

What is the Vinnies Community Sleepout?

A Vinnies Community Sleepout is an experiential event where participants are given nothing more than a piece of cardboard, a cup of soup and bread for dinner and will brave the cold for one night whilst learning about some of the harsh realities faced by those experiencing homelessness and disadvantage.

It encourages participants to gain a deeper understanding of homelessness whilst raising funds and awareness to help those in their community who are doing it tough.

Join our Parish sleepout or sponsor someone who has braved the cold and experienced a night on a sheet of cardboard this weekend.



OLMC VARROVILLE SLEEP OUT
supporting Vinnies Winter Appeal
JOIN US 19 JULY 2025
REGISTER and SPONSOR



Enquiries contact Gabriel Mafi 0438 653 401
<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-community-sleepouts/our-lady-of-mountain-carmel-varroville-community-sleepout>

Readings this week

Entrance Antiphon:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading from the book of Genesis 18:1-10

Resp Psalm: Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

Response: The just will live in the

presence of the Lord.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

according to Luke 10:38-42

Mass and Devotions

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9.30am & 5p

Samoan Mass: 1st Sunday of August at 12.

Filipino Mass: 3rd Sunday of each month at 11.15am

Children's Mass: 5th Sunday of the month at 9.30am

Weekday Mass

- 9am each day except Thursday;
- Thursday at 7.30p
- Healing Mass on the 1st Saturday of each month at 9am

Devotions & Prayer groups

- Adoration with the Rosary: Sat at 9.3a
- Alliance of the 2 hearts Mass & devotion: 1st Fri at 7.30pm
- Divine Mercy Devotion: 3rd Sunday of each month at 3pm
- Children's Ministry Gathering will meet on the 4th Sunday from 3– 5 pm

Parish Notices

Fiesta thank you and congratulations to the Fiesta Organising committee and especially to all the volunteers who prepared for and welcomed our visitors on the day. The entire day was a celebration of all the wonderful things our parish has to offer.

The renovations are almost complete: Now the fencing has been removed and we can see the new foyer through the windows. It won't be long till the doors are opened again.

Formation for parents of children enrolling for sacraments this year will be held on Saturday 26 July at 4pm. Enrolments are presently being accepted for Confirmation and First Reconciliation preparation.

The funeral arrangements for Fr David Catterall are as follows:

On Wednesday 23 July there will be a Vigil Mass to be led by Bishop Brian Mascord at 6.30pm at Mary MacKillop Catholic Church, Oran Park.

On Thursday 24 July at 11am the funeral Mass will be held at St Paul's Catholic Church, Albion Park.

You are welcome to come to the parish meeting room, where it will be streamed on Thursday at 11am for anyone who wishes to attend.

Creating a Culture of Invitation: An evening with Michael Harvey on Monday 21 July at 7pm at St John's Parish Hall, Campbelltown
Register today and bring a friend: <http://dow.sh/culture> . Whether you're a parish leader, team member, or simply someone who cares deeply about the Church's mission — this evening will both encourage and challenge you. You'll walk away with practical ideas, renewed hope, and a deeper belief that the Gospel still works — one invitation at a time. Let's take a step toward the Church we're called to.

menALIVE Regional Weekend 9 – 10 August ; Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong. Come along to our menALIVE weekend and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life. For more information and to register: <https://menalive-weekend-2025>

2025 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 24 August 2025 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room. Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2025> by no later than Monday, 11 August 2025. Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

CatholicCare Ageing with Confidence Wed 23 July Campbelltown Catholic Club, 10am-1pm Join Robert Fitzgerald AM, Age Discrimination Commissioner, as he explores the critical issues facing older Australians today - including elder abuse and ageism - while offering practical insights and strategies for ageing with dignity, purpose and positivity. Free event. To register go to catholiccare.dow.org.au or call 42271122

Next week: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First: Genesis 18:20-32

Resp Ps: Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

Second: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13



For the sick and homebound:

Pat Cullen, Mary Ponnappalam, Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Pat Stewart, Allan Marquinez.

May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain and affliction.



For our recently departed: John Rogan, Reg Bucknell

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Margaret Farrell *Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.*

Holy Gospel according to Luke 10:38-42

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.



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