

**24 July 2022**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**  
**Year C**



**Entrance Antiphon**

O God, come to my  
assistance; O Lord, make  
haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

**First Reading** from the book  
of Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

**Response:**

In every age, O Lord, you  
have been our refuge.

**Second Reading** from the  
letter of St Paul to the Colos-  
sians 3: 1-5, 9-11

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is  
theirs! Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel** according to  
Luke 12: 13-21

**Communion Antiphon**

You have given us,  
O Lord, bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights  
and sweetness in every  
taste.

**Next Week**

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*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.*

## **VINNIES: OLMC VARROVILLE SLEEP OUT**

**JOIN US on 30 JULY 2022 REGISTER and SPONSOR**

**Enquiries contact Gabriel Mafi 0438 653 401**

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



**This year, our Winter Appeal is focused on ending domestic violence, the campaign's theme is Make it Stop. To help us do that, Leah shared her story – and that of her daughter Charlotte – with us.**

At just 22, Leah has been failed by many people in her life who have been closest to her. From an early age, her story is one of people around her deliberately trying to remove her ability to choose for herself. Control of another person is the driving force behind domestic violence, and it is something so common that one in six Australian women have experienced it at the hands of a current or former partner.

At 11, Leah's mother would leave her caring for her younger sister on her own. Her father was verbally abusive with Leah and physically abusive to her sister. At 16, she found herself couch surfing and then living in a youth hostel. Even finding short-term accommodation there came at an emotional cost. "The only way I could get help was if my parents said they didn't want me. They confirmed that which hurt."

Leah's turned to her sister who called an ambulance and Leah ended up in the hospital. "I was really broken, but it was where I actually got help." This led to Leah being put in touch with the St Vincent de Paul Society. The Society has provided Leah with support to find housing, food, clothes, furniture, white goods, and emotional support. "When I got there, the biggest challenge was dealing with the PTSD. I was loving life so much where I was having major highs from going to the beach and finding that calm. And then I would have huge lows, and nightmares, and insomnia. And I didn't feel like I deserved it, but I knew my daughter deserved it." The assistance has opened an array of choices for her that had been closed due to the neglect and abuse she had experienced from those closest to her.

Leah's main goal is to provide the kind of life for her daughter that she didn't have as a child. "I want to give her what she wants which, at the moment, is gymnastics and swimming. She is a sporty kid and I love it. Because when I was young, I always wanted to do so sports, but my parents couldn't afford it." "I just want her to be this strong, independent little woman. And I think she already is. Trust me, she is boss"

Nationally, one woman a week is killed on average by a perpetrator of domestic violence. At the same time it is important to remember that it does not have to be physical and can take many forms, including financial control and social isolation. Domestic violence is the number one driver of homelessness for women & children.

Last year, the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW helped more than 2,400 women escape domestic violence. It's estimated that there are 2,400 more who have had to return to a violent partner because the only other choice was homelessness. There is a similar number in the state who have escaped domestic violence into homelessness. Women like Leah deserve a better choice than continuing to remain in a violent home and leaving to live in their car or worse.

**You can help us help them by donating to the Vinnies Winter Appeal at**  
<https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterappeal> or by calling 13 18 12.

Contact us	Mass times	
Parish Priest: Fr. Shane Kelleher OCD	<b>Sunday Mass times</b>	<b>Weekday Mass times</b>
Assistant Priest: Fr "Sam" Ransom Raporap OCD	Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat Mass at 9am
Parish Associate: Sr Ines Comiling, CM	Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm
Office Hours: Tuesday—Friday 9.30am-12.30pm	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

7 August 2022	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
<b>Monitors</b>	David, Bev & Ryan	Sarah, Violetta & Martin	Beatrix & Stuart
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ryan & Amana	Orly & Carlos	Vu
<b>Readers</b>	Loretta & Gerard	Gabriel & Ofa	Evangeline & Rachel
<b>Refreshments</b>	Joanne & Margaret	Nelia, Michelle & Tess	
<b>Flowers</b>	Tracey	<b>Church Vacuuming</b>	Loretta & Gerard
<b>Counters</b>	Vilma & Jeanette	<b>Foyer Cleaning</b>	Russell & Suzanne
<b>CLOTW</b>		Volunteer	

## Prayer intentions



***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:*** Wendy Wright, Benito Cossettini, Jerry Migus, Anna Muscatello, Tatiana Stocco,

***Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*** Claude Fricot, Anne La Spina, Jeff Randal, Bill Girdham  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

## Bulletin Notices

**Friendship Group will be held on Tuesday after 9am Mass.**  
If you know someone who is lonely, housebound and enjoys some company with others, please invite them to come along.

