

**28 August 2022**

**Twenty second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time Year C**



**Entrance Antiphon**

Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day  
long. O Lord, you are good  
and forgiving, full of mercy  
to all who call to you.

**First Reading** from the  
book of Ecclesiasticus  
3: 17-20, 28-29

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

**Response:** God, in your  
goodness, you have made a  
home for the poor.

**Second Reading** from the  
letter to the Hebrews  
12: 18-19, 22-24

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my  
yoke upon you; learn from  
me, for I am gentle and  
lowly in heart. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel** according to  
Luke 14:1. 7-14

**Communion Antiphon**

How great is the goodness,  
Lord, that you keep for  
those who fear you.

**Next Week**

**Twenty third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time Year C**

**First:** Wis 9:13-18

**Resp Ps:** 89:3-6. 12-14. 17.

**Second:** Phlm 9-10, 12-17

**Gospel:** Lk 14:25-33

*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.*



The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Social Justice Sunday this Sunday 28 August.

At the plenary meeting last May, the Conference approved the 2022-2023 Social Justice Statement entitled *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*. It addresses the issue of domestic and family violence.

We know that most often those who suffer violence and abuse in homes and families, in workplaces, and in communities, are women and children while the perpetrators are most often men. We support women in calling for respect in relationships; their lives and those of their children are sacred. – Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement 2022-23

The Social Justice Statement, Media Release, FAQs and related resources, including prayer and liturgy materials, are available at : [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)  
<https://www.dow.org.au/acbc-respect-confronting-violence-and-abuse/>

**Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse**

*Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse* points out that the roots of domestic and family violence “lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others” and that “this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us”. Our relationships should be “marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control”. We know that most often those who suffer violence and abuse in homes and families, in workplaces, and in communities, are women and children while the perpetrators are most often men. We support women in calling for respect in relationships; their lives and those of their children are sacred.

*Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse* focuses in a special way on the problem of spiritual violence and abuse. It discusses how religious teachings – including our own – may be manipulated by perpetrators to excuse violence or to exert control over others. Cultural factors in the Church and in society often also play an important role in the violence and abuse suffered in families, households, communities, and workplaces. This behaviour is sinful. We believe that respect, dignity and justice, transformation and hope are possible.

The Statement affirms the work being done by faith communities and organisations to support those who experience domestic and family violence and abuse, and to address the drivers and enablers of violence. It points to further ways in which we can all respond to spiritual violence. Finally, it calls for faith communities to support and believe those going through domestic and family violence and abuse, to hold perpetrators to account and work towards individual and social transformation.

Contact us	Mass times	
Parish Priest: Fr. Shane Kelleher OCD Assistant Priest: Fr “Sam” Ransom Rapirop OCD Parish Associate: Sr Ines Comiling, CM Office Hours: Tuesday—Friday 9.30am-12.30pm	Sunday Mass times	Weekday Mass times
	Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat Mass at 9am
	Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm
	Reconciliation: Saturday at 11am	All Sacramental enquiries: call the parish office

## Rosters

4 September	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
<b>Monitors</b>	Tracey & Richard	Chris, Margaret & Bianca	Beatrix & Stuart
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Michelle & Abigail	Orly & Meliame	Vu
<b>Readers</b>	Candice & Michael	Tess & Aida	Evangeline & Rachel
<b>Refreshments</b>	Tracey & Richard	Ofa & Charlotte	
<b>CLOTW</b>		Sarah & Cordelia	
<b>Flowers</b>	Lorraine & Vai	<b>Church Vacuuming</b>	Feiloakitohi Family
<b>Counters</b>	George & Irene	<b>Foyer Cleaning</b>	Mafi Family

## 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,  
*May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.*

**For our recently dearly departed:** Joan Wilson, Nonato San Miguel, Wendy Wright, Benito Cossettini, Jerry Migus,

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Sam Wilson, Margaret Farrell  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

## 200th Anniversary of the first Mass in the Macarthur Region.

On 1 September 1822, Fr John Therry celebrated the first Mass, open air at Mawson Park in Campbelltown.

Merely a town in name, Campbelltown was just a few tiny bark huts. It was only six years after the infamous Appin Massacre of 1816 had wiped out Indigenous resistance, and four years before Fred Fisher would go missing (with reported sightings of his ghost) in 1826. Many of the small farmers were Irish Catholic ex-convicts, but they had no place of worship. The spreading branches of gumtrees on the green – present-day Mawson Park – was all the shelter they had as a rainstorm poured down on Fr Therry's words. So, the pioneer priest led his flock to the nearest building – the unfinished Anglican church. It was without a floor or windows, but it had a roof, so... in they went. That created the historic quirk that the first religious service held in St Peter's Anglican Church was a Catholic Mass!

The original territory of St John's Parish was not clearly defined. The pastoral care extended across the whole of the Illawarra to the south coast, and the southern highlands through to Goulburn and Yass.

Fr John Therry spent many hours on horseback. *The Catholic Press on 1 May 1897* would feature the childhood memories of William Byrne, who noted: “Well do I remember my parents relating how Fr Therry used to celebrate Mass at St Mary's (Sydney) in the early morning, and then getting on his horse to gallop to Campbelltown, a distance of 35 miles [56km], to say Mass at my grandfather's house, returning to Sydney the same day, perhaps visiting Liverpool and Parramatta on his way.”

Fr Therry offered the first Mass at St John's original church on 27 July 1834. In 1835, Fr Therry made Campbelltown his home as its first parish priest, residing in a rented “Chapel House” in Cordeaux Street. By 1838, St John's Church had a roof, and the rising building could be seen from the main street.

*Excerpts from St John's Parish history*

**St John the Evangelist Parish will celebrate this milestone with Mass at 10am** today, 28 August, followed by a shared multicultural lunch and entertainment in the grounds of the school, the Parish Hall, and the lower carpark.



## Bulletin Notices

**The Property committee** meeting will be held on Wed 31 Aug at 7.30pm in the meeting room. All are welcome to attend.

**Altar Servers formation and training sessions** every Wed at 7.30pm. Also general server training (i.e. both junior and adult) to commence for four sessions over four weeks, starting from Sat 10 Sept at 4:30 to 5:45pm.

**Adoration** is held every Sunday at 6.30pm online.

**Faith Circles** is on every Monday at 2pm and 6pm via zoom

**Friendship Group** is held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9.30am.

**Alliance of the 2 hearts Mass and devotion** is held on the first Friday of each month at 7.30pm.

**The Samoan Mass** will be at 12 midday on the first Sunday of every 2 months; October and December 2022.

**The Filipino Mass** will be at 11.15am on the third Sunday of each month.

**Confirmation** preparation classes will be held every Saturday at 4pm until 11 September.

**The Divine Mercy Devotion** is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3pm.

**Liturgy Committee meeting** is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

**Readers Inservice meeting** is held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

**The Fundraising meeting** is held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm via zoom

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible:** Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places.

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**, an eight part bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout the scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. 2 sessions will be held each week: Evening Group commences on **Tues Sept 6 at 7:30 pm** and the Morning Group on **Fri Sept 16 at 10:00 am**. Both groups will be held in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information visit [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com), or contact the parish office at 9603 7373.

**The Journey Weekly Podcast** ([www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)) On the Journey this week Fr Stephen Drum says humility is about being willing to put others first. Mother Hilda uses ikebana floral arrangements to explain how God uses space in our heart, plus this year's Bishops Social Justice statement.

**Suicide Prevention:** On Sat 10 Sept, we mark Suicide Prevention Day. The Saturday 5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Brigid's, Gwynneville will be offered by Bishop Brian Mascord for all families who have lost a loved one or who have taken their own life. We pray that those who have taken their own lives now rest in God's peace. We pray for all vulnerable people who need someone to ask them 'r u ok?' For more info please contact the parish office on 4211 0500 or email [lumenchristi@dow.org.au](mailto:lumenchristi@dow.org.au) or visit our Facebook Page [facebook.com/lccpwooll](https://facebook.com/lccpwooll).

**Catechist Retreat 2022:** All SRE teachers and helpers are welcome to attend the Catechist retreat planned for Mon, 12 Sept in Varroville OR Fri, 16 Sept in Gerringong. Sr Magdalen Mather OSB will facilitate the retreats in both locations. With God's help, Sr Magdalen will help us to move into an Ocean of Grace to be rejuvenated through prayer, contemplation and sharing with each other. Register for the retreat at [dow.org.au/events](http://dow.org.au/events) or contact Cindy Oliver by emailing [support@ccdwoollongong.com](mailto:support@ccdwoollongong.com) or calling 46408550.

