

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.

27 October 2024
Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B



Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah 31:7-9

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 125. R. v.3

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading from the letter to the Hebrews 5:1-6

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 10:46-52

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

NEXT WEEK

Thirty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B

First: Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Resp Ps: Ps 17:2-4. 47.

51. R.v.2

Second: Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Catechist Promotion Sunday

This weekend in our parish we are celebrating Catechist Sunday. Special Religious Education Catechists (SRE) come from all walks of life to Ensure that all children of our parish hear of God's great love for them.

**YOU CAN
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!**

There are still more children that we could be reaching! Can you give around an hour of your time a week to teach or help out in a classroom? Celebrate with us this weekend the great difference that SRE Catechists make and please speak to our Catechist Coordinator, Josephine Theunissien or one of our Catechists after Mass if you would like more information about how to get involved.

Why be a Catechist?

The impact you will have on young people is lifegiving and lasting. You will be welcomed by young people who are eager to hear about God's Love. Teaching young people to pray and nurturing their relationship with Jesus and the Church is a priceless gift that gives direction, purpose and hope.

You will make a difference in the lives of young people and form a special relationship with them that in many ways will live on in their minds and hearts long after they finish school.

"In my Vision for Parishes, Come & See, Go & Make, I implore the faithful of the diocese to truly embrace the mission of the Church, by allowing what breaks the heart of Jesus, to break our hearts too — namely, the many who do not yet know that they are loved unconditionally by God.

It is this that should be the fire within us and move us out to the borders of our small parishes, to reach out into the deep. It is this longing to make Jesus known and loved that fuels the heart of the SRE Catechist.

Come and join many others in this amazing ministry, and be the lighthouses that God created us to be as bearers of Christ's love."

Most Rev Bishop Brian Mascord DD,
Bishop of Wollongong



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: Oswald O’Flaherty, Monique Serret, Joe Spinnato, Edmond Stanley Gomez, Cory John Bulmer, Mara Srebrenovic

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rozalia Astalosh, Istvan Tubic, Angela & Angelo Tomarchio,



Our Community: Rosters

3 November 2024	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Welcomers	Paul, Lori & Myra	Sarah, Jeanne & Jessica	Beatrix & Michael
Altar Servers	Andrew, Diane, Sebastian & Eliana	Orly	Stuart & Nathan
Readers	Richard & Tracey	Tess & Laura	Gloria & Effie
Refreshments	Josephine & Glenda	Steve, Sarah, Tereza & Tess	Margaret, Geoff & Danni
Altar Linen	Berna	CLOTW: Rebecca & Asinate	
Flowers	Maria & Estela	Church Vacuuming	Tess & Effie
Counters	Vilma, Jeanette & Irene	Foyer Cleaning	Patricia & Parish Office

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 last friday at 9.30am.

Property Team meeting is on Tuesday 26 November at 7.30pm

Our Parish Notices

Community Notices

Come and join us for
All Souls Day Mass
outdoors in our Columbarium
Friday 1 November
at 7.30pm
followed by refreshments.

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.

Altar Server Training: 2, 9 & 23 November at 2pm. Each session will run for approx 2 hours and all new and current Adult & Junior Servers are required to attend. Contact the office or Andrew on 0404 233 161.

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.

Sessions on the Gospel of Luke: Luke will be the gospel we will hear most during Year C which begins with Advent. An MP3 presentation by Father Felix Just sj will be offered on the 4 Thursdays of November from 10 to 12 in the meeting Room. The session will entail two half-hour reflections with suggestions for personal prayer which can be done in your own time. Please register with Colleen via email at chaughey2@optusnet.com.au so materials can be organised.

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.

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.

Parish Advent Retreat on Saturday 30 November from 8.30am—3pm. Fr Paul Maunder will lead the retreat.

On The Journey podcast this week: Fr Rob Galea on how to break free from the curse of darkness. Mother Hilda's story on Basil Hume embracing God's constant, loving attention. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Testimony from menALIVE's Mike Conroy, and Fr Dave Callaghan MGL. available at www.jcr.org.au.

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

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. Sat 2 Nov 10:am - 4:pm.

Men's Weekend 1 – 3 November: Become more like the man you were made to be. REDEEMED is a conference dedicated to fostering spiritual growth, strength, and a supportive brotherhood, empowering men to lead with grace and conviction in their lives and communities. Don't miss out! Spots are limited. First class speakers - Fellowship with other like-minded young men; - Hiking - Rafting - Prayer - Formation – Bonfire Where: 71 Ryans Lane, Fitzroy Falls Cost: \$250 (including catering and accommodation)

Information and tickets at <https://www.redeemconf.com/>

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.

The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – Season 4 is a new 'free to view', series, 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.

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CATHOLIC PARISH VARROVILLE

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\$25 PP
Includes Sausage Sizzle
and soft drink

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Trivia Night

SAT, 9 NOV, DOORS OPEN 6:30PM
TRIVIA BEGINS 7:30 PM

PARISH HALL, 193 ST ANDREWS RD, VARROVILLE

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Holy Gospel according to Mark 10: 46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection by Diane Bergant

In the oracle (first reading), salvation is an accomplished fact; the return is an event of the future. Only a remnant consisting of the most vulnerable of the people will return. The imagery is replete with allusions to new life. Ephraim, who received his inheritance through adoption by Jacob, was granted the privileges of the first-born in place of his older brother (cf. Gen 48:5-20). Just as the returnees are evidence of God's willingness to grant a second chance, so Ephraim symbolises kinship through God's choice. The restoration promised here is clearly a work of God. Customary human initiative plays no role in it.

Confidence in God's saving power is here based on remembrance of God's former saving acts. Israel's great blessing was the return from exile. In it, other nations see God's preference for the most vulnerable. The reversal of fortune is described in symbolic language: sowing in tears, and reaping in joy; leaving with only the promise of harvest, and returning with its abundant fruits. God will replace the tragedy that marks the circumstances of the people with good fortune. This is their prayer; it is for this that they hope. They are confident that their prayer will be answered and their hope will be realised, because God has been gracious to them in the past.

High priests interceded with God on behalf of the people. Acknowledgment of their commonly shared human limitations and weaknesses prevented them from assuming an arrogant air. No one took the office of high priest upon himself. Like Aaron who was explicitly called by God (Exod 28:1; Num 3:10), the high priest must belong to one of the divinely appointed priestly families. However, Jesus did not trace his ancestry to one of the priestly families, and there was no need for him to make sin offerings for himself. The quotes from psalms identified him as a son of God (Ps 2:7) and as the priest-king Melchizedek of old (Gen 14:18). Like the royal high priest, Jesus is the representative before God.

The account of the healing of a blind man is also a call narrative, for the man interprets Jesus' words in this way. When he hears that it is Jesus of Nazareth who is passing by him, he identifies Jesus as a descendant of David and the long-awaited one who would fulfil religious and political expectations. When Jesus called for him, he threw his cloak aside, leaving behind the alms he had already collected as well as his life of begging. The man who was blind had eyes of faith and he acted on this faith, publicly proclaiming it. As a consequence of his profession, Jesus tells him that it is this faith that gave him his sight. In his eagerness to respond to Jesus' call, he had already left everything. Having been cured, he now follows Jesus.

