

05 November 2023
Thirty First Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year A



Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my
God; be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my
help, O Lord, my strong
salvation!

First Reading the prophet
Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 130

Response: In you, Lord, I
have found my peace.

Second Reading first letter of
St Paul to the
Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have one Father, your
Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the
Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to
Matthew 23:1-12

Communion Antiphon

You will show me the path
of life, the fullness of joy in
your presence, O Lord .

NEXT WEEK

12 NOVEMBER 2023
THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN
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First:

Wisdom 6:12-16

Resp Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel:

Matthew 24:42. 44

*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.*

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

SUNDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

10.30 AM – 2:30 PM Lunch at 12:30pm



How can we, as a community, show the love of Christ to our neighbourhood and beyond.

At our Annual Parish meeting, Fr Shane and the parish leadership will:

- ◆ Look back and reflect on the year.
- ◆ Look forward and together develop our vision for the future
- ◆ Come along and have your say in the future of our parish

Over the next two weeks you might like to give some thought to what you dream for our parish, what are your aspirations, what would you like to see renewed, started or altered, and what your role here is in the life of the parish.

Ultimately, what do you want our parish to be - for you, for your family and for the broader community. Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish is a community of faith and it is also one of friendship and hospitality, of service and commitment, of celebrating our faith here together and sharing our faith with others beyond.

On the 19th you will be able to share those dreams with your fellow parishioners as we gather as a faith community celebrating our past and creating our future.

A Novena has been prepared just for us, to commence on 10 November and pray each day for 9 days prior to our APM.

Creator God,

who always walks with us on our journey of life

we ask that you lead us forward in unity.

Bless and guide our Parish assembly.

Keep us anchored in your love.

Open our hearts as we listen and discern.

Reveal to us the way we are called.

May we strive to be true disciples and grow in holiness as individuals and as a Parish.

Give us the courage to pursue our vision with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local Church today and in the generations to come.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ who in the power of the Holy Spirit

continues to guide your Church to the fullness of your Kingdom

now and forever. Amen.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel . Pray for us.

Please rsvp for catering to 0434705176.

Child minding will be offered, please rsvp if you require this.

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	Healing Mass on the first Saturday of each month at 9am	
Maori Mass: First Sunday at 2pm		Reconciliation: Saturday 11 am—12

Contact us

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Fr. Shane Kelleher OCD

Parish Associate:
Sr “Jill” Girlie Sudario, CM

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, Rufino Boying Yanga. Michael Camelleri

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Giuseppe Cuomo, Angela Tomarchio, Rozalia Astalosh, Ray & Colleen Eggelton.

All our loved ones listed on the tree of remembrance during the month of November

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.



Our Community: Rosters

12 November	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Welcomers	Suzanne, Russell & Berna	Sarah, Violeti & Martin	Beatrix & Stuart
Altar Servers	Berna, Ralph, Christian & Kenneth	Orly, Luisa & Carlos	Robert & Nathan
Readers	Suzanne & Margaret	Gabriel & Ofa	Sheenalyn & Leah
Refreshments	Tracey & Richard	Karen, Katalina & Tess	
CLOTW		Lee & Nellie	
Flowers	Patricia & Asinate	Church Vacuuming	Loretta & Gerard
Counters	Louise & Lina	Foyer Cleaning	Mafi family

Our Community Notices: Upcoming Events

7 November at midday : Melbourne Cup with Friendship Group

12 November: Francisco Palau Appeal

12 November at 1pm: Fashion Fun Clothing Swap fundraising

19 November at 11am: Annual Parish Meeting

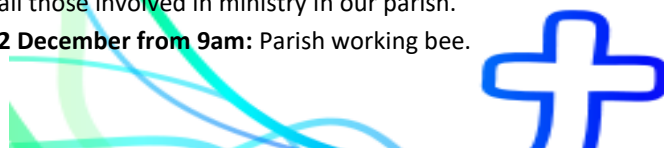
19 November: Vinnies Christmas Appeal commences

25 November from 9.30am: Parish Retreat Day

25 November at 4pm: First Reconciliation

30 November at 7.30pm: Parish Ministry Thanksgiving Mass for all those involved in ministry in our parish.

2 December from 9am: Parish working bee.





Bulletin Notices

Friendship Group will be having their annual Melbourne Cup luncheon on Tuesday 7 November commencing at midday. Join the fun, we will have lunch, cup sweeps, & watch the race on the big screen. Bring a plate to share.

