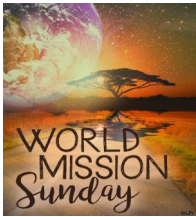


We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.

**29 SEPTEMBER 2024**  
**TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**



**Entrance Antiphon**

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**First Reading from the Book of Isaiah 53:10-11**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22 (R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Second Reading from the letter of Hebrews 4:14-16**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:35-45**

**Communion Antiphon**

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**Next week**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

First: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Resp Ps:Ps 125. R. v.3

Second: Hebrews 5:1-6

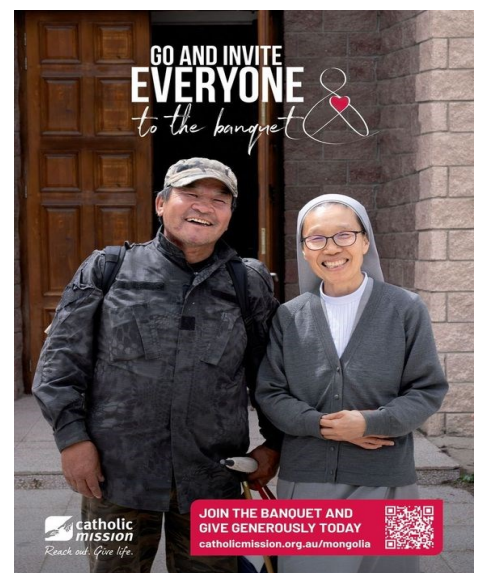
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

## Catholic Mission Appeal

Thank you for choosing to support the work of Catholic Mission this year, and for sharing the important and vital work of missionaries around the world with your parishioners. As the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies, Catholic Mission works on behalf of Pope Francis to support Church-run mission programs around the world. Thanks to the generosity of Australians like you, last year we were able to support life-giving programs like The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Timor-Leste, run by Sr Alma Castagna and the Salesian Sisters. The clinic provides the local community with access to essential medication and education services, so they can confidently make positive decisions for their health. With your help, the clinic has provided over 5,000 school children with valuable information through its nutrition education programs in Venilale. Without your partnership, the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic would be facing immense difficulty maintaining their services.

But, there is still work to be done in many other Church-run programs around the world. This year, we invite parishioners to support vulnerable people through the House of Mercy in the Mongolian capital of Ulaanbaatar. Social stigma, poor access to services and the harsh Mongolian winter mean that the most vulnerable people will often struggle to access the support they need to help them get back on their feet. The House of Mercy is the vision of Cardinal Giorgio Marengo, and will provide shelter to a variety of people in need; from people experiencing homelessness, those impacted by domestic violence, and people in need of first aid services. We invite you and your parish to partner with us to support this crucial work. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia). Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

Freecall: 1800 257 296



## 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



### Contact us

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## Prayer intentions

**For the sick and homebound:** Reg Bucknell, Mary Ponnalam, Peter Presdee, 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, 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:** Joe Spinnato, Edmond Stanley Gomez, Cory John Bulmer

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



## Our Community: Rosters

27 October 2024	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
<b>Welcomers</b>	Glen & Arlene	Nelia & Anita	Patricia & Maryanne
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Berna, Christian, Elijah & Austin	Orly	Robert & Nathan
<b>Readers</b>	Mark & Carlos	Allan & Aida	Margaret & Evangeline
<b>Refreshments</b>	Margaret & Nadia	Maria, Severino, Irene, Tina & Sophia	
<b>Altar Linen</b>	Ann Maree	<b>CLOTW:</b> Lee & Sarah	
<b>Flowers</b>	Patricia & Mago	<b>Church Vacuuming</b>	Susan
<b>Counters</b>	Ruby, Cynthia & Bing	<b>Foyer Cleaning</b>	Susan

## Meetings and Gatherings

**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 at 10am.

**Children’s Mass** is on the 5th Sunday of the month:

**Wrap with Love Knitting group** meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 11am

**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 6pm.

**Children’s Ministry Gathering** will meet on the 4th Sunday from 3– 5 pm.

**“Ascent” Youth Ministry** All 13-17 years old are invited to join every fortnight on the 2nd & 4th Friday at 6:30 pm.

**Pastoral Care Team** meets on 25 October at 9.30am.

**Property Team meeting** is on Tuesday 22 October at 7.30pm

**Fundraising team** meets on Wednesday 23 October at 7.30pm

## Our Parish Notices

### **Raffle: Thank you for supporting our major cash raffle.**

The lucky winners are: First: Setaita Mafi; Second: Colleen Haughey; Third: Carmen Pamonag. The parish has raised \$9620 for this raffle. The money will be saved for our upcoming building renovation. Thank you for your support.

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**Altar Server Training** 26 October, 2, 9 & 23 November at 2pm each training session. It will run for approx 2 hours duration and is for all new and current Adult & Junior Servers.

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**All Souls Day outdoor Mass** will be held in the Columbarium on Friday 1 November at 7.30pm. Please join us for a special mass in honour of our dearly departed loved ones. All are welcome.

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**Friendship Group** meets on Tuesday 5 November at 12 midday for Melbourne Cup lunch. Please bring a plate and wear a hat or fascinator. All are welcome and bring a friend.

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**Trivia Night on Saturday 9 November after 6pm Mass.** Doors open at 6.30 & trivia starts at 7.30pm. Book a ticket or book a table. Tickets are \$25 pp and includes entry plus a sausage sizzle and drink. BYO nibbles & drinks.

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**OLMC Parish Annual General Meeting after 9.30am Mass.** On Sunday the 24th November 2024 will hold our Annual General Meeting in the Hall. Includes Lunch. All are welcome.

