

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.

3 July 2022
Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander Sunday
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
book of Isaiah 66:10-14c

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:1-3,4-5, 6-7,16,20

Response: Let all the earth
cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading from the
letter of St Paul to the
Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let the peace of Christ
control your hearts; let the
word of Christ dwell in you
richly. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according
to Luke 10:1-12,17-20

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the
Lord is good;

NEXT WEEK
Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year C

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday



Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church.

This year is particularly important because of the need to reconnect due to the COVID 19 Pandemic and its impact on the ways in which we interacted and made contact with one another.

On Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, Catholics from across Australia come together to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. This year our theme challenges us all into action.

The Harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.

Get up! Stand up! Show up!

As you help us celebrate this special day on the Liturgical Calendar, we ask you to listen to us, stand with us and walk with us on our journey for change. Your support is vital to help us in amplifying our messages to our leaders to generate meaningful change! It is our dream that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous Catholics come together in every Catholic Parish and School in this great Southern land as one people in Christ. We welcome any photos, stories, or articles of how the day was celebrated in your area please email admin@natsicc.org.au

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: 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

10 July 2022	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Monitors	Suzanne, Russell & Myra	Gabriel & Tess	Beatrix & Stuart
Altar Servers	Bernadette & Ralph	Orly & Carlos	Vu & Volunteer
Readers	Ryan & Bevina	Allan & Laura	Evangeline & Rachel
Refreshments	Patricia & Myra	Irene, Jessica & Meg	
Flowers	Maria	Church Vacuuming	Tamisin family
Counters	Richard & Margaret	Foyer Cleaning	Parish Office Staff
CLOTW		School Holidays	

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: Tatiana Stocco, John Morgos, Raymond Potter, Clothilde Bastoli,

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

Friendship Group; Christmas in July on Tuesday 5 July 2022:

Come along and join in the festivities on Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30am. All are most welcome.

The Journey Weekly Podcast: Listen to the Journey this week at www.jcr.org.au “

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 foyer ready for collection. If you would like to order a set of envelopes or commence electronic planned giving please contact the parish office.

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.

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 hel-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.

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

menALIVE's—reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm; reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening on Zoom providing the chance to:

- break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style
- “catch up” with great men from across Aust and N Z.
- gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men.
- pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others. Join via this link:
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468>



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<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-community-sleepouts/our-lady-of-mt-carmel-vinnies-sleep-out-2022>

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.wmwe.org.au OR contact Booking Couple
Mercy & James Bvirakare, Mobile 0409 183 676

Email: vicbookings@wmwe.org.au

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

Online Retreat: Be refreshed and renewed! (28-30 July 2022)

Do you sometimes feel like you're just trying to survive? Priests and active parishioners across Australasia are passionate about answering the Church's call to mission. The problem is that with the usual demands of parish ministry, it can be easy to feel discouraged and burnt out. Do you sometimes feel like you're just trying to get by spiritually? Join us at the Refreshed & Renewed Online Retreat on 28-30 July 2022. With fantastic keynote speakers and retreat leaders, such as Fr James Mallon from Divine Renovation and renowned Catholic author Dr Edward Sri, take this opportunity to be re-energised, pray and worship, and spend time with other Catholics.

Register here: dow.sh/Refreshed

LIVE Festival 2022 This year the annual LIVE Festival is returning for the first time since 2019. If you are a young person in year 9 - 12 in the Wollongong Diocese who likes live music, quality content, fun, games, festival activities and has missed big Catholic events, then come to the LIVE Festival!

Date: Friday the 2nd of September; **Time:** 10am - 8pm;

Location: WIN Entertainment Centre Wollongong

Cost: \$50; Register your interest now through the QR code. Registrations close on the 31st of July.

Holy Gospel according to Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'



The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

Reflection by Pope Francis

Today's Gospel passage presents Jesus who sends 72 disciples on mission, in addition to the 12 Apostles. The number 72 likely refers to all the nations. Indeed, in the Book of Genesis 72 different nations are mentioned. Thus, this conveyance prefigures the Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel to all peoples. Jesus says to those disciples: "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest!"

This request by Jesus is always valid. We must always pray to the "Lord of the harvest", namely, God the Father, that he send labourers into his field which is the world.



And each of us must do so with an open heart, with a missionary attitude; our prayer must not be limited only to our needs, to our necessities: a prayer is truly Christian if it also has a universal dimension.

In sending out the 72 disciples, Jesus gives them precise instructions which express the characteristics of the mission. The first, as we have already seen, is: pray; the second: go; and then: carry no purse, no bag...; say, 'Peace be to this house' ... remain in the same house... do not go from house to house... heal the sick in it and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you". And if they do not receive you, go out into the streets and take your leave.

These imperatives show that the mission is based on prayer; that it is itinerant: it is not idle; it is itinerant; that it requires separation and poverty; that it brings peace and healing, signs of the closeness of the Kingdom of God; that it is not proselytism but proclamation and witness; and that it also requires frankness and the evangelical freedom to leave while highlighting the responsibility of having rejected the message of salvation, but without condemnation and cursing.

If lived in these terms, the mission of the Church will be characterized by joy. And how does this passage end? The 72 "returned with joy". It is not an ephemeral joy, which flows from the success of the mission; on the contrary, it is a joy rooted in the promise that — as Jesus says: "your names are written in heaven". With this expression he means inner joy, and the indestructible joy that is born out of the awareness of being called by God to follow his Son. That is, the joy of being his disciples. Today, for example, each of us, here in the Square, can think of the name we received on the day of Baptism: that name is "written in heaven", in the heart of God the Father. And it is the joy of his gift that makes a missionary of every disciple, those who walk in the company of the Lord Jesus, who learn from him to unsparingly expend themselves for others, free of oneself and of one's possessions. Together let us invoke the maternal protection of Mary Most Holy, that she support the mission of Christ's disciples in every place; the mission to proclaim to all that God loves us, wants to save us, and calls us to join his Kingdom.