

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.

26 June 2022
Immaculate Heart of
Mary Feast Day
Year C



Entrance Antiphon

My heart will rejoice in
your salvation. I will sing to
the Lord, who has been
bountiful with me.

First Reading from the
first book of the Kings
19:16. 19-21

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11.

Response: You are my
inheritance, O Lord.

Second Reading from the
letter of St Paul to the
Galatians 5:1. 13-18

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, O Lord, your
servant is listening;
you have the words of
everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according
to Luke Lk 9:51-62

Communion Antiphon
Mary treasured all these
words, reflecting on them
in her heart.

Next Week
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C



PATRONAL FEAST DAY

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

25-26 JUNE 2022



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
WOLLONGONG

As we celebrate the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the whole Diocese of Wollongong looks to Mary, the Mother of the Church. Thanks to the Marian shrines and churches around the Diocese dedicated to the Mother of God, devotion to Mary should be very strong and widespread among the people in our local Church.

May we continue to contemplate the Virgin Mary, who pondered in her heart the mystery of Christ. We know that Mary is present as a mother to us and so shares in the many complicated problems which today beset the lives of individuals, families, parishes, schools and communities. We know that Mary has a heart for the Christian people in our constant struggle between good and evil, to ensure that we do not fall, or, if we have fallen, that we rise again.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is an image of the Church which, nourished by hope, acknowledges the saving and merciful action of God, in whose light our diocese reads our own journey and all of history. Mary helps us to interpret all that happens to us in the light of Jesus her Son. As a new creation moulded by the Holy Spirit, Mary causes the virtue of hope to grow within us.

To the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of hope and of consolation, we confidently lift up our prayer: to Mary we entrust the future of the Diocese of Wollongong.



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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: Saturday at 11am	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

3 July 2022	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Monitors	David, Bev & Ryan	Irene, Gerry & Margaret	Terry & Maree
Altar Servers			
Readers	Loretta & Gerard	Gabriel & Ofa	Sheenalyn & Kavya
Refreshments	Bernadette & Suzanne	Neila, Michelle & Tess	
Flowers	Audrey	Church Vacuuming	Lorraine & J Plasto
Counters	Vilma & Jeanette	Foyer Cleaning	Binny Family
CLOTW			

Readers are needed: We are trying to approach as near to normal (pre covid) as possible within our church ministries. Please consider joining the Ministry of Reader. If you feel called to this ministry we will offer you our prayers, training and support. For those who have previously been Ministers of the Word, please consider returning to this ministry. There is a readers in service meeting on the last Friday of each month. Colleen from the Readers group is happy to discuss this ministry if you have any questions or concerns about joining.

Prayer intentions



As our Parish is developing a culture of Prayer and Worship the PLT (Parish Leadership Team) have made a little gesture of welcoming everyone to express the need for prayer. There are boxes placed in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary wherein you can drop your petition (example: asking for good health, or any favour, etc.) and thanksgiving prayer (answered prayer, favour's given, blessings received, etc). After some time, we look forward to forming a group of people who are interested to be part of an intercessor of the Parish Community. For inquiries, you may ask anyone from PLT: Fr. Shane, Fr. Sam, Sr. Ines, Beatrix Reuter, Geoff Ashton, Colleen Haughey, Donna Ransom, Sr. Ninfa

For the sick & homebound: Jerry Migus, John McDermott, Reg Gardner, Phyllis Cooper, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, John Ingster, Elizabeth Moore, Greg Watson, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Ron Allen, Sean Finnerty, Rose Leoune, 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: John Morgos, Raymond Potter, Clothilde Bastoli, Sr Sarah Carpenter, Fr John Whitty.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Damian Champion, Maurice Spillane.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.



Bulletin Notices

"Family Love: a Vocation and a Path to Holiness"

10th World Meeting of Families, June 2022

Over several days 22 – 26 June, delegates from around the world will gather in Rome with Pope Francis for the World Meeting of Families. This meeting has been called under the theme, "Family Love: A vocation and a path to holiness". Delegates from Australia, and even some from our Diocese of Wollongong, have gone to meet with the Pope to discuss this important vocation. As St John Paul II reminds us, "As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live".

We invite you to pray for not only the success of the meeting in Rome but also all families in Australia and the world. If you would like to learn more about the World Meeting of Families, go to www.romefamily2022.com Fev and Michael Stewart with their family are going to Wollongong this weekend to participate in a Mass that will coincide with the final Mass for the World Meeting of Families being held in Rome to officially end the year of "Amoris Laetitia Family" and the families will receive a candle to take back to their community, with the image of the Icon of the Holy Family that was commissioned and is now situated in the Cathedral. Prayer cards with the image of the icon, are being distributed today.

Thank you for your continued faithful support of our parish through planned giving. Electronic giving has become the most preferred method of giving in our parish. It is very simple to set up via the links on our parish website or by sending a direct debit form to the parish office. The money counters say thank you too. Planned giving helps the parish because it means we can prepare a budget and plan for the activities that will support you, our parishioners, sharing the Word of God. The new sets of envelopes are available in the meeting room ready for collection. If you would like to order a set of envelopes or commence electronic planned giving please contact the parish office.

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.

The Big Picture Bible Study, An inspiring step by step journey through Salvation History

- An easy to use book and DVD with daily Bible study reflections
- Six weekly small group sessions

If you missed out on the Big Picture Bible study course, don't worry. We have a third group beginning on **Thursday June 30 - August 4 at 10:00 am in the parish meeting room.** Cost: \$20 -this covers the cost of the book and DVD Facilitator: Colleen Haughey
RSVP via the parish office Ph: 9603 7373 M: 0434 705 176

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.

