

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish

Serving Since 11 May, 1980
Varroville, Raby, St Andrews and Bow Bowing

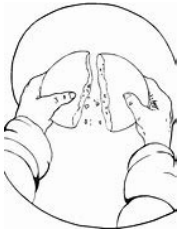


To know, love and serve Jesus
by sharing our gifts through our baptismal mission

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.

1 May 2022

Third Sunday of Easter
Year C



Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God,
all the earth; O sing to the
glory of his name.
O render him glorious
praise, alleluia.

First Reading from the
Acts of the Apostles
5: 27-32, 40-41

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

Response: I will praise
you, Lord, for you have
rescued me.

Second Reading
from the book of the
Apocalypse 5: 11-14

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of
all creation; he has shown
pity on all people. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according
to John 21: 1-19

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized
the Lord Jesus in the
breaking of the bread,
alleluia.



Australia's Catholic bishops have called for a shakeup that focuses the country's politics on the common good of all, including – and especially – those who struggle to participate in the community.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge said no one political party fully embodies Catholic social teaching. The bishops are, however, offering an election statement to encourage Catholics and people of good will to reflect on the good they can do for their community by using their vote for the good of all.

Archbishop Coleridge said “we all long for what Pope Francis calls ‘a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good’”.

“This ‘better’ politics pursues the common good of all Australians by recognising the dignity of every individual and the solidarity we all share as a national community,” Archbishop Coleridge said.

“Since the last federal election we have seen the impact and the challenges of a global pandemic, floods, summers of bushfires, wild weather events and a world on edge because of military conflict.

“Foremost in the minds of many will be Australia’s economic recovery from the effects of COVID-19. The societal disruptions from the pandemic have revealed significant levels of poverty and disadvantage within Australia. We need a new social contract that focuses the economy more clearly on the common good.”

The statement highlights several key issues that the bishops have identified and which they encouraged readers to consider when preparing to vote.

Among them is the provision of high-quality palliative care across Australia, “to ensure that no one is pressured into choosing assisted suicide because palliative care is unavailable”.

The statement advocates for vulnerable people in the community, including those in need of aged care, First Nations peoples, asylum-seekers and refugees. It calls for a government committed to the common good that will deliver a medium to long-term plan for eradicating poverty in Australia.

The bishops also say people who have a religious faith should be protected from discrimination, “including the ability to undertake activities and form religious bodies that can pursue their religious mission”.

“This includes common sense provisions to allow religious schools to preference the hiring of staff who support the school’s ethos,” the statement says.

The full statement can be downloaded here:

<https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Towards-a-Better-Kind-of-Politics-FINAL.pdf>

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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
Reconciliation: by appointment	All Sacramental enquiries: call the parish office

Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online:

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

Rosters

8 May	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Monitors	Berna Potter, Ronald Tuyor	Anita Roma, Jackie Plasto	Terry & Maree Reilly
Altar Servers	Ryan Amana Potter	Orly Simbul & Clare F	Vu Tran, volunteer
Readers	Richard Kaldasaun	Gabriel Mafi	Kathy Randal
Refreshments	Riana O'Flynn, Suzanne Msdden	Tina Siaosi, Ronda Thompson	XXXX
Flowers	Patricia Wicks & Jessica Manezes	Church Vacuuming	Binny family
Counters	Louise Muscat & Lina Agius	Foyer Cleaning	Wicks family

Prayer intentions

We have been praying for many people listed in our prayer intentions each week.. If you wish to include a person's name who is sick, recently departed or having an anniversary please call the parish office.

Some names have been on the sick list for a very long time, and the office doesn't know whether the person has a chronic illness or has recovered and forgotten to inform the parish office. If your name is on the sick list and you have recovered from your illness, please inform the parish office.

If you know of someone who would like a visit from someone in our Pastoral Care team, please call the parish office.

For the sick & homebound: John McDermott, Reg Gardner, Phyllis Cooper, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Christabelle Adina, Gloria Gonzales Prudente, Amelia Jimenez, John Ingster, Elizabeth Moore, John Morgos, Greg Watson, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Ron Allen, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Doreen Gibbons, Clayton Diack, Emily Rose Pavicin, Pat & Denise Furner, Tracey Bokor, Lily Pereira, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Erlinda Hermes, Aurelia Vertucio, Mary & Frances Raithi, Jeanna San Diego, Hugo Garzotto, Eileen Butcher, Josephina Duefries, Austin Taylor, Marisa Aquirre, Joan Wilson.

May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.

For our recently dearly departed: Zdravko Vrbanic, Marie Wintour, Martin D.Coutho, Fr Tadgh Tierney, Ofilia Mawson, Mary Gardner, Dorothy and Geoff Jones,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.





Bulletin Notices

Friendship Group is on this coming Tuesday morning after the 9am Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Ministry Rosters have been completed and will be put on our website in the next few days. Thank you to everyone who has renewed their roster commitment. If you wish to join a roster please contact the parish office at any time and you can partner with an existing team till the next roster is prepared.

Raffle Ticket books are available in the foyer after Mass and all parishioners are encouraged to take home a book and sell them to family and friends. It will be drawn on 17 July at the Feast day.

Sacramental Registrations are currently being accepted for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. There will be a parent formation evening on Wednesday 29 June at 7.15pm. There is information available on our parish website and all enquiries should be directed to the parish office.

Diocese of Wollongong menALIVE Weekend 14-15 May at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 193 St Andrews Road, Varroville Calling all Catholic MEN. You are invited to Rediscover God's Presence in, and Purpose, for your Life. Is your faith life all it could be? Are you dozing in the back pews? The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for all men from 18 years of age to explore what makes them feel fully alive.

Led by experienced facilitators and speakers from the menALIVE team, the weekend is powerful and dynamic experience, during which Catholic men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. Register via brochure or online www.dow.org.au/events
Enquiries: Paul Quirk (Parish Contact) 0412 216 589

The Journey, Weekly Podcast: On the Journey this week Fr John Paul Escarlan's Gospel reflection, Mother Hilda's response to the display of hate in the world, Sam Clear on Jesus asking Peter 3 times for his love, plus Trish McCarthy and Pete Gilmore. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

Faith Education Officer Catholic Diocese of Wollongong

Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Faith Education Officer for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Commencing in May/June 2022, this role supports the important work of Catholic Special Religious Education for over 8000 young Catholics in approximately 140 state schools. Based in Campbelltown, with hybrid working location arrangements, the successful applicant will be primarily involved in supporting the recruitment, training, and authorisation of volunteers throughout the diocese. Proficiency in teaching/presenting and sound administrative skills are essential. The position comes with an attractive remuneration package including salary, superannuation, fully maintained vehicle, IT equipment and phone. Applicants must submit a cover letter and a resume detailing relevant qualifications and experience. Applications can be emailed to helen.bennett@dow.org.au For more information and a detailed role description go to www.dow.org.au/jobs

For all enquiries, call Helen on (02) 4222 2403
Applications close Friday 29 April 2022. *Employment with the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong is conditional upon a successful referee check, National Criminal History Record check and Working with Children check.*

Do you want to help parishes move from maintenance to mission? Divine Renovation Ministry is hiring! We're currently seeking candidates for 3 Relationship Guide roles for Queensland, NSW, and Victoria. If you (or someone you know) feels called to serve the Church through ministry work by accompanying and offering support to priests and parishes on the renewal journey, we encourage you to check out the position and apply at www.divinerenovation.org/jobs. Please contact us at australasia@divinerenovation.org for more information.

Mary Help of Christians Walk for Australia/Walk for Life Friday 20 May : We walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues, the day before the Federal Election. You are warmly welcome to join us in our tenth year, praying along the Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km). B.Y.O Lunch, snacks, water, and hat. Support vehicle provided all the way, shuttle cars return pilgrims to Kiama.
BENEFITS: Mass. Prayer. Hymns. Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful fellowship. Blessings in abundance.
START: 9:30am Kiama Catholic Church (*Holy Mass*)
FINISH: 3:30pm Gerringong Catholic Church (*Benediction, confession also available*). For information contact Sue Hill: 0435 336 195 or Gabriella De Battista, (02) 4261 2500

Deeper: Pentecost Intensive - Carmel House, Varroville 1-5 June: Join the MGL Sisters as we deepen together in the experience of Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Come for a five-day intensive retreat in the lead-up to Pentecost and be encouraged in discipleship, activating the charismatic gifts, and being equipped for mission through inputs, discussion, prayer, and practical workshops.
Enquiries: mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com
Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BWMJI>

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre May 7, 2022 • 10am - 4pm (Day Retreat) Learning with St Teresa How to Enjoy Prayer, **PRESENTER:** Fr. Paul Maunder, OCD
"May the Lord teach this recollection to those of you who don't know about it, for I confess that I never knew what it was to pray with satisfaction until the Lord taught me this method." W.29.7
WHERE: Mt Carmel Priory, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW **COST:** \$30 (Please BYO lunch)

May Retreats: St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park
• Sinews of the Heart 6 Days: 6-12 May \$930/ Weekend: 6-8 May \$310 (Presenter: Paul White)
• Men's Weekend - Journeys Homewards: 13-15 May 2022 \$310 (Presenter: Paul White)
• Living More Deeply in God - Praying with Ignatius of Loyola: 6 Days: 20-26 May \$930/ Weekend: 20-22 May \$310 (Presenters: Retreat Team)
• Seeing with Fresh Eyes: Encountering the Risen Christ: 6 Days: 27 May - 2 June \$930/ Weekend: 27-29 May \$310 (Presenter: Elizabeth Lee)
Enquiries: contact@towersretreat.org.au

Holy Gospel according to John 21: 1-19

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathaniel from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.



As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly,
when you were young you put on your own belt
and walked where you liked;
but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands,
and somebody else will put a belt round you
and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God.
After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Discalced Carmelite Friars of the Australia-Oceania Region

Br Adalbert of the Beloved, OCD is going to make his Solemn Profession to the Order of Discalced Carmelites on Saturday 7 May at 11am and on Sunday 8 May at 12 Midday will be Ordained to the Diaconate.

You are all most warmly invited to attend the 2 Masses next weekend on Saturday at 11am and Sunday at 12 midday followed by refreshments in the hall.