

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.

**3rd November 2024**  
**Thirtieth-first Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time Year B**



**Entrance Antiphon**

Forsake me not,  
O Lord, my God; be not far  
from me! Make haste and  
come to my help, O Lord, my  
strong salvation!

**First Reading** from the book  
of Deuteronomy 6:2-6

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

**Response:** I love you Lord,  
my strength.

**Second Reading** from the  
letter of St Paul to the  
Hebrews 7:23-28

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my  
words, and my Father will  
love them and we will come  
to them. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel according to**  
Mark 12:28-34

**Communion Antiphon**

You will show me the path  
of life, the fullness of joy in  
your presence, O Lord.

**Next Week**

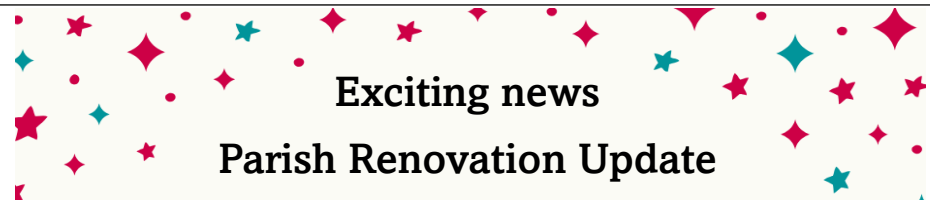
**Thirty-second Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time Year B**

First: 1 Kings 17:10-16

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

Second: Hebrews 9: 24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44



**Exciting news**

**Parish Renovation Update**

I am very pleased to inform you all that we will be commencing our long awaited foyer renovation this month. The exact date is not confirmed as the builder is currently preparing to commence the work.

I have signed a contract with Ikona Developments to renovate the foyer, kitchen and toilet areas. The construction is expected to be completed within 6 months.

I thank the Property and Finance Committees for their diligence and perseverance in pursuing our goal, amidst many obstacles and delays. I especially acknowledge the work Steve Locke has done to keep this project on track.

During the construction the portico and front of the church will be fenced off and we will not have access to the building site. The main entrance to the church will be through the side door on the right side of our building. Portable toilets will be located on the left side of the building near the meditation garden between the church and the meeting room. Access to the meeting room will be through the office door.

In the carpark, there will be no drive through access. Parishioners with restricted mobility should park their cars close to the new entrance by entering through the second gate (usually the exit gate). Some disabled parking signs will be installed in this carpark.

Some of our ministries will be impacted during the construction stage and we will appreciate your assistance in maintaining our parish masses and activities during this time. Each ministry leader will be contacted by Patricia in the next 2 weeks to answer any questions you may have.

For those who have currently have keys and need access to the church, please contact the parish office asap. On Saturday 9 November at 10.30am, we will have an information session and new keys can be collected from Patricia. All ministries are encouraged to send a representative to this meeting.

Also, on 9 November from 8am, we will have a working bee to relocate some of the furniture and supplies stored in in the rooms where the construction will take place.

Thank you all for your support of this project and we look forward to enjoying the new facilities when they are completed.



## 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

Parish Priest:  
**Fr. Shane Kelleher OCD**

Parish Associate:  
**Sr “Jill” Girlie Sudario, CM**

### Office Hours

**Tuesday-Friday: 9.30am-12.30pm**

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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:** Mariam Radja, 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

10 November 2024	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
<b>Welcomers</b>	Tracey & Richard	Martin, Violeti & Paul	Geoff, Margaret & Danni
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ryan, Amana, Elijah & Eliarna	Orly	Michael & Nathan
<b>Readers</b>	Candice & Eliarna	Andy & Caroline	Fev & Niya
<b>Refreshments</b>	Estela & Myra	Samoan Choir Community	Leah & Patricia
<b>Altar Linen</b>	Maria	<b>CLOTW:</b> Josephine & Nellie	
<b>Flowers</b>	Lorraine & Effie	<b>Church Vacuuming</b>	Feiloakitohi Family
<b>Counters</b>	Margaret & Jeanne	<b>Foyer Cleaning</b>	Feiloakitohi Family

## 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

**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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**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](mailto:chaughey2@optusnet.com.au) so materials can be organised.

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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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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Thank You for your support of the Bishops Annual Appeal in September.** Our Parish has collected \$1189.00 for the support of Seminarians and retired clergy in our Diocese.

