.** Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact **Christine & Terry Mahony** on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

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

The Journey' Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast Great show this week when we hear from Pat Keady about sharing your faith, even when your voice shakes. Listen at jcr.org.au or your local Christian Radio station.

Year Amoris Laetitia Family, 19 March 2021 - 26 June 2022 Pope Francis is encouraging the Church to enrich your understanding of the vocation marriage and the core role of family in the mission of the Church at <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html>

On July 25th the first celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be held near the liturgical memory of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus.

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. Expect Food, live music, games, prayer, and community! We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, visit [@live.local.cymw](https://www.instagram.com/live.local.cymw) on Instagram.

Could you provide a forever home?

Fostering Futures, CatholicCare are looking for a forever home for a 10-year-old girl, Jessie*. Jessie is a lovely, sociable girl who enjoys listening to music, riding her bike and loves animals. She is smart, energetic and loves to chat! She needs patient and loving carers who can give her time, consistency, and support so she can thrive and achieve a positive future. (*Child's name has been changed for privacy) To find out more about becoming a carer with Fostering Futures: call 0418 783 956 email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au>

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'



While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection

by Fr Michael Tate

This week's gospel passage presents two miracle accounts, one, in effect, 'interrupting' or being framed by the other. Jesus is approached by the synagogue official, Jairus, to come and heal his dying daughter. In the milling and surging crowd, Jesus suddenly becomes aware of being touched by someone. The story of the woman with a haemorrhage is a story of social and religious isolation as much as it is a story of illness and pain. Because of the Jewish prohibitions against blood, the woman would have been regarded as permanently impure and unclean. She would have been unable to engage in any worship; she could not touch another person without also making them unclean; she was effectively outcast for the 12 years of her illness. She knew it would be forbidden for her to touch Jesus openly but took her chances of being unobserved in the crowd – she risked all on the belief that even touching Jesus' cloak might heal her. Jesus immediately stopped and drew attention to the woman. By doing so he made it clear to her that it was her faith that had healed her (a feature of healing stories in the Gospel of Mark). His actions also made it clear to the crowd that she was now healed and should not be shunned any longer; she was publicly declared fit to re-enter society and religious participation. After 12 years of virtual non-existence, the woman was now able to begin her life again. The delay, however, meant that Jairus' daughter was dead by the time Jesus arrived. Undeterred, Jesus performs another miracle and raises the girl from death. The girl was 12 years old – the same 12 years the woman suffered with a haemorrhage – and now she too was able to begin her life again. There is a neatness and a completeness about the two stories.

What a whirlwind of emotions Jairus must have gone through. His daughter was sick and getting worse but Jesus had left the region and travelled across the Sea of Galilee. Suddenly, Jairus heard that Jesus had returned! He raced to Jesus and begged him to save his daughter. What joy when Jesus set out to do so! But Jesus was slowed by the crowd and then came to a complete stop and spoke to some woman. Didn't he know this was urgent? Then the news came that the little girl was dead – no need to hurry now. Finally, unbelievable relief and joy: Jesus raises the little girl and reunites her with her parents.