

Ministry Drive @ Our Lady of Mount Carmel

1 Peter 4:10 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as good stewards of God's varied grace".

What are your spiritual gifts?

Where are you sharing your gifts in our parish?

To help you to decide, we will highlight some ministries every weekend in the coming weeks. For you to understand what ministries are alive in our parish and what is involved if you want to join. There will be stories, people to talk to, posters, videos and sign-up sheets. Some ministries are around the worship, many are behind the scenes, during the week or only at certain times of the year.



Are you unsure what your gifts are?

Spiritual gifts are supernatural abilities given by the Holy Spirit to build up the church, while natural talents are innate or learned abilities that anyone can possess, regardless of faith, and can be used for various purposes.

How Can I Recognize My Spiritual Gifts?

- 1 Invite the Holy Spirit. ...
- 2 Seek prayer, discernment, and blessing from your spiritual leaders. ...
- 3 Use a spiritual gifts inventory...

Inside the bulletin this weekend is a ministry commitment form. Please fill it out today or take it home and during the next few weeks explore your spiritual gifts and natural talents. Consider how can you share your gifts by joining one of the parish ministries and imagine what the benefit will be to our parish if EVERYONE shares their God given gifts?



The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be promoted in our diocese during the month of September. To find out more or make a tax deductible donation please visit www.dow.org.au/giving, scan the QR code or call (02) 4222 2400 to make a donation over the phone. A special collection will take place in our parish on the weekends of 20/21 & 27/28 September.

"Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired clergy, who have always cared for us; and the sound and holistic formation of our Seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop. I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated."

+ **Bishop Brian Mascord**

21 September 2025 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

A reading from the prophet Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. see vv.1, 7 (R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 2: 1-8

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to Luke 16: 1-13

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

NEXT WEEK
Twenty-sixth Sunday
Year C

First: Amos 6:1, 4-7
Respons Psalm: Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2
Second: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Mass and Devotions

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9.30am & 5pm

Samoan Mass: 1st Sunday of October at 12noon

Maori Mass: 1st Sunday of each month at 2pm

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 7.30pm

Healing Mass on the 1st Saturday of each month at 9am.

Reconciliation

every Saturday at 11am

Devotions & Prayer groups

Adoration with the Rosary:

Saturday at 9.30am

Alliance of the 2 hearts Mass

& devotion: 1st Friday of each month at 7.30pm

Divine Mercy Devotion: 3rd Sunday of each month at 3pm

Faith Circles: every Monday at 2pm & 7pm via zoom

Holy Family Fellowship:

every 4th Saturday at 7pm.

Book Club: meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 10am.

Friendship Group: is on the 1st Tuesday of the Month

Bible Study & Reflection

Group: meets Monday at 10am.

Children's Ministry

Gathering will meet on the 4th Sunday from 3– 5 pm

Ascent Youth Ministry:

meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday from 6.30pm.

Parish Notices

OLMC Children's Group Get Together on Sunday 28th September 2025 between 3pm and 5pm. For Ages 5-12.

The Alpha Journey continues to meet on Tuesday at 7pm and Friday at 530pm in the Parish meeting room. Please join us.

Altar Server Training has begun and will continue to train every Saturday @ 4pm until 11 October 2025. This is for new and existing Altar Servers. For more information contact the parish office

An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council An electronic regular gift provides many benefits. You will find it a secure, convenient and efficient way to regularly support your parish, while also reducing our administration costs. It will also help us to confidently forecast and plan, as we know that we can rely on your support. You can increase, decrease, discontinue Continuing or restart your monthly gift at any time. Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/> to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.

Vocaris: Testimony Night! Saturday, 4 October (6pm to 10pm)

Wilton Community Centre: Main Hall, 20 Broughton Street, WILTON
Inviting all young adults (over the age of 18) to our next VOCARIS, a testimony night – a powerful evening of faith, testimonies, and community, brought to you by the Vocations Promotions Team! Whether you're a regular at events or brand new, you're so welcome here. What's for Dessert? HOT CHOCOLATE STATION. For more details and registration visit: [dow.sh/4mIVvrD](https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/)

Caritas Australia – Season of Creation: The Season of Creation's call for Peace with Creation aligns powerfully with the Turn Debt into Hope campaign, as communities burdened by debt are often those facing the worst environmental challenges. This Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October), Caritas Australia is inviting parishioners to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by:

☐ signing the Turn Debt into Hope petition, either online or by downloading and printing a hard copy – caritas.org.au/debt

☐ committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a Catholic Earthcare Household - caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/

Blessing of Animals, Monday, 6 October at 9:30am. As usual, the Blessing of Animals will take place at the Parish of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul on the Monday of the long weekend, 6 October at 9:30am. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 800kg and their carers/handlers are welcome, though please keep the larger pythons on a tight leash. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Saturday, 4 October, and there will be a special Mass at 9:30am – animals are welcome at that Mass.

