

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.

**09 July 2023
Fourteenth Sunday
in ordinary time
Year A**

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the
midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like
your name, reaches the
ends of the earth; your
right hand is filled with
saving justice.

First Reading from the
prophet Zechariah 9:9-10 7

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14.
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Response:

I will praise your name for
ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading from the
letter of St Paul to the
Romans 8:9.11-13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little
ones the mysteries of the
kingdom. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to
Matthew 11:25-30

Parish Fiesta Update

Our Fiesta is **NEXT SUNDAY 16TH July** and promises to be a great occasion with over 130 volunteers giving of their time, talent and money to help bring this community together in praise and thanksgiving.

COME ALONG WITH YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS!

Sunday 16th: Please note the **Mass begins at 10 am** and that parking inside the grounds is restricted to drivers with a mobility issues: drivers who require a parking space will need to register at the parish office. The grounds will be used for the procession and the festivities, so parking is available at the college and on the road.

If you intend to come, and did not receive an information email, then please collect the information handout from the foyer as you leave the church today.

Novena Masses in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be held every night this week at 7.30pm.

Saturday 15th 9am- noon:

Join in the fun of setting up for the Sunday celebrations!

More information is available on our parish website and by calling the parish office.



Contact Us

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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



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

Alpha

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/

Fundraising Cash Raffle: Will be drawn at the Parish Fiesta next Sunday. The tickets must be returned to the parish office by Friday 14 July. Please return the tickets whether sold or unsold. We will be selling raffle tickets at the parish feast day on 16 July.



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: Laurence McGuinness, Ronald Allen, Terrence Royal Frantz, Carmel Pillai, Antonio Azevedo, Luke Stephenson,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Anne La Spina, Jeff Randal, Damien Champion, Maurice Spillane, Margaret Farrell, Les Wicks, Benito Cossetini, *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

Bulletin Notices

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,

Event Coordinator: Gabriel Mafi

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What to Bring: Sleeping bag, pillow, a water bottle, wear warm clothing, and a blanket if you feel the cold!



The Planned giving envelopes & giving statements are available from the parish office.

The Filipino Mass will not be held next Sunday 16 July.

The Samoan Mass will be held on Sunday 6 August at 12 noon in our Church.

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

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.

Christmas in



**"The Friendship Group's annual "
Christmas in July"**

celebration was such a gathering of friends indeed! The tables looked so festive with freshly cut Poinsettias & mini Christmas trees.

The morning commenced with the three Carmelite Missionaries singing Christmas carols. This year we agreed to have brunch and everyone brought food to share.

The party ended with "lucky door" prizes for everyone.

It was such an enjoyable day."

Holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for today engage us in a reflection on the nature of the Trinity, as well as the ways that we are enriched by each of the divine Persons. The gospel acknowledges the sovereignty of God. This is followed immediately by mention of the handing over of all things to Jesus, making him a kind of vice-regent of God. Paul speaks of the Spirit, clearly a divine reality, but different from Jesus and the one called God. According to Paul, this Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of God, implying that somehow both Jesus and God claim the Spirit. It is this Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and it is this same Spirit who dwells in Christians.

The grace of this Triune God touches our lives in some ways that are tangible and other ways that demand faith. The most tangible manifestation of God is Jesus himself. God has been revealed to us through this Jesus. While Jesus was a tangible person, our accepting of him as the manifestation of God requires faith, and this faith is no easier today than it was at the time of Jesus himself.

The overriding disposition of these readings is humility. Jesus, the human manifestation of the divine, is meek and humble, and the true disciple is called to be humble. A second disposition is placed before us – grateful praise. In the psalm we praise and bless God; we extol God's holy name. In Jesus we have known the tender touch of God, and we are grateful.