Parish fundraising event; Sunday 12 November at 1pm; Clothing swap and market day with afternoon tea. Recycle and reuse; Bring along some clothes and swap with each other; There will also be a market table for some early Christmas shopping. Afternoon tea and social games. Cost \$20 per person.

Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday 19 November at 10.30am – 2.30pm. How can we as a community show the love of Christ to our neighbourhood and beyond. This meeting will be an opportunity to look back and reflect on the year; look forward and together develop our vision for the future; have your say in the future of our parish. RSVP to 0434705176 for catering purposes.

Parish Advent Retreat on Saturday 25 November commencing at 9.30am after 9am morning Mass. The topic is "The Incarnation; in the perspective of St John of the Cross" presented Fr Christian Marave, Ocarm. Registration at the Parish office, cost by donation.

Catholic Mission Appeal: Thank you to our parish for supporting and partnering with Catholic Mission to support this life-giving work in Timor-Leste, along with many other Church-run mission programs around the world. The appeal held last weekend raised \$2581.40.

FEARLESS Catholic Online Gathering Tuesday 14 November 2023 at 7:00pm; Join Alpha Catholic teams from across Australia to share your Alpha stories, be renewed in the Spirit and encouraged to continue forward in the Lord's Great Commission to "Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19). Register at <https://alpha-org-au.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpOmpqD8vG9PRZiY4ntg5JEx6Jz1jXCDH#/registration>

El Roi: The God Who Sees Me (Women's Retreat) Carmel House, Varroville | 17-19 November 2023
Prepare for Advent through this women's retreat with the MGL Sisters, as we spend time together listening to God's unique heart of love for each one of us. This retreat is supported by the Catholic Women's Network in the Archdiocese of Sydney.
Bookings: trybooking.com/CFBRE (by 3 November)
Contact: Bernadette - mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship 2024/2025; This initiative of the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry (BCELM) has been offered since 2006 to young women aged 25- 35 years. The Fellowship provides financial sponsorship toward a graduate certificate in theological studies and a supportive community of women and spiritual accompaniment for future leaders. A more detailed outline of Fellowship inclusions and schedule can be found at www.nce.catholic.org.au/womensfellowship
Applications close Thursday 16 November.

St Mary's Singers is presenting a concert in St Mary's Cathedral Sydney called 'Church Music Through the Year' 17 November 2023. It features Mozart's Coronation Mass in C Major K217 (excluding the Credo). The programme takes us on a journey through a year in the musical life of the sacred liturgy. It includes many choral favourites including Haydn's 'The Heavens are Telling' from the Creation and two movements from Handel's Messiah 'For unto us a child is born' and the 'Hallelujah' Chorus. William Byrd's unaccompanied 'Emendemus in Melius' and the Pentecost plainchant verse 'Veni Creator Spiritus' provide moments of quiet contemplation. There will be solo organ works and congregational hymns when audience participation is encouraged. The soloists are soprano Anna Sandstrom, alto Anna Fraser, tenor William Varga and bass/baritone Ben Caukwell. The choir is directed by Titus Grenyer with Callum Knox on the Grand Organ. Tickets on sale now via: trybooking.com/events/landing/1097546

