

02 July 2023
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**



Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your
hands. Cry to God with
shouts of joy!

First Reading from the
second book of Kings
4:8-11. 14-16

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

Response:

Forever I will sing the
goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading from the
first letter of St Paul to the
Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a
royal priesthood, a holy
people. Praise God who
called you out of darkness
and into his marvellous light.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to
Matthew 10:37-42

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy
name.

NEXT WEEK 9 July 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary

1st Read: Zec 9:9-10

Resp Ps: 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-
14. R. v.1

2nd Reading: Rom 8:9.11-13

Gospel: Mt 11:25

*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.*

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

The Second Reading from Paul to the Romans reminds us of the great gift of Baptism. When we rise out of the waters of Baptism, we rise to a new life in Christ and Death and Sin no longer has power over us. This is part of the Good News and is a great gift of God to us. To receive this gift of new life in Baptism, we need to have an encounter with God somehow. One of the best ways to encounter God is through hospitality. Hospitality can be defined as the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.

In the readings for Mass today, we hear about the special blessings that people will get if they show hospitality to someone sent by the Lord.

In the First Reading from 2nd Kings, we hear about the extraordinary hospitality shown to the Prophet Elisha by the woman at Shunem and her husband. Elisha was travelling on Mission for the Lord and was given hospitality by this kind woman. The woman (we do not know her name - but I like to think of her as Beryl) judged Elisha to be a holy man and, after giving him food and rest on his journeys, even convinced her husband to build a small room in the roof that Elisha could stay in when he came past that way. Because of her hospitality, she encountered God through Elisha. The woman was rewarded for her kindness towards the Prophet with what she wanted most but didn't have - a child. Her life was changed.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells his Apostles that he wants 100% commitment from them. Jesus wants people to encounter Him in His followers so their lives may be changed. He tells the Apostles that anyone who is hospitable to them is hospitable to Him. Jesus goes on to say that anyone who is hospitable to a Prophet, Holy Man, or the least of His Disciples because he is one of His followers will be rewarded. We know that being rewarded by Jesus would be life-changing.

Culture is very important when it comes to hospitality. In the cultures of the Middle East it was considered a duty to be hospitable to the traveller that comes by. This was (and is) especially true of the nomadic peoples who lived in arid and inhospitable areas. It was expected that, if a stranger was judged to come in peace, they would be welcomed into the tent and be provided sustenance and protection by the tribe or family.

With these Cultural practices, it was easy for God to teach people the importance of encountering God by being especially hospitable to those sent by God as His messengers. Special rewards, physical and spiritual, and no doubt, life-changing will be bestowed on them for their kindness.

In the Culture of most First Nations Peoples in Australia, hospitality is also very important. When someone is "Welcomed to Country," the Elder or Elders judge that the stranger comes in peace and is given permission to walk on the land of which they are the Traditional Custodians. The "Welcome to Country" also means that while the stranger is on the Traditional Land, the Custodians will give sustenance and protection if needed.

Nearly all of my ministry to the Aboriginal people of my Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes starts with hospitality. I get 'Welcomed to Country'. If I am assessed as a friend and not a foe, I get into conversations in the street, then I can get invited into a person's front yard for a yarn, and then later on, I might be invited to talk on the verandah, and if I am privileged, I get invited into the home. The receiver of the hospitality must respect and acknowledge the hospitality that is given. I think all of us in the Church could learn a lot from the culture of hospitality of our First Nations Peoples in helping bring people closer to God. Respect, patience, building trust, protecting those in our care, invitation and welcome are all facets of hospitality and, as such, are very important in bringing about an encounter with God.

Homily by Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green



Worship: Mass and Devotions

Sunday Mass	Weekday Mass	Devotions
Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Mon, Tues, Wed Mass at 9am	Adoration with the Rosary: Saturday 9.30am
Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm	Divine Mercy Devotion: Third Sunday at 3pm
Filipino Mass: Third Sunday at 11.15am	Fri & Sat Mass at 9am	Alliance of the 2 Hearts Mass and Devotion: First Friday of each month from 7.30pm
Samoan Mass: First Sunday of even months at 12 noon		
Maori Mass: First Sunday at 2pm		Reconciliation: Saturday 11 am—12

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Parish Priest: Fr. Shane Kelleher OCD
 Assistant Priest: Fr “Sam” Ransom Rapirap OCD
 Parish Associate: Sr “Jill” Girlie Sudario, CM

Prayer intentions

For the sick & homebound: Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Amanda & John Meredith, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys.

