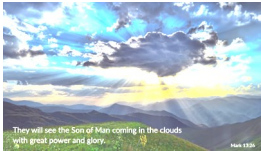


We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.

17 November 2024
Thirty third Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B



Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading from the first book of the Daniel 12: 1-3

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1
(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

Second Reading

from the letter to the Hebrews 10:11-14,18

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to Mark 13:28-32

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Next Week

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe,
Year B**

First: Daniel 7:13-14
Resp Ps: Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1
Second: Revelation 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33-37

Annual Parish Meeting next Sunday 24 November at 10.30am

This is an invitation to all parishioners to attend our Annual Parish Meeting next Sunday. The day will be hosted by our Parish Pastoral Council and Leadership Team.

At Pentecost in May everyone was given a brochure about our new Parish Pastoral Plan 2024—2029. This brochure contains the Parish Pastoral Mission and Vision. Our meeting next week will provide an opportunity for each parishioner to hear about the wonderful things that have been happening in our parish in the past year and also an opportunity to help form the strategies and action items that is required to achieve the vision and support each other.

Our Parish Pastoral Mission & Vision draws strongly from “Come and See & Go and Make” A Vision for Parishes (Diocese of Wollongong, 2023) as well as feedback from the Annual Parish Meeting (2023), the current Pastoral Plan and prayerful discernment by the Leadership teams.

Our Vision – Everyone in our parish community will encounter the love and the mercy of the Father through Jesus Christ, be accompanied by a community of believers and be equipped to share that encounter with others in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We have further articulated this vision under 6 key themes.

- ◆ Evangelisation: Reaching out and sharing our faith.
- ◆ Discipleship: Learning and growing together in faith
- ◆ Leadership: Guiding and inspiring others to grow as missionary disciples.
- ◆ Community: Loving and caring for one another.
- ◆ Worship: Celebrating and praising God’s presence
- ◆ Ministry/Service: Giving of ourselves.

It’s important these six elements work together so that the love of God might come to life in people.

In order to bring these vision areas to life a key priority will be the development of a discipleship pathway that allows people of any faith understanding to:

- ◆ Grow (come & see) and
- ◆ Evangelise (go & make).

As members of our parish community we are all challenged to contribute to our mission.. We can do this by:

- ◆ Being active members of our community.
- ◆ Celebrating the Eucharist together each Sunday.
- ◆ Using our gifts in the service of others.
- ◆ Supporting our mission financially.
- ◆ Sharing the good news with others
- ◆ Praying our parish prayer that our parish might be all that the Lord is calling us to be.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided for all attendees. I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Parish Meeting next Sunday.

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: Fr David Catterall, 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.

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,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those whom we especially remember during the month of November.

Joe Cuomo, Rozalia Astalosh, Istvan Tubic, Angela & Angelo Tomarchio, *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine*



Our Community: Rosters

24 November 2024	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Welcomers	Glen & Arlene	Chris, Margaret & Irene	Patricia & Maryanne
Altar Servers	Berna , Christian , Elijah & Austin	Orly	Robert & Nathan
Readers	Suzanne & Russell	Allan & Aida	Leah & Madonna
CLOTW:		Rebecca & Lee	
Flowers	Jeanne & Jessica	Church Vacuuming	Susan
Counters	Richard & Michael	Altar Linen	Ann Maree

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: 23 November at 2pm. Last 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

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.

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.

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.

Community Notices

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, Weekly Podcast This Week: Fr Mark De Battista calls us to reflect on Christ's second coming, urging perseverance and vigilance amidst an apocalyptic theme. Mother Hilda on transforming Broken Heart Syndrome. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Trish McCarthy, and Pete Gilmore. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

Advent Reflection Group will commence on Tuesday 26 November at 7.30pm in the parish meeting room. All welcome to attend.

Advent reflection booklets, The Light, are available to purchase at the parish office for \$5 per booklet.

Celebrate the Babe, Christmas Carols will be held on Saturday 14 December at 7pm in the parish hall. Save the date and bring your family for a night of caroling. Singers are welcome to join. Please contact the parish office to register your interest if you wish to perform.

Go Deeper in your Faith with popular & FREE Catholic Podcasts

- Bible in a Year

Ascension Press will again run the Catholic Bible in a Year Podcast featuring Fr Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins in 2024. It remains one of the world's leading podcasts with over 400 million downloads. While a new podcast is released daily, you can do it at your own pace signing up at www.ascensionpress.com/biy and it's not too late to catch up or simply work through at your own pace.

- Catechism in a Year

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Holy Gospel according to Mark 13: 24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'
The Gospel of the Lord.



Gospel Reflection by Diane Bergant

The apocalyptic scene depicts the final struggle at the end of time and the subsequent resurrection to a life of horror or one of glorification. The suffering is probably the final tribulation that will come to pass before the appearance of the eschatological reign of God. It was considered the 'birth pangs of the messiah', the agony that must be endured if the reign of God is to be born. The allusion to some kind of resurrection from the dead followed by reward and punishment is clear. This vision is one of hope and challenge for those who are undergoing great distress.

The psalm verses speak of covenant relationship with God and the confidence that flows from it. The allotted land is the inheritance each tribe was given and which was handed down generation after generation. The cup might be the communal cup passed around, from which all drank. This action solidified the union of all who drank from the common cup. When this action took place at a cultic meal, those participating in the feast were joined not only to each other but to the deity as well. God is at the psalmist's right hand, standing as an advocate or a refuge. Such protection is reason for profound rejoicing.

An understanding of the Jewish practice of sin offering is behind the explanation of the unique sacrifice of Christ. The efficacy of this sacrifice transcends both spatial and temporal limits. Through his unrepeatable sacrifice Jesus is able to expiate all transgressions of all people of all time. His singular status as priest and inestimable value as victim set this sacrifice apart from all others. Jesus is seated at God's right hand, the recognised place of highest honour (Psalm 110). With his sacrifice, Jesus has accomplished what the sacrificial system of Israel, despite its preeminence, was unable to accomplish.

The coming of the Son of Man in the clouds, an allusion to the mysterious figure in the Book of Daniel (7:13), heralds the advent of the new age. This mysterious figure comes in power and glory, not in fury and destruction; he comes to gather the elect, not to scatter them. This is the great ingathering of the elect, the time of harvesting, the 'day of the LORD'. Jesus points to the fig tree's blossoming in the spring as a sign of the advent of the events he has just described. Unlike the ripening of the figs, which can be expected at a particular time of the year, the exact time of the coming of the new age is shrouded in mystery.

The lesson to be learned from all of this is: Be prepared! At all times, be prepared! Be prepared for the coming tribulation; be prepared for the appearance of the Son of Man. Be prepared!

Annual Parish Meeting Sunday 24 November



Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Parish Pastoral Plan
2024 - 2029



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A MISSION FOR PARISHES
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Our Mission
To know, love and serve Jesus
by sharing our gifts through
our Baptismal mission.

morning tea
& lunch
provided

Parish hall
11am - 3pm



Our Lady of Mount Carmel
193 ST. ANDREWS, VARROVILLE, NSW

Everyone is invited

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

30 NOVEMBER 2024
SATURDAY
8:30AM TO 3PM

Mass
Talk
Reconciliation
Adoration

Speaker: Fr. Paul Maunder, OCD

Morning Tea and Lunch to be served
Registration fee by donation

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Let every heart
prepare...