YOU ARE INVITED

to join us celebrating our Parish Fiesta on **Sunday 17 July 2022**

- * Mass at 9.30am with Bishop Brian Mascord followed by a procession with Our Lady's Statue
- * International food stalls, including tea or coffee.
- * Outdoor Concert

ALL ARE WELCOME !

Ample parking is available at Mount Carmel Catholic College entry on Spitfire Drive.

Catholic Women's League Council Meeting -

Wollongong Diocese 10am Tuesday 28 June 2022 Xavier Centre Wollongong at 10am The Catholic Women's League members of the Wollongong Diocese would like to invite ladies in all our parishes to attend the upcoming Council Meeting. This will be an opportunity to experience and learn what Catholic Women's League do. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting or as many of our members do bring your own lunch. Please contact Diocesan President Jo Clark if you have any queries. 0400 041 190 or Email jo.clark@y7mail.com

2022 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sunday, 7 August 2022 at 2pm, please register online at 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 by no later than Monday 11 July. Once you have done so, an invitation and official online registration procedures can be sent to you.

Pastoral Formation Day: The Christian's Final Journey

Catholic Cemetery and Crematoria and partner, the ACU Centre for Liturgy, are offering a one-day workshop on Tuesday 12 July 9am - 4pm (8:30am arrival) for anyone interested in learning more about how Catholics prepare and celebrate funerals. It will be held at the All Saints Parish Hall, 48 George Street, Liverpool, and registration is essential by 1 July. Cost: \$60 (includes lunch and a workbook). Enquiries: CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au or 02 9701 4751. For more information, and to register, go to www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Virtual Weekend

Live your best life in love

The Weekend is conducted by Zoom allowing you to attend from the comfort of your own home.

Starting Friday, 19 August 2022, 7.00 pm (Sydney time) Through Sunday, 21 August 2022 around 4.00 pm.

The Weekend will conclude with Holy Mass

Book online www.wwme.org.au OR contact Booking Couple Mercy & James Bvirakare, Mobile 0409 183 676

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

You will need a computer / laptop with video (camera + microphone) and a good internet connection.

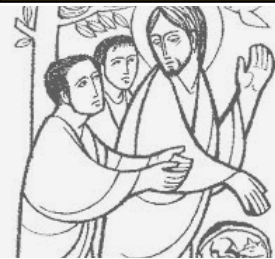
Holy Gospel according to Luke 9: 11-17

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury the dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Reflection by Pope Francis



In today's Gospel passage, Saint Luke begins the narrative of Jesus' last journey towards Jerusalem, which ends at Chapter 19. It is a long journey, not only geographically and spatially, but also spiritually and theologically, towards the fulfilment of the Messiah's mission. Jesus' decision is radical and total, and those who follow him are called to measure up to it. Today the Evangelist presents us three characters — three cases of vocation, we could say — that shed light on what is required of those who wish to follow Jesus to the end, completely.

The first character promises him: "I will follow you wherever you go". Generous! But Jesus replies that the Son of man, unlike foxes that have holes, and birds that have nests, "has nowhere to lay his head". The absolute poverty of Jesus. Indeed, Jesus left his paternal home and gave up all security in order to proclaim the Kingdom of God to the lost sheep of his people. In this way Jesus pointed out to us, his disciples, that our mission in the world cannot be static, but is itinerant. The Christian is itinerant. The Church by her very nature is in motion; she does not stay sedentary and calm within her enclosure. She is open to the broadest horizons, sent forth — the Church is sent forth — to bring the Gospel through the streets and to reach the human and existential peripheries. This is the first character.

The second character Jesus meets receives the call directly from him, but replies: "Lord, let me first go and bury my father". It is a legitimate request based on the commandment to honour your father and mother (cf. Ex 20:12). Nevertheless, Jesus responds: "Leave the dead to bury their own dead". With these deliberately provocative words, he intends to emphasize the primacy of following and of proclaiming the Kingdom of God, even over and above the most important realities, such as the family. The urgency of communicating the Gospel, which breaks the chains of death and ushers in eternal life, does not permit delays but requires promptness and complete willingness. Thus, the Church is itinerant, and here the Church is decisive, acts quickly, on the spot, without waiting.

The third character also wants to follow Jesus but on one condition: he will do so after bidding farewell to his relatives. And this is the response he receives from the Teacher: "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God". Following Jesus excludes regrets and backward glances but requires the virtue of decision. In order to follow Jesus, the Church is itinerant, acts promptly, quickly and decisively. The value of these conditions set by Jesus — itinerancy, promptness and decision — does not lie in a series of saying 'no' to the good and important things in life. Rather, the emphasis is placed on the main objective: to become a disciple of Christ! A free and conscious choice, made out of love, to reciprocate the invaluable grace of God, and not made as a way to promote oneself. This is sad! Woe to those who think about following Jesus for their own advantage, that is, to further their career, to feel important or to acquire a position of prestige. Jesus wants us to be passionate about him and about the Gospel. A heartfelt passion which translates into concrete gestures of proximity, of closeness to the brothers and sisters most in need of welcome and care. Precisely as he himself lived.

May the Virgin Mary, icon of the pilgrim Church, help us to joyfully follow the Lord Jesus and, with renewed love, to proclaim the Good News of Salvation to brothers and sisters.