**Catechist Diploma Course 2022 Mondays (Campbelltown), Fridays (Wollongong/Online)** Taught by a variety of presenters, the Level 3 course takes us on a journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Please don't miss the opportunity to come along and invite others in our Church communities to join us as we delve into a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith. All parishioners are welcome! This year the presenters for the Level 3 course are: Fr Richard Healey, Seminarian Darren McDowell, Bernadette Toohey MGL, Deacon James Arblaster, Katherine Stone MGL and Fr Bernard Gordon VG. Dates and Locations:

- Campbelltown Catholic Club on Monday 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 August, and 5 September. 9:30am - 1:30pm
- Morning Tea is provided. Please register your attendance online at [www.dow.org.au/events/](http://www.dow.org.au/events/)

**Claiming Hope: Creative Healing Retreat 12 – 14 August**  
Join the MGL Sisters at Carmel House for a healing retreat experience. Come to God in your woundedness, journey with Him through creativity, and allow Him to transform you into a living sign of hope. Enquiries: [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BWMJN>

**Memorial Mass for Fr Peter Caruana: 3 August 2022 at 6pm**  
Please join us for a special Memorial Mass and Blessing of the Memorial Garden to commemorate the first anniversary of Father Peter Caruana's passing on 3 August 2022 at Holy Family Ingleburn. Mass commences at 6pm followed by a blessing of the Memorial Garden in honour of Father Peter. Please join us for tea and coffee after to reflect and share some memories of Fr Peter. Everyone is welcome.

**The Journey Weekly Podcast:** On The Journey This Week: Fr Robert Reidling's gospel reflection. Mother Hilda's story of the beggar's reply to theologian Johannes Tauler's question. Plus,



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Fr Dave Callaghan, Trish McCarthy and Pat Keady. The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

**Campbelltown Catholic Club's 56th Annual Communion Mass & Luncheon: Sunday 21 August 2022** Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord DD and Fr Christopher Sarkis at **10:00am** at **Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemdw.** At the conclusion of the Mass a luncheon will be served at The CUBE, Campbelltown Catholic Club. Tickets will be available to purchase through our parish office.

**Feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop** To all parishioners in the Wollongong Diocese, you are invited to a Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord on Monday 8 August at 12 Midday, to celebrate the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop and the 150th Anniversary of the Josephite Sisters in NSW. Following Mass Bishop Brian Mascord will bless the new Statue for the Unborn, provided by Catholic Women's League. Light lunch will be provided by Catholic Women's League in the Xavier Centre. All are welcome.

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass & celebration of India's Independence Day** The Indian community invites you for the solemn Mass on the feast of "Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary" & celebration of India's Independence Day at 6.00pm on Monday 15th August at Holy Family Church, 136 Oxford Rd Ingleburn: Please bring a plate (finger food)

### **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](http://www.wwme.org.au) OR contact Booking Couple

Mercy & James Bvirakare, Mobile 0409 183 676

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

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

**LIVE Festival 2022** 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;

Registrations close on the 31st of July. For more information, please email [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au)

### **2022 PILGRIMAGE – IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST MARY**

**MACKILLOP: You are invited to join Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest; St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park) and parishioners from across our diocese and beyond on a 2022 pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Mary MacKillop.**

This pilgrimage (departs Melbourne Thu 13 October 2022 & returns Adelaide Sun 23 October 2022) is a graced opportunity to set out together on a true Australian Pilgrimage through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, as we rekindle the story, landscapes, and spirit of our nations' first canonized saint.

