

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.

6 October 2024
Twentyseventh Sunday
In ordinary time

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, heaven and the earth, and all that is held with the circle of heaven: you are the Lord of all.

First Reading from the book of
Genesis 2: 18-24

Responsorial Psalm

PS 127 R. v.5

(R.) May the Lord bless us all
the days of our lives.

Second Reading from the letter
of Hebrews 2: 9-11

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love
one another, God we live in us
in perfect love. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to Mark
10: 2-16

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who
hope in him, to the soul that
seeks him.



**THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
TO SUPPORT THE RETIREMENT AND HEALTH OF
CLERGY AND THE SOUND AND HOLISTIC FORMATION
OF SEMINARIANS**

**Thank you for your generous support of this appeal
last weekend. Tax deductible donations are still
being gratefully received online via
the Diocese of Wollongong's website
www.dow.org.au/giving**

***"I am very grateful for your support in helping me to
ensure that we can provide for the
retirement and health of clergy, and the sound and
holistic formation of our seminarians. God
bless you."***

+Bishop Brian Mascord



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 & Devotion: First Friday from 7.30pm
Samoa Mass: First Sunday of May at 12	Healing Mass: first Satur- day of each month at 9am	Reconciliation: Sat 11am

Prayer intentions

For the sick and homebound: Reg Bucknell, Mary Ponnappalam, 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, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Pat Stewart. Catherine, Elizabeth & Monika, Mara Srebrenovic
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: John McDermott, Mary Carmel, Tracey Bautovich, Antonio Manuel Azevedo

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them
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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. (30 April)

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

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

Fundraising Team meeting is on Wednesday 24 April at 7.30pm.

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 Friday 19 April 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

Parish and Community Notices

Major Cash Raffle: We still have 45 books of tickets available so if you haven't already taken home a book of tickets please take one today. The draw will be held on Sunday 13 October. Remember to return your books before the draw.

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- Click 'Sign up' button
- Click 'Sign Up as a Parishioner'
- Type Catholic Diocese of Wollongong into the box on the left

Youth Mass, Saturday, 12 October 2024 at 6pm. "Ascent Youth Group" is a vibrant group of young people from 13 to 17 yrs journeying together to know Christ that meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month in the parish hall. As a gratitude for this ministry that fosters friendship, nurtures faith and creates enjoyable programs for a year now, we would like to invite all other young people to come and join the Youth Mass on the 12th of October, Saturday at 6 pm to celebrate its anniversary.

Blessing of Animals, Monday, 7 October at 9:30am As usual, the Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 7 October at 9:30am at the Parish of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 900kg and their carers are welcome, though please keep fleas well-muzzled. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Friday, 4 October, with Mass at 9:30am – All animals are welcome.

Holy Gospel according to Mark 10: 2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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The Pharisees were not asking about the acceptability of divorce; it was permitted by law. Jesus responds to their challenge with one of his own. Without undermining the authority of Moses, he goes beyond the Mosaic tradition to the original intent of God as found in the creation account. In God's design the couple become one flesh and must not be separated. Later Jesus explains his challenge of the patriarchal understanding of divorce and remarriage. Jesus then makes children the symbol and model of those who would receive and enter the reign of God. The reign of God must be accepted as children might accept a gift. Furthermore, it must also be entered with the unself-consciousness of children.