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral & ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

The Age of Authenticity: A New Path to Renewal, Thurs 18 Sept 6pm-7pm. Venue: Online Cost: Free In today's world, personal authenticity is often seen as the highest good. But what does this mean for the Church's mission in a culture shaped by secularism? Together, Bishop Mark Edwards and Sr Kathryn Kingsley, MGL will explore this cultural shift through the lens of Charles Taylor's *A Secular Age*—a work that has shaped how many understand belief and unbelief in modern times. Find out more

and register: <https://www.dow.org.au/events/the-age-of-authenticity-a-new-path-to-renewal/>

Palms International Volunteering: Opening our hands to the World A number of overseas communities in Asia and the Pacific are seeking Australian Catholics for Global Mission. For those of the faithful who hear the call we are offering an opportunity to live and use their professional expertise to mentor others in an overseas community. Palms is holding a webinar on **Thursday 30 October 7pm – 8.30** for all those interested to know more of the mission life. As an online session we expect parishioners will find this easier to fit into their busy schedules.
e: palms@palms.org.au web: www.palms.org.au

The Way of Hope – National Alpha Catholic Conference 2025, Fri 31 Oct – Sat 1 Nov 2025, Liverpool Catholic Club, Sydney Join with Peter Gilmore and others from the Diocese of Wollongong, as we will gather for inspiring talks and testimonies, opportunities to connect with others from across Australia and be inspired to be missionary disciples, using the Alpha tools as vibrant resource and being inspired to discern what God is doing in your life, your parish, your school, and our Church. Your conference ticket will include all plenary sessions, breakout sessions, panel discussions, time of prayer including Mass and Adoration, two morning teas, two lunches, & dinner on Friday evening. Earlybird pricing ends 15 Sept. Find out more and register here <https://www.dow.org.au/events/alpha-catholic-conference-2025/>

The Journey is the weekly podcast for parishioners in the Diocese of Wollongong. Each week it brings you great music, formation in faith, with an array of fantastic presenters from our Diocese and around Australia. Just go to www.jcr.org.au and we will send it to you each week.

Catechist Retreat 2025: Growing in Faith, Hope and Love As part of the Jubilee for Catechists, Growing in Faith, Hope and Love will be a joyful day of celebration and a special time to be nourished and refreshed. Wonderful facilitators: Jude Hennessy, Fr Bernard Gordon VG, and Sr Magdalen Mather OSB, will each lead us into a richer and more personal understanding of the theological virtues: Faith, Hope and Love. The retreat will be 9:30am - 2:30pm in two locations: Rosemeadow on Friday 26 Sept. Spouses are welcome. Morning Tea is provided. BYO lunch. To register go to: dow.sh/catret

What's on around the Diocese? dow.sh/stayingconnected or dow.sh/weeklybulletin see everything that is on around our Diocese!

Prayer intentions

For the sick and homebound:

May Whitlock, Pat Cullen,
Mary Ponnappalam,
Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran,
Karen Browne, Reg Gardner,
Sr Heather Burke, Barry
Atkins, Carol and Gabriel
Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez,
Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty,
Rose Levoune, Doris Wahhib,
John Kajdrys, Pat Stewart,
Allan Marquinez, Richard
Scolyer, Angela Pavlovic,

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

For our recently departed

Maurice Laroche-Coralie,
John Rogan. Marie Atkins

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Edna Malin, Tracey Bautovich,
John McDermott, Joe Farrell,
Anne Migus

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

Our Rosters

28 September 2025	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Welcomers	Estela & Cecilia	Chris & Margaret P & Gabriel	Geoff & Margaret A
Altar Servers	Andrew, Diane, Seb & Eliana	Vu	Michael & Nathan
Readers	Suzanne M & Margaret McD	Gabriel & Laura	Niya & Effie
Altar Linen	Volunteer	CLOTW:	
Counters	Ruby, Cynthia & Bing	Church Vacuuming	Susan R



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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.

Holy Gospel according to Luke 16: 1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: "There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

"Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

"The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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Gospel Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus, surprisingly, found something appealing about this steward who was in the rapacious lending business. What was it? Faced with the news that he was about to lose his position, his catastrophic reversal of fortune, he cut a deal with his debtors to help secure his future. Jesus gave him full marks for being astute and shrewd. Jesus laments the fact that many of his followers, 'children of the light,' are not as smart in the face of the Great Reversal – which He is inaugurating in which 'the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent empty away' (*Mary's Magnificat*).

We should be using our money ('mammon') to alleviate the myriad hungers of the world, not to buy our way into Heaven, but so that we become the sort of person who will be able to enjoy the heavenly companionship of those who hungered.

We could take a moment to pause and take stock of the use of our resources which are *passing*, so that we may be received into the *eternal* habitation.