If you would like more information **you can download the pilgrimage brochure HERE:** [www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop](http://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop) (Alternatively, please

contact the Oran Park Parish Office – [oranpark@dow.org.au](mailto:oranpark@dow.org.au) (02)46482226 – and a brochure can be emailed or posted to you)

**Join the Diocesan Choir** People from across the Diocese who have suitable experience are encouraged to register to participate in the Diocesan Choir for major diocesan liturgical events. It is the hope of Bishop Brian that we will receive numerous expressions of interest and will have broad representation from across the Diocese. The next opportunity to join the Diocesan Choir will be for the 2022 Eucharistic Celebration for Significant Marriage Anniversaries which will be held on Sunday 7 August, 2:00pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. To learn more, and to register, please visit the Diocesan website: [www.dow.org.au/diocesan-choir/](http://www.dow.org.au/diocesan-choir/)

**Palms Australia:** Celebrating a Return to Global Mission Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. Covid challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider Mission opportunities abroad. If you respond to the call to share your skills; to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 about a placement to engage your skills and **Register for a Webinar on Monday 1 August at 7:00 pm** for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

**Diocese of Broome - Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS** The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060 Email: [volunteers@broomedioocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomedioocese.org) Web: [www.broomedioocese.org](http://www.broomedioocese.org) Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA

**A vocation view** Jesus calls us to be generous with the gifts that he has given. When we share our treasures with others, we will have true treasure in heaven. (Luke 12:12-21). If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

**menALIVE Growing Good Men Father & Teenage Son Weekend Experience Friday 6.30pm 21 October – Sunday 1.30pm 23 October 2022 to be held at Cataract Activity Centre, Appin** A weekend experience for fathers and their teenage sons. One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith. Please Register and pay online at [www.dow.org.au/events](http://www.dow.org.au/events) Any enquiries please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)

## Holy Gospel according to Luke 12: 13-21

*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.'" But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



### Reflection by Pope Francis

Today's Gospel passage begins with the narrative of a man who stands up among the multitude and asks Jesus to settle a legal matter concerning a family inheritance. However, Jesus does not address the matter in his reply, but rather urges the people to eschew covetousness, that is, the greed of possession. In order to divert his listeners from this exhausting search for wealth, Jesus tells the parable of the foolish rich man who believes he is happy because he has had the good fortune to reap an exceptional harvest and he feels secure thanks to the goods he has accumulated. It would do you good to read it today. It is a beautiful parable that teaches us a great deal. The narrative comes to the fore in the contrast between what the rich man plans for himself and what God plans for him instead.

The rich man puts three considerations before his soul, that is, himself: the accumulated goods, the many years that these goods appear to ensure him, and thirdly tranquility and unrestrained enjoyment. But the word that God addresses to him nullifies his plans. Instead of "many years", God points to the immediacy of "this night; tonight you will die". Instead of the "enjoyment of life", He presents him with "surrendering his life; you will render your life to God" with the ensuing judgment. Regarding the reality of the ample goods accumulated on which the rich man had based everything, it becomes shrouded in sarcasm by the question: "and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" (v. 20). Let us think about quarrels over inheritance, many family quarrels. And how many people; we all know some stories about many people, who turn up at the time of death: nephews, grandchildren come around to see: "what is my share?", and they cart everything away. It is within this contrast that the term "fool" — because he thinks about things that he believes to be concrete but that are fantasy — with which God addresses this man, is justified. He is foolish because in practice he has denied God, he has not taken Him into account.

The end of the parable as recounted by the Evangelist is uniquely effective: "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God". It is a warning which reveals the horizon towards which we are called to look. Material goods are necessary — they are goods! —, but they are a means to live honestly and in sharing with the neediest. Today, Jesus invites us to consider that wealth can enslave the heart and distract it from the true treasure which is in heaven. Saint Paul also reminds us of this in today's second reading. It says "seek the things that are above.... Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth".

It is understood that this does not mean estranging oneself from reality, but rather seeking the things that have true value: justice, solidarity, welcome, fraternity, peace, all things that make up the true dignity of mankind. It is a case of leading a life that is fulfilled not according to a worldly manner, but rather according to the style of the Gospel: to love God with all one's being, and love one's neighbour as Jesus loved him, that is, in service and in giving oneself. Covetousness of goods, the desire to have goods, does not satisfy the heart, but rather causes more hunger! Covetousness is like those tasty candies: you take one and say: "Ah! It is so good", and then you take another; and one follows the other. Such is covetousness: it never satisfies. Be careful! Love that is understood and lived in [the style of the Gospel] is the source of true happiness, whereas the exaggerated search for material goods and wealth is often a source of anxiety, adversity, abuse of power, war. Many wars begin from covetousness.

May the Virgin Mary help us not to be attracted by forms of security that fade, but rather to be credible witnesses of the eternal values of the Gospel, each day.