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**Parish Advent Retreat** on Saturday 30 November from 8.30am—3pm.

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**Marriage Encounter Weekend:** We are offering 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 25-27 October, 2024 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au). If you would like more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please see the WWME website at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au).

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**Growing Good Men Father and Teenage Son Weekend Experience** 25–27 October 2024 Cataract Activity Centre, Appin One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world. Don't miss this life-changing father and son weekend! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons aged between 12 and 17 years. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE. Register online: <https://dow.sh/ggm24>

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## Community Notices

**Canonisation:** The Canonisation of the Blesseds Manuel Ruiz Lopez and seven companions, and Francis Mooti, and Raffaele Massabki; Giuseppe Allamano; MarieLeoni Paradis; Elena Guerra will take place during a Holy Mass in St Peter's Square on Sunday 20 October. The service will be broadcast on Vatican Media: <https://www.youtube.com/c/VaticanNews>

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**On The Journey podcast this week:** Fr Brian Lucas on service and compassion for World Mission Sunday. Mother Hilda's story on the power of prayer and forgiveness in difficult situations. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Pete Gilmore, and Fr Mike Delaney. The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au).

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**A Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrimage to Rome & Krakow with Fr Marek Dutkiewicz;** Departing Thursday 01 May 2025 and returning on 13 May 2025; Pilgrimage Itinerary (10 Nights/13 Days); Cost: \$10,690.00 per person/twin room basis; Single Room Supplement = \$2,250.00 per person. For more information, please contact St Paul's Moss Vale Parish office on (02) 4868 1931

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**Alight: Women's Day Retreat:** As the season of Advent approaches, join the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters for Alight, a special women's retreat. Rekindle the flame of your faith and prepare your heart for the coming of Christ through a day of reflection, prayer, and fellowship as we explore themes of hope, anticipation and joy. Saturday 2 November 2024 10:00am - 4:00pm.

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**Want Netflix for Catholics? Get 'FORMED'** Free for DoW Parishioners; Join hundreds of other families around the Diocese of Wollongong in nurturing your faith at home, in your own time and at your own pace? FORMED is a fantastic Faith Formation Resource library website containing thousands of faith formation documentaries, courses, movies, audio, and books covering all aspects of our Catholic faith. Materials for both adults and children.

To register for FORMED:

- Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)
- Click 'Sign up' button
- Click 'Sign Up as a Parishioner'
- Type Catholic Diocese of Wollongong into the box

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**A vocation view:** The Kingdom of Heaven is built by mutual cooperation, not competition. Work together to build the Kingdom, regardless of when God calls. (Matthew 20:1-16) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

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**Social Justice Points** Today, in a culture where people struggle against one another for dominance and become obsessed with what is visible, the Church is called to echo the words of Jesus, to bring them to life again in all their potency. - 'XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.

**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](http://dow.sh/stayingconnected) or visit [dow.sh/weeklybulletin](http://dow.sh/weeklybulletin) to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes.



## Holy Gospel according to Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'



When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Gospel Reflection by Diane Bergant

The suffering of the servant in Isaiah was brought on by God. God's role in suffering has long plagued religious people. The misfortune of sinners is seen as the just punishment for their offences, but the suffering of the righteous has always been disturbing. The servant is cast in the role of the scapegoat, the sacrificial animal upon whose back the sins of others are placed and whose death expiates the guilt of the very ones who killed it. This brutal death appeases the guilt of the blameworthy and puts an end to the violence perpetrated by the original transgressions and the violence inherent in the savage sacrifice itself. With this vicarious offering, reconciliation with God is accomplished.

The second reading contains a double exhortation: to hold fast to faith and to approach the throne of grace with confidence. It develops the theme of Jesus the high priest who intercedes for all those who turn to him. This is a high priest who was tempted in all things and, therefore, can sympathise with human struggle. Jesus' exalted state has not distanced him from us. On the contrary, he shares our limitations. As an authentic human being, he carries all of the members of the human race with him as he approaches the heavenly throne. Unlike former high priests who approached the mercy seat alone and only on the Day of Atonement, Christ enables each one of us to approach God, and to do so continually.

The gospel is filled with misunderstandings, paradoxes and reversals. James and John seek places of prominence in Jesus' kingdom and Jesus informs them that real prominence is found in service, not in wielding authority over others. The willingness of the sons of Zebedee to accept the cup that Jesus will eventually drink and to be baptised in his baptism is another example of their misunderstanding. They could hardly have imagined the implications of their words. Jesus never denies that he would be prominent in the reign of God. However, whenever he discussed either the reign itself or the role that he will play in it, he always indicated that it was God's reign and that he had been appointed by God to do God's work.

#### Reflection written by Fiona Dyball

The readings for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time again orient us to the ideal of servant leadership embodied by Jesus, and how this way of living and being completely subverts conventional power structures. A fascination with worldly power and prestige is a temptation anytime and anywhere, and today is no exception. Jesus is the model for countercultural leadership in the Kingdom of God, and it is lived out in the humble service of others.

Power in the Kingdom of God is for the benefit and building up of others. For some, even those who have been close to Jesus in his ministry, this is not really the message that they thought they would ultimately hear, and not the kind of life they thought was their deserved reward and inheritance. As disciples, we are all called to a choice for service over lip-service to participate fully in the glory of God's reign. Discipleship will lead to the cross, but also to resurrection.

The synodal process reminds us that conversion to the mind of Christ is also a process, and God's mercy and grace remain present to us as we find our way forward together. As the psalmist sings, may your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