One Music Festival | Saturday 25 November 2023 | 2pm-9pm
A Christian music and arts festival for all ages to be held at Kiama Showground and Pavilion. Organised by local Kiama Churches in partnership with Scripture Union NSW. Live music including Emu Music, Aslandia, MayFair Lane, Seraph Music, Fern Johnston, Thirsty Tree Music, Naomi Grace and more. Creative arts space, Quizworx Kids Show, Food Vans, market stalls, games, messages of hope and all with scenic views. For more information and tickets go to <http://www.onemusicfestival.com>

Advent begins Year B & the Gospel of Mark. To prepare come and meet Mark, his Gospel and his Jesus; Three Tuesday evenings: 7.30pm - 9.30pm via ZOOM; 21 & 28 November, 5 December; Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLYVL> before 1pm 20 Nov. This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.
Further information: Emilia 0418 120 902

Young Adults and Vocations - What's Next? On Saturday 28 October, more than 60 young adults from Macarthur and other parts of the Diocese gathered at Campbelltown Catholic Club for the "Called By Name" event, where they heard inspiring testimonies from a panel about finding their calling in life, followed by Q and A. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we are grateful to those who promoted the event, those who supported the event on the night, and especially to every young person who came along! If you weren't able to attend the event, we would love to hear from you what you are looking for in potential young adults initiatives by filling out this Google Form: tinyurl.com/dowyoungadults. Also check out our new Vocations page on the Diocesan website at dow.org.au/media-resources/vocations/ with upcoming events and resources. If you would like help discerning your vocation Fr Duane would love to hear from you at vocations@dow.org.au

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal; Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413
An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

Holy Gospel according to Matthew 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach .

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.



'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION BY POPE FRANCIS

The pope's homily marked the closing of the month long **2023 Synod on Synodality assembly**, where 365 delegates discussed and **voted on more than 80 proposals** for **how to become a more "synodal Church."**

"Brothers and sisters, the general assembly of the synod has now concluded," he said. "In this 'conversation of the Spirit,' we have experienced the loving presence of the Lord and discovered the beauty of fraternity."

"Today we do not see the full fruit of this process, but with farsightedness, we look to the horizon opening up before us. The Lord will guide us and help us to be a more synodal and more missionary Church, a Church that adores God and serves the women and men of our time, going forth to bring to everyone the consoling joy of the Gospel," Francis added.

In his homily, Pope Francis said he believed that at the conclusion of this stage in the synod "it is important to look at the 'principle and foundation' from which everything begins ever anew: loving God with our whole life and loving our neighbours as ourselves."

"Not our strategies, our human calculations, the ways of the world, but love of God and neighbour: that is the heart of everything," he said.

Pope Francis emphasized that adoration and worship are "essential in the life of the Church." "To adore God means to acknowledge in faith that he alone is Lord and that our individual lives, the Church's pilgrim way, and the ultimate outcome of history all depend on the tenderness of his love. He gives meaning to our lives," he said.

"Those who worship God reject idols because whereas God liberates, idols enslave," he added.

"We must constantly struggle against all types of idolatry; not only the worldly kinds, which often stem from vainglory, such as lust for success, self-centeredness, greed for money — the devil enters through our pockets let us not forget — the enticements of careerism; but also those forms of idolatry disguised as spirituality: my own spirituality, my religious ideas, my pastoral skills."

Pope Francis said that being "a worshipping Church and a Church of service" entails "washing the feet of wounded humanity, accompanying those who are frail, weak, and cast aside, going out lovingly to encounter the poor."

Quoting St. John Chrysostom, he said: "The merciful man is as a harbour to those who are in need; and the harbour receives all who are escaping shipwreck, and frees them from danger, whether they be evil or good; whatsoever kind of men they be that are in peril, it receives them into its shelter. You also, when you see a man suffering shipwreck on land through poverty, do not sit in judgment on him, nor require explanations, but relieve his distress."



Clothing Drive Fundraiser

NOVEMBER 12TH 1PM - 4PM

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish

Church Hall, Varroville

\$20 entry fee, includes tea, coffee & afternoon snack

Bring along 5 or less quality clothing items & get the chance to swap them for different ones while enjoying an afternoon of games