**Catholic Mission "Reach out and Give Life"** Diocesan Director, Wollongong | Full-time or Part-time; Catholic Mission seeks Wollongong Diocesan Director to lead and support the life flourishing work of Catholic Mission in our universal church. Applications for the role of Diocesan Director for the Diocese of Wollongong are being accepted now. This position becomes available from 22 Aug 2022. For position advertisement and description go to: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>. For further information please contact Alan Wedesweiler, NSW/ACT Director, 0400 327 315 or email [AWedesweiler@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:AWedesweiler@catholicmission.org.au)

**The Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership 2023 Enrolment:** Want to be equipped for mission and the work of the church. Applications for 2023 have just opened for this course in Missionary Leadership. This flexible part time course over 12 months, with remote learning options, is quickly becoming regarded as the most practical course to equip those who wish to work in the area of evangelisation and parish renewal. Virtual Open Night will be held on Thurs evening 1 Sept, featuring Fr Chris Ryan mgl and Fr James Mallon - author of Divine Renovation. Visit [www.aretecentre.org/programs](http://www.aretecentre.org/programs) for more information or to apply or contact Laura Neeson, 0459 395 888 or [marketing@aretecentre.org.au](mailto:marketing@aretecentre.org.au)

**Season of Creation Resources for Parishes:** We are in the Season of Creation and there are some wonderful activities and resources for families delve into at <https://seasonofcreation.org>. Take the time as we move into Spring to pray, to plant, to recycle and enter into the awe and wonder we find in dwelling on and being in God's creation.

**Synod of Bishops – National Synthesis Report** The National Synthesis report, contributed to by all Dioceses, has been published and sent to the General Secretariat in Rome. A copy is now available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> along with the media release from the ACBC.

**menALIVE to the MAX2022** 5pm Fri, 7 Oct – 2pm Sun 9 Oct, Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. menALIVE to the MAX is a National Catholic Gathering of men called MAX 2022 it is Hosted by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (CAS) and menALIVE. The theme this year is-- RENEW/REFRESH/RECONNECT. After several years of almost no live events, we are looking forward to gathering together to; listen, learn and long for the fullness of life. We desire to grow into the men we were made to be: better husbands, fathers, and men of God. Many men from all over Australia and NZ will gather for this not to be missed experience. There will be nothing in Australia this year like this! So come on: REassemble, REgather, to REbuild and REgain the REal you and the Fullness of Life. REjoice!! For costs and more information and to register <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2022Syd>



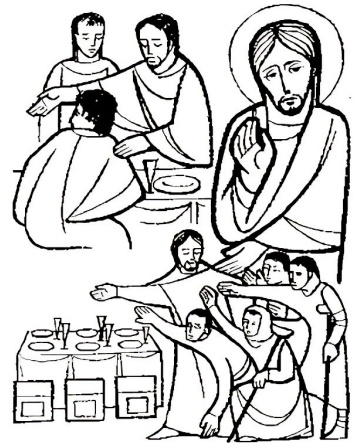
## Holy Gospel according to Luke 14: 1. 7-14

*All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.*

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



## Reflection by Pope Francis

This Sunday's Gospel passage shows us Jesus participating in a feast in the house of one of the head Pharisees. Jesus watches and observes how the guests run, make haste to get the best seats. It is rather common behaviour in our time too, and not only when we are invited to lunch: one frequently seeks a place of honour in order to assert a presumed superiority over others. In reality this race to the forefront harms both civil and ecclesial communities because it destroys fraternity. We all know these people: social climbers who always clamber upwards in order to move up, up.... They harm fraternity, they damage fraternity. Faced with this scene, Jesus recounts two short parables.

The first parable is addressed to one who is invited to a feast and Jesus exhorts him not to "sit down in a place of honour, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; and he who invited you both will come, and say to you, 'Please, move back, give place to this man'". An embarrassment! And "then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place". Jesus instead teaches us to behave in the opposite way: "when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher'". Thus, we should not seek the attention and regard of others on our own initiative but, if anything, let others offer them to us. Jesus always shows us the way of humility — we must learn the way of humility! — because it is the most authentic way, which also allows one to enjoy authentic relationships. True humility, not false humility, the kind they call in Piedmont, *mugna quacia*. No, not that kind. True humility.

In the second parable, Jesus addresses the one who invites and, referring to the method of selecting guests, says to him: "when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you". Here too, Jesus goes completely against the tide, manifesting as always, the logic of God the Father. And he also adds the key by which to interpret this discourse of his. And what is the key? A promise: if you do this, you "will be repaid at the resurrection of the just". This means that those who behave in this way will receive divine compensation, far superior to human repayment: I do this favour for you expecting you to do one for me. No, this is not Christian. Humble generosity is Christian. Indeed, human repayment usually distorts relationships, making them "commercial" by bringing personal interest into a relationship that should be generous and free. Instead, Jesus encourages selfless generosity, to pave our way toward a much greater joy, the joy of partaking in the very love of God who awaits us, all of us, at the heavenly banquet.



May the Virgin Mary, "humble beyond all creatures and more exalted" (*Dante, Paradiso, xxxiii, 2*), help us to recognize ourselves as we are, that is, small; and to give joyfully, without repayment.