

# Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish

Serving  
Varroville, Raby, St Andrews and Bow Bowing

Since 11 May, 1980



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.*

19 September 2021  
Twenty fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Year B



### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### First Reading

from the book of Wisdom  
2: 12, 17-20

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6  
(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

### Second Reading

from the letter of  
St James 3:16-4:3

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel** according  
to Mark. 9: 30-37

### Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



**THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**  
In support of the retirement and health of clergy  
*Caring for those who have cared for us*  
and local parish ministries  
*Staying connected*

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO DONATE VISIT [DOW.ORG.AU/GIVING](https://www.dow.org.au/giving)

*"Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your donation to this appeal will enable me to provide a dignified retirement for our diocesan clergy and ensure that our parish communities stay connected during this time of pandemic. While I acknowledge the pressure that some households are facing at this time, if you are in a financial position to give, I would be very grateful if you would consider giving generously to this appeal."* **Bishop Brian Mascord**

"Most of you are familiar with our Bishop's Annual Appeal, which is being promoted in our parish this weekend. This year's appeal will support two important ministries - the retirement and health of our clergy AND local parish ministries.

As you are probably aware, the proceeds from the first collection are used to provide support for our 'active' clergy. However, we need to look to another source of income when it comes to providing support to our retired clergy. Proceeds from this appeal are used to provide accommodation, transport assistance and health care to support and care for the retirement and health of our diocesan clergy.

This appeal reminds me that whilst our clergy have chosen and enjoyed their vocation, unlike us, retirement for them does not include a spouse, children or grandchildren whom they can live with, have as support at a doctor's appointment or have around when they are sick. So, we need to care for them, like they have cared for us.

The past 18 months have created much uncertainty and anxiety and many parishes, including our own have responded to the important need of staying connected with our community in new and exciting ways through the provision of online Masses and faith resources, or other digital platforms like Facebook. Accordingly, this year, Bishop Brian has decided that the appeal will also continue to support Local Parish Ministries - to stay connected with their parishioners in 2021 and beyond.

Donations to this ministry will be equally distributed to parishes in the diocese."

Take a moment to consider a donation. Donations can be made by credit card, EFT, cheque or money order. Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving/> to find out more information, watch the SPECIAL APPEAL VIDEO, and to make a donation or call (02) 4222 2446 to make a donation over the phone.

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## Mass times

**Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online**

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

### **SPRINGTIME: OLMC PARISH RETREAT SAT 2ND OCTOBER FROM 2-4PM**

Join us on Zoom for an afternoon of reflection, prayer and inspiration to see God's presence in our lives in this season of change, growth, challenges and new life. The afternoon will include input from the MGL Sisters, individual prayer time and a chance to 'come away' together on retreat as a parish. Zoom link: <https://dowcatholic.zoom.us/j/66476756873>

**ADORATION PRAYER with the Carmelite Missionaries** GOD BLESS US ALL IN OLMC PARISH! During the lockdown, you are invited to join **ADORATION PRAYER with the Carmelite Missionaries every Sunday at 6:30-7:30 PM.** Contact the parish office for the zoom link.

**Can't find anything to watch on television? Try a good book.** The Our Lady of Mount Carmel Book Club recommends: Source and Summit – Joel Giallanza \$9.95 from Pauline Books and Media or St Paul's Publications  
Father Giallanza writes about the Eucharist using the ideas of 6 great spiritual guides from different periods.

### **THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

Pope Francis on 8 December 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde (With a Father's Heart)*, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. You are encouraged to visit the ACBC year of St Joseph page at <https://www.catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

### **The Journey Weekly Podcast**

Great show this week as Fr Brian Lucas and Torrien Alu both address the topic of fear and Michelle Vaas concludes her series on praying the psalms. Plenty of great music you've come to expect from the Journey available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au).

### **Year Amoris Laetitia Family, 19 March 21 - 26 June 22**

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html>

## Prayer intentions

**For the sick & homebound:** 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, 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:** Carter Por, Leonard Mansfield, Fr Peter Caruana, Claude Fricot,

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Francis Villahermosa, Tracey Bautovich, Damien Champion





# Bulletin Notices

**Come online and say "hello".** Beatrix is hosting a social zoom on Wednesday at 2pm. This will be an opportunity to say hello to fellow parishioners. Beatrix has asked that we all wear something yellow because it is springtime. Contact the parish office 0434705176 for the zoom link.

**Prayer Seminars: Experience various prayer styles – All Welcome:** A series of Prayer Seminars, which will commence on Tuesday 21 September, and run weekly, 7pm - 8:30pm via Zoom. These are open to anyone in the Diocese to attend any or all of the 12 evenings

Each week a different presenter will lead us in a style of prayer that is meaningful to them. The seminars will include information, but also the opportunity to be led by an expert in the prayer experience. To register, go to <https://www.dow.org.au/events>

To begin our series of Prayer Seminars, next Tuesday 21 September, Rachel Fleurant MGL, will lead us in Centering Prayer. Come and discover the beautiful practice of interior silence using a sacred word and simply rest in the presence of God. Each week, the importance of praying for the Plenary Council and its members will be remembered, amongst many important prayer intentions for the Church and the world.

