

08 October 2023
Twenty Seventh Sunday
of Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading from the prophet Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

Response

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading: letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:33-43

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners & 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.

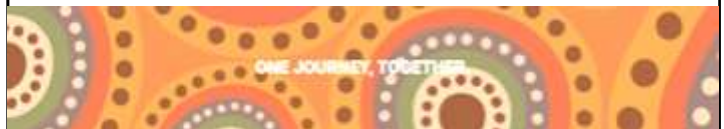
TOWARDS THE REFERENDUM

A Statement from Australia's Catholic Bishops

We are now familiar with the concept of terra nullius (the view that before European settlement the land belonged to no one), the tragedy of the Stolen Generation and the fact that the prior habitation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples was not recognised in the Australian Constitution. We need to see the truth of what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have suffered and the disadvantage many experience to this day.

Justice demands that we seek to rectify this disadvantage. Australians are now being asked to consider a constitutionally enshrined Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice as one way to address this disadvantage. This was asked for in the Uluru Statement from the Heart. The hope of those who prepared the Uluru Statement is that this will not only offer constitutional recognition, but also assist progress towards a more just and equitable Australia, helping to tackle not just the symptoms but the causes of chronic disadvantage.

Pope Francis wrote recently of the Indigenous people of the Amazon, and how best to engage with them on issues particular to them: "They are our principal dialogue partners, those from whom we have the most to learn... Their words, their hopes and their fears should be the most authoritative voice at the table... Otherwise, the result would be, once again, 'a plan drawn up by the few for the few'." The same could be said of the Indigenous peoples of Australia. *Continued.....*



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The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's statement on the Voice in May urged that the debate be conducted civilly and respectfully; there are some who strongly support the Voice and others who have concerns, including whether the Voice would benefit those most in need or could stifle good governance.

However differently they are viewed, the issues surrounding the Voice are not just political; they are moral and ethical. Therefore all Australians need to educate themselves One way we might do this is by a careful reading of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and this year's Social Justice Statement, Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

We urge all Australians to listen to the hopes and fears of each other. We urge people to act in a way that commits to redressing the disadvantage suffered by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and will allow them to reach their potential, thus promoting reconciliation for the good not just of some but of the whole nation. May the Holy Spirit who opens locked doors give us light and strength to keep working for a better and more equitable Australia. Let us walk together.

Mass times

Sunday Mass times	Weekday Mass times
Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Mass at 9am
Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 11am Adoration Prayer every Saturday at 9:30-10:30am after 9am Mass Healing Mass: First Saturday: 9am Alliance of 2 Hearts: First Friday at 7.30pm	Maori Mass: First Sunday at 2pm Samoan Mass: First Sunday of even months at midday Filipino Mass: Third Sunday at 11.15am Divine Mercy Devotion: Third Sunday 3pm Children's Mass: Fifth Sunday at 9.30am

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Bulletin Notices

Fundraising meeting will be on Wednesday 11 October at 7pm in the parish meeting room. Our campfire event last weekend was attended by about 75 people. We had a very enjoyable night with some music and singalong around the campfire. Thanks to those who donated the tasty dinner enjoyed by all. \$1457 was raised on the night and will be saved towards our parish renovation project.

First Reconciliation Classes will commence on Saturday 28 October. Registration is being accepted at the parish office. Reconciliation is the sacrament that must be completed before First Holy Communion. Children who wish to receive their First Holy Communion in 2024 must attend.

Made Free: Creative Retreat, 20-22 October 2023 Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat that explores a range of creative prayer experiences. Recapture the freedom you were made for, let go of what is burdening you, and let God fill you again with life. Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW. Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBRD> (by 6 October); Contact: Judy: mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

The Journey podcast this Week: Bishop Brian Mascord says Jesus is challenging us, the tenants of the new vineyard of the church, to produce the fruits of justice, love, and peace. Mother Hilda on grasping Jesus' essential message that a life of loving, not being loved is when lives change and take on the colour and texture of the life of Jesus. Plus, Robert Falzon on growing good men, and Fr Mike Delaney. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend An opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 27-29 October 2023 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Email: nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Prayer intentions

For the sick & homebound: Baby Matthew , Terry Maroun, 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: Sennie Masian, Jose Useche

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John McDermott,
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.



Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:



It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Friday, Faith & Supper

27 October
7.00pm

The evening will be an opportunity to spend time with fellow parishioners in a social atmosphere & to participate in a topical discussion about our faith. The guest speaker will offer some insights & food for thought.

A light supper, wine, beer & coffee will be served.

A donation towards the cost of catering (for bring a plate) will be appreciated but is not essential.



Topic for 27 October

Hearts on Fire
Feet on the Move
An insight into the work of
Catholic Mission in Timor-Leste

Presented by **Mark Rowe**
Director of Catholic Mission
Diocese of Wollongong

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Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish
193 St Andrews Rd
Varroville NSW

All Souls Day Mass at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish



Please join us for a special Mass in honour
of our dearly departed loved ones

Date: Thursday 2nd November at 7.30pm
In our Columbarium
at 193 St Andrews Rd, Varroville

We will have an open air Mass followed by light refreshments.
(make sure you dress warmly)

All are welcome: please invite your family and friends

Please RSVP for catering purposes to
parish@olmc.org.au or 0434 105 176

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord.
Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever." John 11:25-26