



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.*

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME  
 YEAR B**



**Entrance Antiphon**

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**First Reading** from the prophet Amos 7: 12-15

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8  
 (R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**Second Reading** from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1: 3-14

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.  
 Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel** according to Mark 6: 7-13

**Communion Antiphon**

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.

**Novena Prayer for Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

*To commence on July 7 and conclude on July 15.*

As we come closer to our Parish feast for Our Lady of Mount Carmel we take time to celebrate Mary as our patron and ask her to intercede for the needs of our Parish. The Vision of our Parish has been incorporated into these prayers. Of course, individual requests can be made as well.

In this way we join with our brothers and sisters in the Parish and to pray for the needs of the Parish.

**The complete Novena is on our website.**

Our planned Feast day celebration next Sunday cannot proceed in light of the COVID restrictions we are experiencing.



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**Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of The Sea)**

Sea Sunday is the day set by many Christian Churches to remember, celebrate, pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work. It is officially held on the second Sunday in July. Seafarers work tirelessly in the high seas throughout the year bringing us more than ninety percent of the goods we need.

Stella Maris, formerly The Apostleship of the Sea, is the Catholic Church's Missionary work to the Seafarers whether they be on merchant, passenger, war or fishing vessels. While the Church has always been interested in Seafarers since Christ first gathered his fishermen-disciples around him, the modern movement began in the 1890s with several isolated and independent beginnings.

The purpose of Stella Maris is to care for the Spiritual, Social, and Material welfare of all Seafarers without distinction of colour, race or creed:

**SPIRITUAL** – Inspired by our Catholic faith and respecting the beliefs and practices of all seafarers, we nourish their spiritual lives by being Christ for them and finding Christ in them.

**SOCIAL** – Concerned for the social well-being of seafarers, we provide internet and telecommunications facilities, to allow them to keep in contact with their families, and recreational activities promoting their mental and physical health.

**MATERIAL** – Committed to social justice for all and believing in the dignity of the human person, we support seafarers in their right to fair remuneration, appropriate onboard accommodation, safe working conditions and non-discriminatory treatment by advocacy and working with other organisations.

As a missionary work, it serves ALL seafarers:

*“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” – Hebrews 13:2 (NRSVCE)*

## Contact us

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## Mass times when the church is open.....

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: refer to the website for next week

**Formed:** Would you like to nurture your faith at home, in your own time and at your own pace? FORMED.org is a large Faith Formation Resource library website containing thousands of faith formation documentaries, courses, movies, audio and books covering all aspects of our Catholic faith. Materials for both adults and children. Sign-up for Free using our Diocesan Subscription by contacting [darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au) or [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)

**Faith Circles—free small group resource:** During this period of Pandemic isolation, you are encouraged to spend time in prayer and spiritual reading and faith Circles is one way that you can do this. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use and could easily be done in your household or even by skype / phone with others at this time, with its questions and prayer points. It is available to download at [www.faithcircles.dow.org.au](http://www.faithcircles.dow.org.au) or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.

## Prayer intentions

**For the sick & homebound:** Angela Peters, Carol Gonzales, Christabelle Adina, Gloria Gonzales Prudente, 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:** Juliana Glenna, Veronica Robins, Danny Brown, Leslie Stewart, Heyden Hurst, Pedro Sapalo,

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Damien Champion, Frazer Toweel, 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

**Planned Giving envelopes** are available in the foyer when the church reopens. If your envelopes are not there please call the parish office during the week. If you wish to order a new set of envelopes please contact the parish office.

Giving receipts have been sent by email and are available by contacting the parish office.

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

**Friendship Group will next meet on Tuesday 3 August** for Christmas in August celebration.

**PARISH FEAST DAY has been cancelled for this year.**

### 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](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact **Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419** or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)

### 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 register online at [www.dow.org.au/events/](http://www.dow.org.au/events/), or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) by no later than Monday 12 July. Once you have done so, an invitation and official online registration procedures can be sent out.

### For those who missed out in 2020

In this year of St Joseph and the Family, we are exploring the possibility of hosting two (2) sessions to enable as many couples as possible, and some limited members of their family, to attend the Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass. Furthermore, this also enables us to invite couples who reached one of these significant milestones in 2020 to contact Helen Bennett and register their interest. As you would appreciate, due to the possibility of heightened COVID-19 restrictions, our plans are subject to change and even cancellation. We kindly urge you to register as soon as possible in order to receive an invitation and enable appropriate planning for this important celebration.

