

# Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish

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 JULY 2022  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR C**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**First Reading** from the book of Deuteronomy  
30: 10-14

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

### **Response:**

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

**Second Reading** from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:15-20

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel** according to Luke 10: 25-37

### **Communion Antiphon**

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



## **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast Day**

There's one week to go until our extra special long awaited Parish Fiesta.

Make sure you invite your family and friends to come along and enjoy the day starting at 9.30 am with Mass, followed by the procession with Our Lady's Statue on St Andrews Road.

Then we will enjoy a multicultural lunch and outdoor concert. The raffle will be drawn during the concert so make sure you have returned your tickets.

The Novena of Masses commenced on Thursday and will be held every night at 7.30pm this coming week.

There are a few things we need to consider to help the day run smoothly:

- ◆ We cannot park on St Andrews Road and there will be limited parking in the church grounds.
- ◆ Carparking is available in the school grounds. The gates will be open before Mass.
- ◆ There are foil trays available after Mass for you to take home and bring back next Sunday.
- ◆ We still need assistance on the day with traffic wardens and food stall assistance; please call the office to offer help.
- ◆ The raffle will be drawn on Sunday; please return your raffle tickets and money by Friday.
- ◆ Take home some flyers and distribute in your street
- ◆ Come to the working bee on Saturday from 9am to help set up the stage and gazebos, etc. Stay back after the concert and help pack everything away.

## *Year of the Family Mass*

Our family had the privilege to represent Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish at the Diocesan Mass celebrated at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral in Wollongong on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to mark the end of the Year of the family. The celebration also coincided with the final Mass for the World Meeting of Families that was held in Rome to celebrate the year of "*Amoris Laetitia Family*" and also the Feast of our Diocese Patron, *The Immaculate Heart of Mary*.



It was an honour to receive and take back to our parish the special candle with the image of the Icon of the Holy Family. May the light of our Lord, Jesus Christ continue to burn in our hearts and guide our family in our faith journey.



*Stewart Family*



***For the sick & homebound:*** Amanda & John Meredith, 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 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:*** Anna Muscatello, Tatiana Stocco, John Morgos, Raymond Potter,

***Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*** Margaret Farrell, Damian Champion, Maurice Spillane. Anne La Spina, Jeff Randal, Bill Girdham  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

## Gospel Reflection *by Greg Sunter*

Today's gospel is such a familiar one and such an enduring image that the title for the hero has passed into everyday use to describe a stranger who does a good turn for another. Many countries even have what is known as a 'Good Samaritan Law' that protects those who may hurt another person when they act in good faith to provide aid.

The parable is told in response to the question, 'And who is my neighbour?' Anyone hearing Jesus tell the story would have recognised the familiar story structure – things happening in three with the most important element occurring on the third repetition. As three people came upon the injured man on the road, the audience would have known that the hero of the story would be the third one along. But, as Jesus often did with his parables, the pattern is suddenly disrupted. Rather than the hero being an upright, faithful Jewish person, it is none other than a Samaritan who is the one who shows mercy. Samaritans and Jews had a deep-seated mistrust and suspicion towards one another that went back generations. So strong was the ill-feeling between the two peoples that when Jesus finishes his story and asks the lawyer which man proved himself a neighbour, the lawyer cannot even say 'the Samaritan' – he says 'the one who took pity'. The story concludes with the instruction, 'Go and do the same yourself'. The commandment is to act with compassion towards others – even those you may not like. The priority of compassion over the Law is a major theme of the gospel of Luke. It is often described as the gospel of compassion. The Samaritan acts with compassion, rather than out of 'patterned' behaviours and attitudes. Jesus challenges the lawyer – and us – to 'Go and do the same'.

The priest and Levite get a pretty bad wrap out of this story. Yet, their behaviour would have been unremarkable to the original audience. In Jewish culture, to touch blood made a person ritually unclean and unable to participate in religious rites. Both characters in the story were heading towards Jerusalem – towards the Temple – to carry out their religious duties. To touch the bloodied man would have meant that they were unable to perform their duties. The audience would have expected nothing different from these two men. Their 'crime' was to place duty before compassion and the needs of another.

## Holy Gospel according to Luke 10: 25-37

### *Who is my neighbour?*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

## Mass times and contact

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### Weekday Mass times

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Friday & Saturday Mass at 9am

Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm

### Sunday Mass times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm