

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.

10 APRIL 2022
PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD
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Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

* Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!
O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.
* Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy'

First Reading from the prophet
Isaiah 50: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

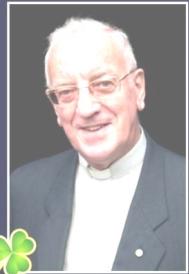
Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel Acclamation
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
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Holy Gospel according to Luke 22:14 – 23:56

Communion Antiphon
Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



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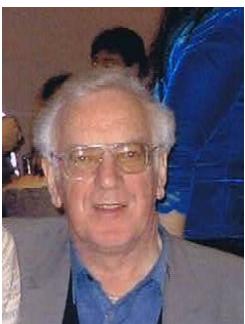
Born in Borrisokane, Tipperary, Ireland on 8 September 1941, Tadgh was always a proud Irishman. Professed a Carmelite Friar on 8 September 1962 and Ordained to the Priesthood on 17 December 1966. Born to eternal life on 28 March 2022, aged 80 years and 61 years a Carmelite.

With his relaxed style and gift for friendship he was a much loved priest and a dedicated teacher who brought Scriptural scholarship and Carmelite spirituality to life throughout his years

Fr Tadgh Tierney has been part of our parish family since 1993 when he arrived at Varroville from Ireland. Fr Tadgh served our community as the Parish Priest of Varroville for 13 years, from 1993 till 2005. Two of the stained glass windows in our church were dedicated in memory of his parents. In 2005 Fr Tadgh then went to Morley, WA to serve at the Infant Jesus Parish.

He will be greatly missed by his brother Carmelites, and all of us who knew him.

Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!



The Requiem Mass will be held in our Parish Church on Wednesday 13 April at 11.00am followed by the burial in the Carmelite cemetery.

Lunch will be served in the parish hall from 1pm, where we can share memories and stories of Fr Tadgh.



Contact us

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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>

Ministry Meetings

Readers Ministry Meeting	4th Friday of each month	Pastoral Care Team	7 April at 11.30am
Liturgy Committee		Children's Ministry	26 March
Property Committee	30 March at 7.30pm	Friendship Group	Tuesday 5 April at 9.30am

Rosters

17 April	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Monitors	David Fehlberg Bev & Ryan Potter	Chris & Margaret Pew	Betty & Boby Thalody
Altar Servers	Cody Sainsbury, Christian Ogle	Orly Simbul, Meliame Feiloakitohi	Frank Muscat & Ralph Santos
Readers	Loretta Binny	Irene Ravino	Evangeline Forresuelo
Flowers	Maria Dalecki	Church Vacuuming	Vergara Family
Counters	Richard Kaldasaun, Irene Ravino	Foyer Cleaning	Binny 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 Gribbons, 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: Fr Tadgh Tierney, Ofilia Mawson, Rose Refalo, Angelito Molano, Porfinio Perez, Mary Gardner, Dorothy and Geoff Jones,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Anthony Mangos, Angelo Crasto, Veni Menezes.

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



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Bulletin Notices



EASTER SERVICES

Holy Thursday Mass at 7.30pm

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 10am

The Passion of the Lord at 3pm

Easter Saturday Morning Prayer Service at 9am

Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm

Easter Sunday Mass at 9.30am and 5pm

The Divine Mercy Feast day celebration will be held the week after Easter on Sunday 24 April 2022 commencing at 2pm with Confession, the Chaplet of Mercy & Benediction. Holy Mass will commence at 3pm. All are most welcome.

The annual Holy Land Collection will be held on Good Friday, 15 April 2022. Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, orphanages, and medical centres. The Holy Land Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. To find out more, or to make an on-line donation please visit dow.sh/HolyLand

The Journey Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Fr Bernard Gordon and Mother Hilda give powerful reflections on the passion of Jesus. There are reflections for Holy Week from Fr Mark De Battista and Fr Sean Cullen, plus Huw from Alpha Australia. And more great music! The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops Thanks to all individuals and groups who contributed submissions to the National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR). The Diocese recently received a collated report on all DoW submissions from the NCPR. A writing advisory team of 12 persons from around the Diocese, including 3 members of the Clergy, gathered on Tuesday April 5, to provide their insights on the feedback provided, also utilising Plenary 2020 feedback and National Church Life Survey data. The advice gleaned from the discernment, discussion and writing from this day, will be used to compile Bishop Mascord's submission to the ACBC, which in turn will contribute to the submission of the Australian Church to the Synod. Please pray for this ongoing process of prayer and discernment for the XVI Ordinary Synod.

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.