### Go Deeper in Faith! FREE 6-week course in the Catholic Faith

This course is designed for any Catholic who is looking to discover more about their Catholic Faith. Over six consecutive Mondays or Fridays, we will explore the following topics with great guest speakers:

Morality: Life in the Spirit (Mr Seth Harsh), Church: Mission of the Holy Spirit (Sr Susanna Edmunds OP), Christ: Heart of Catechesis (Fr Bernard Gordon VG), Creation: Work of the Trinity (Sr Bernadette Toohey MGL), Reconciliation: Forgiveness of Sins, Healing (Sr Therese Mills MGL), Communion: Eucharist - Source & Summit (Fr Mark De Battista) In the past, this course was only available to Catechists, but we have now opened it up to all interested people. We hope that you can join us. **Mondays:**

Commencing Monday 19 July 9:30am-1:30pm CCD Regional Centre, Micah House, 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

(Dates: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23) If you would like to attend please register by Fri 16 July.

### ACBC Men's Gathering in our Diocese

In 2020, over 1500 men gathered around the country in hub spots for the ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering. We are running four (4) regional hubs around the Diocese. Be inspired, encouraged and renewed in faith with other blokes from around the Diocese. It's free. For more info and to register go to [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au).

Our Diocesan Hub spots include: **Saturday 21 August 8.30-2.30pm** at Rosemeadow Parish Hall: Key Contact: Eddie Ferry 0417 049 418 [eferry@westnet.com.au](mailto:eferry@westnet.com.au) - with Ryan Soares, Andy Adina and Ian Boorman

### Call to Connect - Catholic Women's Ministry

Are you looking for an avenue of prayer and sharing the faith journey with a group of female friends, online or face to face? "Call to Connect" Catholic women's ministry is a ministry that offers prayer, hospitality and sharing the faith journey for women through its prayer/sharing group structure. Their aim is to strengthen the relationship between women and facilitate a deepening walk with God. There are Starter Kits available with all you need to form prayer/sharing groups. For more information contact Bronnie Schlager on [calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com) or <https://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/womens-prayer-groups/>

### Executive Assistant - Welcoming and Information | Catholic Diocese of Wollongong

Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Executive Assistant - Welcoming and Information in the Diocese of Wollongong.

For more information and a detailed role description, please go to [www.dow.org.au/jobs](http://www.dow.org.au/jobs)

Any enquiries please contact Helen Bennett 0407 438 434 or email [recruitment@dow.org.au](mailto:recruitment@dow.org.au)

### 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)*

### Plenary Council 2021

With just 88 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>

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the first Assembly will be a mix of in-person and online delivery. See the up-to-date **PLENARY COUNCIL JOURNEY 2020-2022.**

### The Journey Weekly Podcast

Msgr Graham Schmitzer - makes a welcome return to the show this week challenges, along with a great personal faith journey sharing from Sharon Brewer from the ACCB. Some fabulous uplifting music on this week's show too.

Be encouraged in difficult times by the Journey - Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au) or your local Christian Radio station.

## Holy Gospel according to Mark 6: 7-13

*He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.*

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.



The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel Reflection by Richard Leonard

Many centuries ago the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was an uproar from the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He would have a religious debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jews won, they could stay. If the Pope won, the Jews had to leave. The Jews realised that they had no choice. Problem was that no one wanted to debate the Pope. The only volunteer was a poor, simple, old man named Moishe who opened the door to the synagogue each Friday night. Not being used to words Moishe asked for only one addition to the debate – that neither side be allowed to talk. The Pope agreed.

The day of the great debate came. Moishe and the Pope sat opposite each other. The Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moishe looked back at him and raised one finger. The Pope waved his hand in a circle around his head. Moishe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moishe pulled out an apple. The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay.'

Later, the Pope explained what happened: 'I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that we believe in the same one God. Then I waved my hand around my head to show that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was present right here. I pulled out the bread and wine to show that God has given us the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of original sin. He had an answer for everything. What could I do?'

Meanwhile, Moishe explained to the Jewish scholars how he won the unwinnable debate. 'Well', said Moishe, 'First he said that the Jews had three days to get out of Rome. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying right here.' 'And then what clinched the debate?' asked the Rabbi. 'I don't know', said Moishe. 'It was strange. He took out his lunch, and I took out mine!'

Life always depends on how we read the signs! In today's Gospel Jesus tells the twelve apostles that they should embody three signs: simplicity of lifestyle, dependence on others and hospitality. These instructions are such a contrast to what most of us value today, where it is often the rich and powerful, the independent and the inhospitable who are thought to be the best leaders.

For Jesus, however, the one truly sent in his name is the one who knows that another's worth comes from who they are, not what they have. It doesn't matter whether we're rich or poor. It's the way we use our money for others which reveals whether our wealth possesses us or not.

For Jesus, being 'a rock and an island' was not a sign of strength but one of fear and despair. A strong Christian is the one who rejoices in our dependence on each other, and is always grateful for the interconnectedness of life.

For Jesus, making room for others, especially toward those in legitimate need and even when it makes a large claim on us, is a pre-eminent sign of his Kingdom.

The Christian life is about reading the signs of the times. May our Eucharistic signs of his presence amongst us, the bread and wine, change us today, to match it with the best in being simple in lifestyle, happily dependent and extravagantly hospitable with our time, talent and energy for the sake of the Kingdom of God.