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**Catholic Mission Appeal** in October to raise funds for the House of Mercy in Mongolia has raised \$2156.40 Thank you for supporting this church and help to provide critical assistance to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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**Francisco Palau Appeal;** Next weekend we will be conducting an appeal for the Francisco Palau Foundation on behalf of our Carmelite Missionary Sisters.

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**On The Journey podcast this week:** Fr James McCarthy says that self-love, often overlooked, is essential love for others and for God. Mother Hilda tells how we can offer comfort to God by giving him a foot massage. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Trish McCarthy, and Deacon Josh Clayton The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au).

## Community Notices



**FRIENDSHIP GROUP  
MELBOURNE CUP  
DAY LUNCHEON**

**12pm - 4pm**

**Tuesday 5 November**

## Annual Parish Meeting Sunday 24 November



Parish Pastoral Plan  
2024 - 2029

**Our Mission**  
*To know, love and serve Jesus  
by sharing our gifts through  
our Baptismal mission.*



**morning tea  
& lunch  
provided**

**Parish hall  
11am - 3pm**

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**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](http://watch.thechosen.tv) to watch on your own, or better still with family and friends. or as a parish!

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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.

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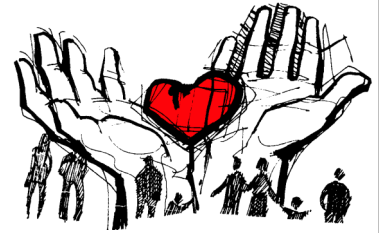
- Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)
- Click 'Sign up' button
- Click 'Sign Up as a Parishioner'
- Type Catholic Diocese of Wollongong into the box

**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/weekly](http://dow.sh/weekly) bulletin to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes.

## Holy Gospel according to Mark 12: 28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him anymore.

The Gospel of the Lord.



## Gospel Reflection by Diane Bergant

The first reading contains what many consider the most significant prayer of the Israelite religion. It is a profession of faith in the one God to whom belongs Israel's exclusive and undivided commitment. This God is the patron deity of Israel, the one who drew the people out of Egyptian bondage, led them through the perils of the wilderness, and brought them into the land of promise. This profession of faith is found within a summons to obedience. This obedience cannot be simply external conformity to law. It must be total commitment to God, and all of their interior faculties must be involved in this commitment – the heart, the soul and the strength.

The psalm of praise for deliverance contains an array of metaphors characterising God. They include: rock, fortress, deliverer, shield, horn of salvation, stronghold. Although they each have their respective meanings, they all embody some aspect of deliverance. The victory cry 'The Lord lives!' is a cultic formula that extols God's dynamic activity. Because the psalm speaks of the psalmist's need for defence and deliverance, the reference is certainly to God's saving activity in history. What began as a hymn of thanksgiving is now a doxology of praise of God's mighty accomplishments. The very last verse introduces a royal theme. The God who has been the defence of the psalmist has also secured victory for the king. Three aspects of the extraordinary high priesthood of Jesus are celebrated in the second reading: its permanence, the holiness of Jesus the high priest, and the legitimacy of the high priesthood. This passage underscores the excellence of Jesus' high office by contrasting its divine character with the very human character of the Levitical priesthood. The permanent nature of Jesus's high priesthood enables him to intercede for others, as the high priests did, but without interruption. Four adjectives describe the holiness of Jesus – holy, innocent, undefiled, and separated from what is sinful. They recall the attributes that constitute Levitical purity. Finally, Jesus' high priesthood is legitimated by identifying Jesus with Melchizedek, whose priesthood was established by a divine oath (cf. Heb 7:20; Ps 110:4).

By the time of Jesus, 613 commandments had grown up surrounding the official biblical law. While all were considered delivered by God to Moses, some were more important than others. The scribe should have understood this. Jesus does not single out any particular law, but endorses the summons that constitutes the *Shema*, the most significant prayer of the Israelite religion (cf. Deut 6:5). Jesus was asked to identify one commandment, and he offers two. The second is a citation from the Book of Leviticus (19:18). By bringing these admonitions together as he does, Jesus shows that, though not identical, they are interrelated. No one dared challenge Jesus again. What else was there to ask? What other answer could be given?

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**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

Sr. Jill - 0481373124

**Let every heart prepare...**