



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.

**17 JULY 2022
FEAST OF OUR
LADY OF MOUNT
CARMEL**



First Reading
from the first book
Kings 18:42b-45a

Responsorial Psalm
PS 14:1,2-3,4

Response: Draw us
after you, Virgin
Mary; we shall follow
in your footsteps.

Second Reading from
the letter of St. Paul to
the Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are those who
hear the word of God,
and keep it. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according
to John 19:25-27

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order, particularly within the Catholic Church. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early to mid-13th century. They built in the midst of their hermitages a chapel which they dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, whom they conceived of in chivalric terms as the "Lady of the place."

Since the 15th century, popular devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has centred on the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. Traditionally, Mary is said to have given the Scapular to an early Carmelite named Saint Simon Stock (1165-1265). The liturgical feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on 16 July.

In the 1560s, in Spain, St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross began founding new communities of Carmelite women and men that sought to return to the simplicity and passion of their forebears on Mount Carmel; these women and men wore sandals to signify their radical commitment to Jesus and so were known as Discalced (barefoot) Carmelites.

The spirit of Teresa and John lives on today in us, and in men and women all over the world.

Welcome to our Feast day today and enjoy the festivities offered by the generosity of our parishioners.

Thank you to everyone who has prepared for today in so many ways. Words cannot express how wonderful you all are.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us!

Blessing to the Pioneers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Varroville

We bless your name, O Lord,
For sending your own incarnate Son
To become part of our community,
So that as he lived its life,
We would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you Lord to protect and watch over these people
who first established our parish as a community
So that in the strength of your grace
Its members may enjoy prosperity;
possess the priceless gift of your peace
And, as the Church alive in our community,
Bear witness in this world to your glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

May the almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



For the sick & homebound: Amanda & John Meredith, 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: Jerry Migus, 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.

Bulletin Notices

Sacramental Registrations are currently being accepted for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Preparation classes begin on 6 August. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Divine Mercy Devotion is held on 3rd Sunday of each month in our church at 3pm for the Chaplet.

Faith Circles Faith Circles are faith sharing small groups aimed at bringing people together to share their lives and the ways in which Jesus is working in them through his Holy Spirit. At each Faith Circles small group, members use the free weekly single-sided A4 PDF Faith Circles resource that contains the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading as well as a reflection on the Gospel (usually by Pope Francis) accompanied by questions for discussion and prayer points which we encourage groups to utilise. Group members share how the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading connects with their life and relationship with Jesus.



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Holy Gospel according to John 19:25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, "Woman, this is your son'.

Then to the disciple he said, "This is your mother'. And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.

The Gospel of the Lord



Reflection from Sacred Space

Today's Gospel reading focuses on the gift that Jesus gives from the Cross – giving his mother to John, and John to his mother. This has been interpreted down through the years as John representing us, the Church, as the Body of Christ. This means that Mary is following the same role of looking after us as she had when she looked after Jesus. It means that Jesus who gave us the beautiful sacrament of the Eucharist is seeing us as other Christs under the care of his mother.

Mary was there at the most important moments of Jesus' life, so she had to be under the Cross too. I try to imagine her deep confusion at what was going on, her reaction as Jesus asks her for more love and openness to others in this moment of such deep suffering.

I bring to mind some situation of terrible suffering, situations of interpersonal conflict or of war that have been going on for years. I bring them to the Cross, asking Mary to teach me to feel sorrow at such suffering, a sorrow that is illuminated by faithful trust and compassionate love.

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