

7 August 2022
Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year C



Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant,
O Lord, and forget not the
life of your poor ones for
ever. Arise, O God, and
defend your cause, and
forget not the cries of
those who seek you.

First Reading from the
book of Wisdom 18: 6-9

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22.
R. v.12

Response:
Happy the people the Lord
has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading
from the letter to the
Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: You
know not when the Son of
Man is coming. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according
to Luke 12: 32-48

Communion Antiphon
O Jerusalem, glorify the
Lord, who gives you your
fill of finest wheat.

Next Week
Twentieth Sunday in
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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.

The Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass

is being held today at the Cathedral. Bishop Brian will be blessing many couples from our Diocese who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year. We especially congratulate 2 couples from our parish: Gabriel and Carol Gonzales are celebrating 50 years of marriage and also Francisco and Teresita Carmona are celebrating 60 years of marriage this year.

“Christian marriage is that sacrament which builds up the community of the Church and of Society. Marriage has been inscribed in creation’s design by God, and, by his grace, countless Christian men and women have lived married life fully.”

Quote by Pope Francis



A Reflection by Pope Francis

In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus calls his disciples to be continually vigilant. Why? In order to understand God’s transition in one’s life because God continually passes through life. And he indicates the manners in which to live this vigilance properly: “Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning”. This is the way. First and foremost, “the loins girded”, an image that evokes the attitude of the pilgrim, ready to set out on a journey. It is a case of not putting down roots in comfortable and reassuring dwellings but rather to surrender oneself, to be open with simplicity and trust to God’s passage in our lives, to the will of God who guides us towards the next destination. The Lord always walks with us and often he takes us by the hand, to guide us so that we do not err on this journey that is so difficult. Indeed, those who trust in God know well that the life of faith is not something static, but rather dynamic! The life of faith is a continuous journey towards ever new phases that the Lord himself points out to us day by day. Because he is the Lord of surprises, the Lord of novelty, indeed of true newness.

And then — the first manner was “the loins girded” — next there is the request to keep the “lamps burning” in order to be able to light up the darkness of the night. Thus, we are invited to live an authentic and mature faith capable of illuminating the many “nights” of our lives. We know, we have all had some days which were real spiritual nights. The lamp of faith requires being continuously nourished by the heart-to-heart encounter with Jesus in prayer and in listening to his Word. I return to something I have said to you many times: always carry a small Gospel in your pocket, in your bag, to read. It is an encounter with Jesus, with Jesus’ Word. This lamp of encounter with Jesus in prayer and in his Word is entrusted to us for the good of all: thus nobody can pull back in an intimist way in the certainty of one’s salvation, not interested in others. It is a fantasy to believe that one can illuminate oneself within, on one’s own. No, it is a fantasy. Real faith opens the heart to our neighbour and urges us towards concrete communion with our brothers, especially with those in need.

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Contact us	Mass times	
Parish Priest: Fr. Shane Kelleher OCD	Sunday Mass times	Weekday Mass times
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

14 August 2022	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Monitors	Suzanne & Russell, Myra	Margaret, Gerry, Irene	Patricia
Altar Servers	Berna & Ralph	Orly & Meliame	Frank
Readers	Ryan & Bevina	Laura, Volunteer	Gloria, Timothy
Refreshments	Berna, Suzanne, Emmarie	Irene, Jessica, Meg	
Flowers	Audrey	Church Vacuuming	Lorraine, Jackie
Counters	Margaret, Volunteer	Foyer Cleaning	Parish Office
CLOTW		Sarah, Cordelia	

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: Nonato San Miguel, 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,

Bulletin Notices

- **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; August, October and December 2022
- **The Divine Mercy devotion** is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3pm.
- **Confirmation** preparation classes will be held every Saturday at 4pm until 11 September.
- **Liturgy Committee meeting** is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm
- **Readers Preparation meeting** is held on the last Friday of each month.

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
<https://www.trybooking.com/BWMJN>

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



Bulletin Notices

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 OR contact Booking Couple

Mercy & James Bvirakare, Mobile 0409 183 676

Email: 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

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 (Alternatively, please

contact the Oran Park Parish Office –

oranpark@dow.org.au (02)46482226 – and a brochure can be emailed or posted to you)

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.

Any enquiries please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au

Catechist Retreat 2022 All SRE teachers and helpers are welcome to attend the Catechist retreat planned for Monday, Sep 12 in Varroville OR Friday, Sep 16 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 (flyer attached). Register for the retreat at dow.org.au/events or contact Cindy Oliver by emailing support@ccdwoollongong.com or calling 46408550.

The Journey podcast, 7 August 2022 – On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista's Gospel reflection on being watchful, always ready, and vigilant to respond to God's quiet voice. Mother Hilda says a 12th Century comment is equally applicable to us today. Plus, Fr Anthony Crook, Trish McCarthy and Fr Dave Callaghan. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

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 exercise "catch up" with great men from across Australia and New Zealand. 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>

The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops The Diocese has completed its XVI Synod Synthesis Report, with the advice gleaned from the discernment, discussion and writing of the faithful of the Diocese, used as the basis of Bishop Mascord's submission in contributing to the XVI Ordinary Synod global church feedback. The Diocese of Wollongong Synthesis Report may be viewed at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>. Please pray for this ongoing process of prayer and discernment for the XVI Ordinary Synod.

LIVE Local Macarthur Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (CYMW) is back with LIVE Local in the Macarthur, running every Sunday night in the school term from 6:15pm– 8:15pm, at St John the Evangelist Parish Campbelltown. This regional youth group is for all Parishes and is open to young people aged 13–17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music. For more information, please contact youth@dow.org.au For more details on youth groups, visit <https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/>

CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts, and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids. Don't miss CathKids cathfamily.org/activities/ for both adults and children. Sign-up for Free using our Diocesan Subscription by contacting darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

Holy Gospel according to Luke 12: 32-48

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection by Pope Franciscontinued from front page

And in order to help us understand this attitude, Jesus recounts the parable of the servants who await the return of their master from the marriage feast, thus presenting another aspect of vigilance: being ready for the last and definitive encounter with the Lord. Each of us will encounter, will find him/herself in that day of encounter. Each of us has their own date for the definitive encounter. The Lord says: "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; ... If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants!". With these words the Lord reminds us that life is a journey towards eternity; therefore, we are called to employ all the talents that we have, without ever forgetting that "here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come" (Heb 13:14). In this perspective, every instant becomes precious, and thus we must live and act on this earth, while longing for Heaven: our feet on the ground, walking on the ground, working on the ground, doing good on the ground and the heart longing for Heaven.

We cannot truly understand in what this supreme joy consists. However, Jesus lets us sense it with the analogy of the master who, finding his servants still awake on his return: "will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them". The eternal joy in heaven is manifested this way: the situation will be reversed and it will no longer be the servants, that is, we who will serve God, but God himself will place himself at our service. And Jesus does this as of now: Jesus prays for us, Jesus looks at us and prays to the Father for us. Jesus serves us now. He is our servant. And this will be the definitive joy. The thought of the final encounter with the Father, abundant in mercy, fills us with hope and stirs us to constant commitment, for our sanctification and for the building of a more just and fraternal world.

May the Virgin Mary support this commitment of ours through her maternal intercession.