## Plenary Council 2021

From 3 – 10 October, the Church in Australia will commence its fifth Plenary Council – the first in 84 years. 279 members will begin a process of dialogue focusing on 6 themes that were developed from the responses of over 220,000 people. Checkout:

- the latest media release [which is also online here](#),
- the agenda [and is online here](#)
- Plenary Council by the numbers; and
- [Archbishop Coleridge – Why a Plenary Council are available](#)

**Podcast with Lana Turvey Collins:** The Diocese is interviewing Lana Turvey Collins next week for the Journey Podcast, which will be available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) from Friday 24 September.

**Praying for the Plenary Council:** A series of masses will be held during the first gathering of the council and will be available online from various Dioceses around Australia with details to be released soon by the national organising team.

The **Diocesan Prayer Seminar series** that will commence next Tuesday Evening September 21 will provide the experience and practice of different forms of prayer, with the opportunity to pray for the Plenary Council and its members amongst many important prayer intentions for the Church and the world each week. For more info and to register go to <https://www.dow.org.au/events>

**Marriage Anniversaries Mass: Livestreamed Sunday 19 September – 12.30pm:** This celebration for those marking 25, 40, 50, 60, or over 60 years of marriage in 2020-21, will be livestreamed this Sunday. All those who have registered have been invited to be part of the online Mass with Bishop Brian, who will celebrate Mass from the Cathedral, offering a blessing for each of the 47 couples who have registered. Each registered couple has been sent a commemoration certificate, prayer cards, Mass booklet and a letter from Bishop Brian. The link to Lumen Christi Livestream <https://www.youtube.com/c/LumenChristiCatholicParishes/videos>

**Youth Ministry Online:** Have you seen Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong's (CYMW) online version of LIVE yet? Click on the link below for some great worship and challenges as you explore faith with some very awesome leaders! Enjoy! [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTphLF5OdSt8V\\_yo7ZLrVgg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTphLF5OdSt8V_yo7ZLrVgg)

**Vocation view:** If we want to be great, we must serve others. Are you willing to serve others? You can make a difference with your life. (Mark 9:30-37) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact our DOW Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

**Men's Kickstart Program: Monday Nights 13- Septemb- till 4 October 7.30 – 8.30pm** Come join other men at any or all of the remaining sessions of **Kickstart** is being facilitated by menALIVE for the Diocese of Wollongong, online by Peter Gabauer and Colin Bennett and the menALIVE leaders from the Diocese of Wollongong using the ACBC Men's Gathering online content. To register go to <https://www.dow.org.au/events/ancmgkickstart>

Sessions are short and sharp and a great way for men in lockdown to come together to engage with the theme 'Brothers What must we Do'?

- Man of Service: Tim Davis (20 Sept)
  - Man of Character: Shayne Bennett (27 Sept)
- Missioning and Sending: Archbishop Julian Porteous (4 Oct)

**Arete Centre for Missionary Leadership: Virtual Open Night, Thurs 23rd Sept, 7:30-8:30pm:** Join our panel as we discuss: 'Reasons for Hope in a Disrupted Church' and learn a little more about the mission of the Arete Centre and our Foundations of Missionary Leadership Course. There will also be a live Q&A! Special guests include Archbishop Peter Comensoli, Daniel Ang from Sydney Centre for Evangelisation and Fr Chris Ryan MGL, Director of the Arete Centre for Missionary Leadership. To Register: [www.aretecentre.org](http://www.aretecentre.org)

**Alone with Christ Alone : A Women's Retreat:** Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia for an online retreat into silence, 24-26 September. You will provide the silent times and spaces over the course of the weekend. The sisters will provide common times for Mass, communal and private prayer, and talks that delve deeper into the theme of silence. For more information or to register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BTYGD>  
[Click to download flyer](#)



## Holy Gospel according to Mark. 9:30-37

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ...  
All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.

### **SEASON OF CREATION** by Nick Brodie

Today's Gospel reveals a fearfulness in the disciples' response to Jesus. Afraid of asking too many questions, they almost seem to prefer being ignorant rather than admit the limits of their own understanding. Strangely, this self-imposed ignorance does not prevent them from posturing for position. What a warning for the Church this episode seems to offer!

While this excerpt of Mark's Gospel is often interpreted in terms of the virtue of humility, the other aspect of Jesus' point is easily overlooked. Every Christian is called to be 'last of all and servant of all'. Ours is a faith of humble service. The scriptures repeatedly make the point that faith is always embedded in creation. A mountain, a road, a town, and a house all frame the action in this episode. Because the Church exists wherever its members go our beliefs and prayers are not restricted to church buildings. We take our faith on roads, into our homes and towns, and even up mountains.

Given this, our faith compels us to have a special care for all of creation. As Jesus clearly intimates, by humbly serving created things we express our love of the Creator who made them all.

**Season of Creation:** The *Season of Creation* begins on **Sept 1**, on the designated **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**. It concludes on **October 4, the Feast of St. Francis**. The Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace have created five prayer cards which focus on the themes of the statement. This week's prayer focuses on [Sacramentality](#)