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

For our recently dearly departed: Ronald Allen, Terrence Royal Frantz, Carmel Pillai, Antonio Azevedo, Luke Stephenson,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Damien Champion, Maurice Spillane, Joseph Farrell, Benito Cossettini, Dolores Olivarez, Raymond Potter. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.*



Our Community: Rosters

09 July	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Welcomers	Suzanne, Russell & Berna	Chris, Margaret & Bianca	Geoff & Margaret
Altar Servers	Cody, Christian & Ralph	Orly, Luisa & Carlos	Vu, Samantha & Nathan
Readers	Ryan & Carlos	Martin & Tina	Tim & Volunteer
Refreshments	Estela & Margaret	Karen, Katalina & Tess	
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Flowers	Sr Ines & Katalina	Church Vacuuming	Pawan & Effie
Counters	Ruby & Cynthia	Foyer Cleaning	Wicks family

Our Community

Alpha Come and See Night
August 1 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall
Who Will You Invite?

This is your chance to invite family, friends and neighbours to experience an Alpha session. For further information go to the Alpha page on our parish website. www.varroville.dow.org.au/alpha/

EXPLORE

*Faith, Life and
Meaning*

**ALPHA COME
AND SEE NIGHT**

Tuesday August 1 @ 7:00pm
 Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish



- ✓ Share a meal
- ✓ Watch a film
- ✓ Have a chat
- ✓ Bring a friend!



Bulletin Notices



Save the Date

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Annual Fiesta
Sunday 16 July from 10am.**

Fiesta Meeting is on Monday 3 July at 7.30pm in our meeting room. It is really important for all stall coordinators to attend the meeting. We are appealing this weekend for all our volunteers to submit a commitment form. The areas where you can volunteer are:

- ◆ Saturday set up on 15 July from 8am
- ◆ Sunday morning set up from 8.30am
- ◆ Traffic Marshalls & parking
- ◆ Procession: carrying the statue
- ◆ Food stall helper & donating a tray of food
- ◆ Information stall helper
- ◆ Children's activities helper
- ◆ Performing in the concert
- ◆ Taking an active part in a Novena Mass
- ◆ Delivery of flyers in our local area
- ◆ Sunday afternoon pack down

Fundraising Cash Raffle: We will be selling raffle tickets in our annual major raffle to be drawn at the parish feast day on 16 July. Tickets will be sold after Mass and books of tickets are available to take home and sell.

Vinnie's Sleepout: Please join our Sleepout or give now to help us reach our fundraising goal which will assist Vinnies provide support for those in our community who need it the most. We are calling for local businesses and community members to come together in solidarity and give up one night in a warm, comfortable bed to help raise funds and awareness about homelessness and disadvantage in our very own back yard.

Date: Saturday 29th July from 6pm
Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Parish, Varroville
Event Coordinator: Gabriel Mafi | kapelieli.mafi@gmail.com
What to Bring: Sleeping bag, pillow, a water bottle, wear warm clothing, and a blanket if you feel the cold!



Bible study and discussion group will be held in our meeting room every Monday morning after the 9am Mass. Bring your bible and contact the parish office for more information.

Planned Giving Envelopes are available in the foyer this weekend; Please consider joining the planned giving in our parish. There are 2 ways of contributing to planned giving, either by taking a set of envelopes and returning them each week or electronically. This is our preferred method. An electronic regular gift provides many benefits. You will find it a secure, convenient, and efficient way to regularly support your parish, while also reducing our administration costs. It will also help us to confidently forecast and plan, as we know that we can rely on your support. You can increase, decrease, discontinue, or restart your monthly gift at any time. **Please visit <https://dow.sh/parishgiving> to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.**
Benedictine Abbey | Help Needed Working Bee We currently

have a great deal of pruning and clearing to be done and so are getting two working bees together on When: Saturday 29 July and Saturday 5 August between 9 am and 4pm (come as you are able). What to bring: Your own tools, chain saws, we could use a Ute, anything you have. If you do not have any of these just come anyway, there is plenty of clearing and shrub removal to be done. Contact: Please ring VINCE 0488 360 110 for details and to register your name and date and time of availability. Tea, coffee, scones etc. will all be provided. Furthermore, you will have a special place in the grateful prayer of the Benedictine Nuns.