Light to the Nations (LTTN) Easter Youth Pilgrimage:

LTTN is a bi-annual Easter Youth Pilgrimage for young people (16+) and the young at heart. From Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday young people camp under the open skies and join in celebrating the Easter liturgies, led by the Missionaries of God's love. Young people encounter Jesus vibrantly, through prayer, worship, drama, music, and personal sharing. LTTN 2022 will be held at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre in Varroville. In the year of Amoris Laetitia, families are especially encouraged to consider joining with hundreds of others for this amazing experience. DoW Youth Ministry team members will eagerly be looking to connect with young people from around the Diocese. For more information, and registration details, or simply for a day booking head to <https://ltn.dojcommunity.com/>

Call for Volunteer Support: An event like this requires many volunteers to help serve and make it happen. Our catering team are especially looking for people to come and chop, prepare and serve food. If you can help with this or serve in other ways we'd love to hear from you! Please call Therese (MGL Sisters) on 0432 228 250 or email therese.mgl@gmail.com

Marriage Enrichment Weekend 22 – 24 April 2022

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! This is a wonderful opportunity in the year of the family.

Come and join us on 22 – 24 April at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Upcoming menALIVE Weekend: 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. 14-15 May 2022, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 193 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Register via brochure or online www.dow.org.au/events Enquiries: Helen Bennett (Diocesan Contact) 4222 2403; Paul Quirk (Parish Contact) 0412 216 589 or Peter Crowe (menALIVE Contact) 0407 913 696.

Today we read the passion narrative from the Gospel of St Luke. It is not by any means for the faint hearted. Even if it is familiar to us, we should try to remember how extraordinary it is. After so many centuries of cruelty, crucifixion still ranks as one of the most appalling things people have ever thought to do to their fellow humans. Yet this was how God chose to show the depth of his love. God was prepared to go to any lengths for us. The letter to the Philippians says that Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave. Why? The only possible explanation is love. Anyone who has loved another knows that it will inevitably bring a share of suffering. Jesus walks alongside all who suffer. He shares their cross as they share his.



The fact that crucifixion was so common in the Roman world should also make us pause for a moment. Jesus lived and died in a world in which people were routinely degraded. He met plenty of them in his travels, people cast by the wayside, and helped many. For those without power, life was fragile, even cheap. Has much changed? Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia has invited us to share the work of Project Compassion. The stories we have encountered remind us that the world is still an uneven field. Project Compassion invites us to respond in love to free people in captivity to very challenging circumstances. It invites us in a small way to carry the cross, to live in hope of the Resurrection.

Perhaps this week, as well as joining in the services of Holy Week, we can take some time to sit quietly with the passion narrative from Luke's Gospel on our own. Think about all the characters we meet: Peter, Judas, Pilate, Herod, the women of Jerusalem, Simon of Cyrene, the soldiers, the two criminals, the women from Galilee, the centurion, Joseph of Arimathea. Try to see the events from each of their perspectives. Then quietly see them from your own perspective, from your world in 2022. Pray in humble gratitude.

Reflection by Richard Leonard

The crowd who cheered on Palm Sunday proved to be a fickle lot. It took them no time at all to move from the cries of adulation of Palm Sunday to the derision of Good Friday, and back again, with frightening speed. What is most worrying, however, is that we can do the same just as easily.

Take, for example, in our own country, where on the one hand we tell the original inhabitants of this great land that they have some claim on it and then change the rules when they begin to make such a claim. You don't have to look far for Calvary. Try being black in a white world.

We bask in the myth that this is the land of the fair go, but seem to think that this fair go is primarily for white people born of an Anglo Celtic, Christian background. You don't have to search too far for Calvary. Try being Asian in a Eurocentric world.

As Christians we affirm that women and men are made in the image and likeness of God, but in the Church and society we find new arguments to keep men in power and women only fractionally developing their God-given talents. You don't have to seek out Calvary. Try being a woman in a man's world.

Our society tells the gay community they may have been born with a desire for a same sex partner and that no one should discriminate against them, yet we deny them basic rights for legal security and dignity. You don't have to hunt for Calvary. Try being gay in a straight world.

Our society sings the praises of IVF and its associated technologies and proclaim how hundreds more couples are now 'complete' as a result of having a baby and yet each year we abort tens of thousands of unborn babies. You don't have to explore far to find Calvary. Try being a pregnant mother in an unsympathetic and death-dealing world.

The reality is that Palm Sunday is not a yearly historical pageant. It is the day when we hear proclaimed that:

- our God knows what it's like to be heralded on Sunday and condemned on Friday;
- our God loved us so much that he laid down his own life so that we might live;
- our God showed us that the price of walking on palm branches is in the taking up of the cross.

And how do we do that? How do we face all the Calvary's of our world and be Christ-like?

In the Passion we are told that Jesus did five things:

- He healed the ear of the High Priest's servant;
- He spoke the truth to Pilate;
- He empathised with the women of Jerusalem;
- He forgave those who condemned him;
- He had compassion toward the other criminal being crucified.

And here's the rub: in facing our personal passion and being with those who face their Calvary we are called to do likewise. If Holy Week means anything it means we end this week as we began it – processing. Walking away from inflicting pain to being a healer, desisting with lies and speaking the truth, resisting the temptation to judge and embracing empathy as our first response and, always and everywhere, being generous with forgiveness and compassion. No more and no less is asked of us if we are to follow 'the King of Love on Calvary'.