

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.

SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2024
TWELTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YEAR B



Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading from the book of Job 38:1. 8-11

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

Response:

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to Mark 4:35-41

Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

NEXT WEEK

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

First: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Resp Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2
Second: 2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15
Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Fiesta Update

It's just 4 weeks till our Fiesta and it's time to really think about how we are going to help make the day joyful and welcoming to our visitors. Our Committee has been meeting regularly and the planning for the day is very exciting.

The promotions team have been especially creative this year. Make sure you watch the promotional posts on facebook and like/ share them.

The committee is hoping you will sign up this weekend to volunteer for an hour or 2, thus allowing everyone to enjoy relaxing for a part of the day.

Please see a committee member after Mass and make sure your name and contact details have been submitted for one of the following teams.

- ♦ Preparation & set up on Saturday 6 July and Saturday 13 July from 8am—midday.
- ♦ Put flyers in the letterboxes in St Andrews, Varroville, Raby & Bow Bowing.
- ♦ Set up on Sunday 14 July from 8am—10am
- ♦ Logistics & traffic assistance on the morning of 14 July from 8am till midday.
- ♦ Procession: carrying the statue of Our Lady.
- ♦ Helping the elderly & disabled members of our community.
- ♦ Serving on a Parish information stall.
- ♦ Serving on a food stall.
- ♦ Helping in the kitchen to warm up and transport the dishes to the food stalls.
- ♦ Helping with children's activities and face painting.
- ♦ Preparing a dish of food to bring on the day.
- ♦ Packing up at the end of the day.

You can call the parish office for more information and to volunteer for the event.

Don't forget the daily Novena Masses commence on Friday 5 July at 7.30pm and continue each weeknight at 7.30pm. The weekend Mass times will remain unchanged.

More information about the Fiesta will be shared in the next few weeks.



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 and 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm	Divine Mercy Devotion: Third Sunday at 3pm
Filipino Mass: Third Sunday at 11.15am	Fri and Sat Mass at 9am	Alliance of the 2 Hearts Mass and Devotion: First Friday of each month from 7.30pm
Samoan Mass: First Sunday at 12 noon	Healing Mass on the first Saturday of each month at 9am	Reconciliation: Saturday 11 am—12
Maori Mass: First Sunday at 2pm		



Contact us

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Meetings and Gatherings

Friendship Group meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9am.

Readers Ministry Meeting meets on the last Tuesday of every 2 months at 7.30pm via zoom.

Holy Family Fellowship meets on the 4th Saturday at 7pm.

Book Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am.

Faith Circles meets every Monday via zoom at 2pm & 7.30pm.

Bible Reflection group meets every Monday at 10am.

Children’s Choir will meet on 3rd Friday at 7.30pm.

Childrens Ministry Gathering will meet on the 4th Sunday from 3– 5 pm.

Youth Ministry is on fire for faith, friendship and specially for God! All 13-17 years old are invited to join every fortnight on the 2nd & 4th Friday of every month at 6:30 pm.

Children’s Mass is on the 5th Sunday of the month: 30 June 2024

Prayer intentions

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

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

For our recently dearly departed:

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Damien Champion, Frazer Toweel, Noreen & Joe Farrell,

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



Our Community: Rosters

30 June 2024	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Welcomers	Estela, Cecilia & Suzanne	Gabriel, Bianca & Antony	Geoff, Margaret & Danni
Altar Servers	Maria, Cassandra, Abigail & Austin	Orly	Vu & Nathan
Readers	Suzanne & Margaret	Children's Mass	Gloria & Fev
Refreshments	Josephine & Glenda	Children's Mass, Adel & Francia	Beatrix & Madonna
Altar Linen			
Flowers	Maria D & Estela M	Church Vacuuming	Feiloakitohi Family
Counters	Christine, Cira & Tess	Foyer Cleaning	Feiloakitohi Family

Our Parish Notices:

The Children's Mass will be on Sunday 30 June at 9.30am. It is held on the fifth Sunday of the month in the months when there are 5 Sundays.

Annual Finance Update: The new sets of planned giving envelopes are in our foyer for you to collect.

The primary source of income for our parish is the 2nd collection taken each Sunday. It comprises of planned giving arrangements; both by envelopes and direct debit and loose cash, given by parishioners who do not have a planned giving arrangement in place.

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://www.varroville.dow.org.au/about-us/new-parishioners/> to learn of the ways you can support our parish electronically.

Our major raffle tickets are available from the foyer after all masses. Please take a book home and sell to family and friends. The draw will take place at our Fiesta.

The next meeting for the Fiesta Committee will be held on Monday 1 July at 7.30pm.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will meet on 2 Saturdays 22 & 6 July from 4—5.30 pm for formation. All existing and new Eucharistic ministers must attend. If you would like to join this ministry please call the parish office for more information.

