

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.

10 November 2024
Thirty second Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B



Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading from the first book of the Kings 17:10-16

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading from the letter to the Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to Mark 12:38-44

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

Next Week

Thirty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B

First: Daniel 12:1-3

Resp Ps: Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

Second: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Blessed Francisco Palau y Quer, founder of the Carmelite Missionaries

It was in the little island of El Vedrà (Spain) that this remarkable hermit discovered the central point of his mission: to serve and defend the object of his ardent love, the Holy Church, THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST, which he contemplated mystically under the prototype of Mary.

From this experience his life made him become a hermit, apostle, mystic, prophet, exorcist... These diverse facets harmonized in the soul of this Carmelite friar who, in his excelling love for the Church, became mystically united to her.

In 1860 he founded a mixed Congregation of Third Order of Discalced Carmelites, including both Brothers and Sisters, in the Balearic Islands (Spain). The legacy of this foundation is carried on by two religious congregations of women who serve throughout the world.

The Carmelite Missionaries put up a foundation that will carry on the work bearing the name of Fr. Francisco Palau. That is called FFPFI (FR. FRANCISCO PALAU FOUNDATION INCORPORATED). This foundation has the goal of uplifting the economic, educational, moral and spiritual situation of our brothers and sisters who need our support. It envisions a society of transformed and self-empowered individuals living in communion with love of God and neighbour enjoying their dignity as human beings.

The specific means by which this foundation expresses itself in assisting our needy brothers and sisters are all found in their established objectives, as follows: " FEEDING PROGRAM " EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP " HELP VICTIMS OF NATURAL CALAMITIES " INCOME GENERATING PROJECT FOR THE POOR " INTEGRAL FORMATION FOR THE POOR " PROMOTE OTHER PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFITS OF THE POOREST OF THE POOR.

We invite you to become part of this journey of communion with our more challenged brethren by sharing the blessings that you received from God according to your kindness and generosity. We believe that God is never outdone in generosity, and He will continue to call more people who are willing to manifest into the world the generosity of God by through their generous sharing of blessings to our needy brethren.

We thank you for your continuous support of this foundation.

May God bless us all!

There will be an extra leaving collection this weekend to support the work of FFPFI.



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

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



Our Community: Rosters

17 November 2024	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Welcomers	Estela & Cecilia	Gabriel , Bianca & Antony	Stuart, Judy & Jackie
Altar Servers	Maria, Cassandra, Abigail & Austin	Orly	Vu & Nathan
Readers	Ryan P & Michael B	Irene & Lee	Tim & Sheenalyn
Refreshments	Emmarie & Berna	Volunteer	Beatrix & Madonna
Altar Linen	Nellie	CLOTW: Sarah & Janny	
Flowers	Maree & Asinate	Church Vacuuming	Gerard & Maritas
Counters	Christine, Cira & Tess	Foyer Cleaning	Estela & Maritas

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.

Altar Server Training: 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

Pastoral Care Team meets on last friday at 9.30am.

Our Parish Notices

Community Notices

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.

Rosters will finish at the end of November. Reminders will be sent out this week via your whatsapp groups. Please send your commitment for the next 6 months. New members are welcome to join our ministry rosters. For more information call the parish office.

Parish Recollection Day Sunday 16 November from 8.30am

For those who are discerning and wish to discern their spiritual gifts. Register at the parish office.

Young Adult Ministry: We would like to invite all 18-40yr old to come and join our Young Adult Ministry. We are hoping to start this journey initially through an advent reflection program starting on the 1st Sunday of December at 6pm. Come along for a meet and greet over BBQ on Sunday 17 November at 6 pm. Invite your friends who are seeking to build up in their faith and be part of our humble community.

Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday 24 November from 11am – 3pm. The topic is Come & See, Go & Make, reviewing the past year in our parish and looking forward to 2025. Lunch will be provided. All are warmly encouraged to attend and participate in planning our future priorities.