On The Journey This Week: Fr Joshua Whitehead says we need to let go of what we value the most to live life to the full. Mother Hilda wants us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus to make life easier. Plus, Mark Raue from Catholic Mission, and Fr Mike Delaney. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

Campbelltown Catholic Club's 57th Annual Communion Mass & Luncheon on Sunday 30 July 2023.

Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord DD and Fr John Ho PP at **10:30am** at **St John the Evangelist Catholic Church**, 35 Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown.

At the conclusion of the Mass a luncheon will be served at The CUBE, Campbelltown Catholic Club at 12:30pm. Tickets are available to purchase for \$25 each from our parish office.

Mystery & Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration 28 – 30 September 2023, Brisbane. The Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and the National Liturgical Council are delighted to announce a combined Liturgy and Music Conference. Early Bird Registrations are now Open: For all enquiries contact liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au Register click here or visit the Diocesan Website Events page

Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours; Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development. Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au Palms Australia

St Padre Pio Retreat Day at St Columbkille's Parish Centre and Church 3:00pm to 7:00pm Saturday 9 September 2023; Fr Patrick Vaughan is hosting a retreat afternoon where people can come together for prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join. During this retreat, a video on St Padre Pio will be shown. After the video, there will be an afternoon tea before moving on to devotions in the Church. Participants will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Anointing and Reconciliation before attending the Vigil Mass with the Corrimal parish community.

Centenary celebration for St Michael's Parish, Thirroul will be celebrating the parish centenary on 28 October at 5.30pm. Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord followed by community picnic/BBQ in school grounds.

Holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:37-42

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

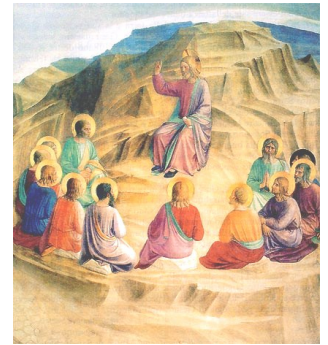
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Homily by Pope St John Paul II (30 June 1996) excerpt

"You too, consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive for God, in Christ Jesus" (Rom 6:11)

Dear brothers and sisters, every disciple is called to be an apostle of the Gospel, by virtue of baptism, which the apostle Paul told us about in his Letter to the Romans. Christ "lost his life" and received it renewed by the Father, to pour it out, in the Holy Spirit, on all who believe in him. His "baptism" into death (cf. Lk 12:50) is the beginning of our baptism, his resurrection, the principle for us of a journey of new life, centered on the relationship with him, which gives fullness of meaning and value to every other human bond.

Dear friends, let us turn our gaze to the Virgin Mary: She was "baptized" in the paschal mystery of Christ from the first moment of her conception: this is why she is the Immaculate Conception. Our invocation goes to her, so that she may obtain for us to sing the mercy of the Lord at all times.

Weekly notices (contd. From previous page)

Social Justice Points As a man of faith, I believe that peace is God's dream for humanity. Yet sadly I note that because of war, this wonderful dream is becoming changed into a nightmare. To be sure, from the economic point of view, war is often more enticing than peace, inasmuch as it promotes profit, but always for a few and at the expense of the wellbeing of entire populations. The money earned from arms sales is thus money soiled with innocent blood. It takes more courage to renounce easy profits for the sake of keeping peace than to sell ever more sophisticated and powerful weapons. It takes more courage to seek peace than to wage war. It takes more courage to promote encounter than confrontation, to sit at the negotiating table than to continue hostilities. - ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday, 14 June 2023.

A vocation view Be an example of faith to your brothers and sisters; let your faith inspire others to come to know Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Matthew 16:13-19) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

'Come and See' your CCD and Evangelisation Resource Space Drop in anytime but especially from Monday 3 July - Thursday 6 July for our Open Week, enjoying a free cuppa while you visit us. We are open from 9-3pm Monday-Thursday at 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. (Entry is from the rear of the building) Please contact Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au or Ph 4640 8550 for any enquiries.