

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.

In our parish there is a group called **The Companions Group**. Members of this group are available to help you explore your spiritual gifts and help you discern how to accept and use the gifts you have been given by the power of the Holy Spirit.

There are various checklists which can clarify this for you. At no cost you can fill in the checklist and score your results. It is helpful to speak to someone about the results. If you wish to explore your spiritual gifts you can make an appointment with the office. Colleen, from the companions group will follow up.

The Companions group in the parish offers spiritual support retreat days for both leaders and members. These meetings occur about four times a year.

111th World Refugees and Migration Day - : "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope."

The wave of migration has brought people across the miles to a place unknown to them. There is an exodus that leads them to an unforeseen future holding on only to their faith in God. Thousands of migrants set out to settle in a foreign land with hope to seek refuge, security and a bright future for their families. They leave behind a home known to them and with certainty embark on a new place only to realize it is different from what they left behind. Nevertheless, it does not dishearten them to overcome every obstacle they come across with. Being in a new country, migrants have to adapt to a different lifestyle, culture and practices. They surmount every difficulty that springs up as they struggle to learn everything. In spite of the challenges they face, they never doubted the unceasing protection of God. The reality of the trials of life they have gone through cannot be denied. They are beset with hardships and sometimes failures, but they don't yield. Only trusting God keep them going because they know He does not abandon them. - **Sr Yolanda Nava, FDZ**



28 September 2025 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us,
O Lord, you have done with
true judgement, for we have
sinned against you and not
obeyed your
commandments. But give
glory to your name and deal
with us according to the
bounty of your mercy.

First Reading from the
prophet Amos 6:1. 4-7

Responsorial Psalm Ps
145:6-10. R. v.2 (R.) Praise
the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading from the
first letter to Timothy 6:11-
16

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 16:19-31

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to
your servant, O Lord, by
which you have given me
hope. This is my comfort
when I am brought low.

NEXT WEEK

Twenty-sixth Sunday
Year C

First: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-
4

Responsorial Psalm: Ps
94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

Second: 2 Timothy 1:6-8,
13-14

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

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



Alpha retreat day is on Sunday 28 th September from 10am to 2:30pm in the Hall. Prayers appreciated. Thank you to all the parishioners who have provided food over Alpha, very much appreciated. If you are looking for your food containers and utensils they are in the Parish meeting room.

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

Altar Server Training has began 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

Friendship Group will come together in the meeting room after Mass on 7th September after the 9am Mass. The theme for October is "Spring". All Welcome. Please contact the Parish Office for more information..

Pilgrimage to Penrose Park on the 26th October 2025. More information will be available in the next couple of weeks.

Disco Night in 8th Nov 2025 from 7pm onwards in the Parish Hall . Featuring The Chillers & DJ Calvin. Tickets Available. Booking Compulsory. 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

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/>

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

5 October 2025	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Welcomers	Paul & Lori Q	Sarah, Jeanne & Jessica	Terry & Marie
Altar Servers	Ryan, Amana, Elijah & Eliana	Orly	Robert & Nathan
Readers	Bevina & Mark	Martin & Tess	Fev & Stuart
Altar Linen	Ann-Maree H		
Counters	Vilma & Jeanette		



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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 16:19-31

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.



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Jesus said to the Pharisees: “There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

‘In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, “Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.” “My son,” Abraham replied “remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But

that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours.”

“The rich man replied, “Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father’s house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too.” “They have Moses and the prophets,” said Abraham “let them listen to them.” “Ah no, father Abraham,” said the rich man “but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Then Abraham said to him, “If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.””

The Gospel of the Lord

Gospel Reflection by

Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today’s readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up?

The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily

in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.



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