

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 30 JUNE 2024**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**JUST  
BELIEVE**

**Entrance Antiphon**

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

**First Reading** from the book  
of Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2  
(R.) I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.

**Second Reading** from the  
second letter of St Paul to  
the Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has  
done away with death  
and brought us life through  
his gospel. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel** according to  
Mark 5:21-43

**Communion Antiphon**

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

**NEXT WEEK**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

First: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Resp: Ps 122. R. v.2

Second: 2 Corinth 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

## Fiesta Update

It's just 2 weeks now till our Feast day and multicultural Fiesta.

The Novenas begin on Friday night at 7.30pm. Please note the Mass times will be:

Friday 5 July: Weekday Mass at 9am and Novena Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday 6 July: Healing Mass at 9am and Vigil Mass at 6pm

Sunday 7 July: Sunday Mass at 9.30am and 5pm

Monday 8 July: Weekday Mass at 9am and Novena Mass at 7.30pm

Tuesday 9 July: Weekday Mass at 9am and Novena Mass at 7.30pm

Wednesday 10 July: Weekday Mass at 9am and Novena Mass at 7.30pm

Thursday 11 July: Novena Mass at 7.30pm

Friday 12 July: Weekday Mass at 9am and Novena Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday 13 July: Weekday Mass at 9am and Vigil Mass at 6pm

Sunday 14 July: Feast Day Mass at 10am and Sunday Mass at 5pm

After the Feast day Mass on Sunday 14 July there will be a procession led by Our Lady's statue from the church to the Fiesta on the other side of the hall. The fiesta will then commence. There will be parish information stalls and children's activities; multicultural food stalls where you can enjoy a nice lunch, followed by a concert of local talent.

The flyers are available to be distributed in our local neighbourhood. Please take a bundle and put in letterboxes to promote our fiesta locally. Please highlight on the map in the foyer which streets you will cover to ensure we invite as many as possible.

Next weekend, food trays will be available for you to take home and bring back on the 14 July filled with delicious meals for our food stalls. If you are not able to cook a dish, maybe you can bring something for the BBQ or cakes.

On the day, there will be limited parking inside the church grounds. The College carpark will be available for parking. There is a convenient footbridge from the College through to our carpark.

There is still time to volunteer to join one of the teams for the fiesta. The choices are on the sign up sheets in the foyer. There will be a working bee from 8am on the next 2 Saturdays in preparation for the big day. Come along for an hour or 2 to help.

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



## 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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### Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday: 9.30am-12.30pm

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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.

**Wrap with love** knitting & crochet group meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 11am.

## 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

7 July 2024	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
<b>Welcomers</b>	Suzann& Russell	Chris , Margaret & Irene	Patricia & Maryanne
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Berna, Christian, Elijah & Austin	Orly	Robert & Nathan
<b>Readers</b>	Bevina & Amana	Tess & Laura	Kathy & Tim
<b>Refreshments</b>	Suzanne & Myra	Steve , Sarah & Tereza	Fev & Maree
<b>Altar Linen</b>		<b>CLOTW:</b> Josephine & Fev	
<b>Flowers</b>	Lorraine & Effie	<b>Church Vacuuming</b>	Gerard & Marites
<b>Counters</b>	Richard & Michael	<b>Foyer Cleaning</b>	Estela & Marites

## Our Parish Notices:

**Friendship Group will be meeting on Tuesday morning for "Christmas in July".** Please bring a plate and wear something Christmassy.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** will meet on 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.

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**Vinnies Sleepout:** Save the date: Saturday 27 July here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Vinnies members will be hosting the annual sleepout.



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**"Dress to Impress" Dinner dance** has been very successful. Our band has been rehearsing for weeks to provide great entertainment and the fundraising team have planned fun games and activities throughout the evening. Laura & Nelia have catered the event with a delicious 3 course meal. I would like to mention Kenneally's Funerals for offering sponsorship of the event.

## Community Notices

**Instituted Ministries Formation** On 6th and 13th July, Sr Monica Barlow will run formation sessions for anyone interested in exploring the possibility of becoming an Instituted Lector or Acolyte. These ministries are open to both men and women. The sessions will be held at the Xavier Centre Conference Room from 10.30 - 12.30 on Saturday mornings 6th and 13th July. Attendance at the second session on 13th July is dependent on having attended the first session. It is not a repeat of the first session. To register for these formation sessions click <https://dow.sh/imf24>

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**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>

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

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**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](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au).

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**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 receive acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to [watch.thechosen.tv](http://watch.thechosen.tv) to watch on your own, or better still with family and friends or as a parish!

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**Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese;** Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith. Stay informed by subscribing at [dow.sh/stayingconnected](https://dow.sh/stayingconnected) or visit [dow.sh/](https://dow.sh/)

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## Holy Gospel according to Mark 5:21-43

*Young girl, I say to you, arise.*

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.



Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Appropriating the Hellenistic concepts of immortality and imperishability, the author reinterprets the Genesis accounts of creation and sin (cf. Genesis 2-3). He argues that God did not make death, but, by sin, humans brought it on themselves. Inheriting the Jewish belief in the relationship between righteousness and life and borrowing the Greek notion of immortality, he claims that: 'justice is immortal (undying)' (v.15). The Epicureans held that incorruption or imperishability (aphtharsía) was a divine quality, which rendered the gods invulnerable to disintegration. Jewish tradition held that humankind was made in the 'image of God' (Gen 1:26-28) The author argues that, though mortal by nature, as images of God human beings were meant to be imperishable.

This is a psalm of thanksgiving for deliverance from the peril of death, the nether world, the pit (v.4). The psalmist is also concerned with enemies who would take delight in the misfortune. The prayer asks to be preserved from this insult as well. The psalm does not explicitly state that the suffering was the deserved penalty for wrongdoing. However, that was the customary explanation of misfortune. However, retribution is not the point of the prayer. Rather, the psalm compares the vast difference between God's wrath and God's graciousness. The former is short-lived; the latter is everlasting. God can be trusted to come to the aid of one who cries for help.

Some Christians suffered severe financial need, and Paul pleads with the Corinthian Christians to come to their assistance. Their openness to the preaching of Paul revealed them to be an earnest people, devoted to the things of God. Paul appeals to these characteristics as he pleads with them for assistance. He then turns to the example of Jesus, who willingly relinquished life itself for the sake of the Corinthians. This example of Jesus' generous giving is placed before the Corinthians as a motivation for their own generosity to other followers of Jesus. He refers to the story of the manna (Exod 16:18). No one had too much and no one had too little; all were satisfied.

Within the gospel story of the healing of Jairus' daughter is the account of the haemorrhaging woman. Because of his privilege in a patriarchal society, the father comes to Jesus openly. As a woman and being unclean, she violates religious and social taboos as she approaches him. This is the only miracle story where Jesus does not initiate the cure. However, both the woman and the man act out of faith. They believe that Jesus has the power to heal, and Jesus grants their wishes. Their faith is in contrast to the incredulity of those gathered at the home of Jairus.

At the heart of each of these stories is the question of faith in Jesus, and his power over sickness and death.