Parish Advent Retreat is on Saturday 30 November from 8.30am – 3pm. The day will include Mass, a talk about advent given by Fr Paul Maunder, Reconciliation, Adoration. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Entry by donation.

El Roi: The God Who Sees Me (Women's Retreat), 17-19

November: Prepare for Advent through this women's retreat, as we spend time together listening to God's unique heart of love for each one of us. This retreat is supported by the Catholic Women's Network in the Archdiocese of Sydney. Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW
Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBRE>
Contact: Berna - mglisters.sydney@gmail.com

Summer School of Evangelisation (Sydney): 7-14 January 2025

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville Summer School is a week-long, live-in, life-changing retreat featuring praise and worship, inspiring talks, engaging liturgy, time to chill & learn and more in the midst of a community of 150+ young people aged 16-35. Registrations open 31st October. Register by 30th November to receive early bird rates. More info: contact@summerschool.org.au.
Bookings: summerschool.org.au

Filipino & Friends Parish Community Association are hosting a fundraiser at Dumeresq St Cinema on Tuesday 26 November to watch "Wicked".

Tickets are \$20 and are available by calling 0475 920 343.

Diocesan Annual Catechist Mass All active and retired SRE Catechists and those involved in the Sacramental preparation of children are warmly invited to the Annual Catechist Mass and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, 7 December, at 9:30 am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. This special gathering is a wonderful opportunity to come together with fellow Life Members, fellow catechists, award recipients, special guests, and their families. Whether you're new to the CCD ministry or have served for many years, we look forward to celebrating with you! Join Bishop Brian Mascord, clergy, and fellow SRE and sacramental teachers and helpers for this celebration, followed by a light luncheon. RSVP dow.sh/cm24 or contact Helen Bennett at helen.bennett@dow.org.au for more information.

A Young Adults Advent Special! Let's get Advent Ready!

(Over 18 event) Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWEOF> After one awesome and blessed year since our first Vocations Promotions Event in late October 2023 (at the Campbelltown Catholic Club) we have plenty to celebrate at our last event of the year! Join us for a night of great company and Outdoor Screening of the Chosen Christmas Special on Saturday, 16 November from 5pm at 415 Douglas Park Drive, Douglas Park (25 minutes from Campbelltown and Wollongong). Follow signage on site to parking and event site. We hope to see you there!

Catholic Youth & Young Adults Wollongong serves young people in Illawarra, Macarthur, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven regions. To stay up to date with what is happening around the diocese, head to our social media and scan the code to see to access the youth calendar.

The Journey, 10 November – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast

On The Journey This Week: Fr Joshua Whicker MGL says that we're called to hold nothing back from God. Mother Hilda says God often says "yeah" in our conversations with him. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron & Francine Pirola, and Fr Mike Delaney. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

One Music Festival This Music festival is an ecumenical family event aiming to bring different generations & denominations together to celebrate and experience Jesus in community. All ages welcome. The event will be held Saturday November 16th at Kiama Showground and Pavilion from 2.00pm to 9.00pm. Live music, food vans, games, guest speaker, messages of hope in a beautiful seaside setting. For more information and tickets go to: onemusicfestival.com

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 or visit dow.sh/weekly bulletin to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes.

Holy Gospel according to Mark 12:38-44

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Gospel Reflection by Diane Bergant

The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models.

Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him.

It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

YOUNG ADULT
"GREET AND GRILL"
17TH NOV
SUN, 6 PM
SEE YOU AFTER MASS
All 18-40 yrs old are invited to come and meet other young Adults and experience a relaxing environment of fellowship and faith.
For inquiry call the office P: (02) 9603 7373 M: 0434 705 176

"Walking towards Synodality"
RECOLLECTION DAY
Mt Carmel Retreat place,
247 St Andrews Rd
NOV 17, SUN
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
See you at the Priory hall
One Body with Many Members
For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.
I Cor 12:12-27
Enjoy the day immersed in prayer, empowered sharing, and together celebrate the gifts God has given to us as church.
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