Vinnies Sleepout: Save the date: Saturday 27 July here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Vinnies members will be hosting the annual sleepout. You can register to join the sleepout at <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-community-sleepouts/our-lady-of-mount-carmel-catholic-parish-varroville-nsw-1> and also to sponsor a participant online.

First Friday Healing Service – 5 July 2024 Conducted by gifted retreat preacher Fr Roni George from Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby. There will be worship, healing Mass and adoration from 7 pm to 9.30 at St Mary McKillop Church, Oran Park. Bring friends and family and be transformed. For more information, contact Cicily on 0421 732 655

Sydney iSTAND Camp: Forgiven and Free Wed 17 – Fri 19 July 2024 Carmel Jouse, Varroville iSTAND Events are for students in year 9 -12 (age 14-18 yrs) and are a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow young people in a welcoming environment while learning more about yourself, others and God. This iSTAND Weekend will include activities such as games, group activities, prayer, reflection, testimonies and talks. COST: \$160 inclusive of all food and activities. Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/240807884793875>

menALIVE MAX national Conference – Varroville 19 - 21 July Many men have benefited from the challenges, encouragement and faithful brotherhood that comes from

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menALIVE. Here's a chance for men from all round Australia to come together- be renewed in faith for action, for good - and it is happening in our Diocese- so don't miss this. It's time to book your spot and stoke the desire to become fully alive as the men we have been created to be. For more information and to book go to <https://menalive.org.au/events/max-weekend-2024> or contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au or Mob: 0408 236 19.

2024 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 25 August 2024 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room. Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2024> or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au.

The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – Season 4 The Chosen is a new 'free to view', series, now in its fourth season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and it continues to receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to watch.thechosen.tv to watch on your own, or better still with family and friends or as a parish!

The Journey, 23 June 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly

Podcast On The Journey This Week: Fr Richard Healey says that our challenge is to discern how to be the best seed-sower for God's kingdom. Mother Hilda on the Father's concern for us when He senses we are in danger of harm, Plus, Ft Tony Percy, Pete Gilmore and Mark Raue. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

Ignite Conference 2024: Rise Up! Sydney 26-29 September 2024: A conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God's people united with one heart. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Join with young people from our Diocese and over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church. For more information, go to ignite.conference.com.au and contact Arnie Hurdoyal at 0431 611 128 or Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au to be part of our Diocesan Group attending this amazing event.

Try Faith Circles Faith Circles is a weekly resource to help individuals but mainly small groups to come together in Parishes. In doing so it assists in the development of faith and community, a strong desire expressed in our Diocesan feedback from the National Church Life Survey. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use with simple questions and prayer points. It is available to download at www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/ or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.

Holy Gospel according to Mark 4:35-41

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Gospel Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Voice which Accompanies to the Other Side

According to St Paul 'the whole of creation... is yearning to share in the glory promised to the children of God.'

In the meantime it is as though from the beginning every element of the universe is 'listening out' for the word which will bring it into harmony with that deepest yearning, listening so as to exist in a way which is never destructive of God's plan for humanity and all other creatures.

And that is what happens in this gospel episode. What is the situation of creation? One has a howling wind, shrieking against every timber of the boat, storm-tossed waves threatening to engulf and sink the boat.

What word is heard by these elements of the universe? A word which they hear even as they are at their most destructive.

'Quiet, be still.' [repeat]

And there was a dead calm. Why?

Because this was a word spoken by the Lord of all creation, the Sovereign of the universe.

And what was the result? The disciples were able to make their way across the Sea of Galilee 'to the other side' in the company of Jesus. What does that mean?

They were able to go from the western Jewish side to the eastern Pagan side. That is from the side which they knew, from the side with which they were familiar, from the side where they were 'at home' to the side which they did not know, which was unfamiliar territory for them, where, far from being at home, they would feel dis-located, dis-placed.

That is why this gospel story is good news for us, for you and for me. There will be times, there have been times when, in the journey of life, suddenly chaos erupts. A tempest storms into our life. The wind is howling. We want to block our ears to the situation threatening us whether from the outside or from some part of our own personality. We feel we are being swamped. Some part of us is facing death.

With the disciples we may cry out to Jesus 'Don't you care?' And the Lord of the Universe will ensure we are not submerged by chaotic, dark forces.

But, he will not turn us back to the situation as before. We must continue to 'the other side'. It will be unfamiliar territory. We will feel displaced, somewhat disoriented.

But we will also find that Our Lord has accompanied us in that journey through the chaos. He is our companion as we find our bearings in the new situation we have reached 'on the other side'.

There will possibly be many such transits in the journey of life until the final transit to truly new territory through the wrenching chaos and dis-integration of death.

We should pray that in the midst of dying we will hear Our Lord rebuking the Prince of Darkness and Death: 'Quiet, be still.' And Our Lord will accompany us, be our companion to the other side, to the Promised Land of Heaven.

