



Feast day of Blessed Francisco Palau

As we celebrate the feast day of Blessed Francisco Palau, a Carmelite priest, we are reminded of his profound love for the Church and his unwavering commitment to serving others. Fr Palau's life was marked by his deep devotion to the Eucharist and the Church, which inspired him to say, "My mission is to let people know that you -oh Church- are infinitely beautiful and loving, and to request them to love you."

He dedicated his life to prayer and mission, and in his words continue to inspire and echo us today. "I live and I will live for the Church, I live and I will die for her." he proclaimed,

exemplifying his unwavering commitment to the Church.

His legacy lives on through the Carmelite Missionaries serving the Lord with love, devotion and passion in 39 countries worldwide. Inspired by the Charism of Blessed Francisco Palau, the Carmelite Missionaries founded the Fr Francisco Palau Foundation Incorporated (FFPFI) which aims to uplift and provide support for the economic, educational, moral and spiritual well-being regardless of their background or circumstances, and to bring hope and comfort to our suffering brothers and sisters.

FFPFI's objectives include:

- Feeding Programs: Providing sustenance to the hungry
- Education Scholarship: Supporting educational pursuits
- Disaster Relief: Assisting victims of natural calamities
- Income- Generating Projects: Empowering the poor through livelihood initiatives
- Integral Formation: Fostering Holistic development

We invite you to join this journey of communion with our brothers and sisters in need. Your kindness and generosity can make a significant difference. There will be a special collection this weekend to support FFPFI's initiatives. We thank you for your continued support and generosity. May God bless us all!



The Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office. It is an exciting opportunity for the Catholic Church in Australia to mark the Jubilee of Migrants & to continue to acknowledge and celebrate the faith, gifts, contributions, and resilience that migrant communities bring to our local Church. The Diocese of Wollongong is excited to be hosting the Cross, which contains sacred relics of the **Holy Family & St Mary MacKillop**.

The Cross will be at the following churches at the times listed:

- Mary, Mother of the Church, Macquarie Fields on Tuesday 18 November at 9am for Mass.
- St Mary MacKillop, Oran Park on Tuesday 18 November at 5pm for devotion & 7pm for Mass.
- Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow on Thursday 20 November at 9am for Mass & adoration; 12pm for Benediction.

9 November 2025
**The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica**
Year C

Entrance Antiphon
I saw the holy city, a new
Jerusalem, coming down out
of heaven from God,
prepared like a bride
adorned for her husband.

First Reading from the
prophet Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5
(R.) The waters of the river
gladden the city of God.

Second Reading from the
first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
I have chosen and sanctified
this house, says the Lord,
that my name may remain in
it for all time. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel according
to John 2:13-22**

Communion Antiphon
Be built up like living stones,
into a spiritual house,
a holy priesthood.

Next Week
16 November 2025
**Thirty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year C**

First: Malachi 3:19-20

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

Second: 2 Thessalonians
3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

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

Ministry Drive: In the past few weeks we have heard wonderful testimonials from parishioners who are involved in ministry in our parish. Please consider prayerfully, where your gifts and talents can best serve our community. I especially encourage young adults and families to make a commitment to our parish. You are the future of our church. Also, please return your commitment forms as soon as possible because the rosters will be renewed during November

Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew: The new liturgical year will begin in December. It will be Year A when the Gospel reading for Sundays are mainly from the Gospel of Matthew. The session will commence at 10am on each of the Thursdays of November: 13, 20, 27; You can attend one or more sessions as each will not be dependent on the previous sessions.

Raffle tickets are still available to take home and sell. Please ask the welcomer for a book of tickets or call in at the parish office to collect. Sold tickets can be returned at any time.

WorldWide Marriage Encounter Fundraising Trivia Night Saturday 15 November at 7pm; trivia begins at 7.30pm; Cost \$20pp; BYO nibbles & drinks; RSVP to book a ticket 0416 094 709 or wwmeastern@gmail.com

Parish Advent Retreat will be held on Saturday 29 November; Save the date and more information will be provided in coming weeks.

Property Committee Update: We have received the Occupation Certificate for our building renovations. This means that we are able to use the foyer and new facilities. It has been a challenging 12 months. As you will be able to see we have a lovely new kitchen and look forward to having refreshments after Mass again in the future. Also updated are the vestry, toilets, flower arranging room and a quiet room which is open for anyone to sit in during Mass. The Vinnies will open the piety stall again and you can purchase Columban calendars, Christmas cards, gifts and religious products. Our small team of property committee volunteers have been very busy bees this year; renovating the 2 side sacristies beside the Sanctuary; sanding and varnishing the church pews; undertaking extensive tree & garden maintenance. They are also on hand to help with building emergencies as they arise. The team meet every month and will welcome new members. For more info call the parish office.

Come & See, Go & Make Diocesan survey: Thank you to all those who took the time to complete this survey a few months ago. The results of the survey have been collated and given to the Fr Shane. The Parish Pastoral Council and Leadership Team will analyse the results and the feedback will be shared with the ministries.

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

The Journey – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast is 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.

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, 22 November at 9:30am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Join Bishop Brian Mascord, for this celebration, followed by a light refreshment. RSVP dow.sh/cm25 or contact Helen Bennett at helen.bennett@dow.org.au for more information.

Formation For Instituted Ministries of Acolyte and Lector will take place at the Xavier Conference Centre Wollongong on 30 November from 9.30am to 1pm including the celebration of Eucharist in the Cathedral at 10.30am. To register: dow.sh/im25.

Cathedral Jubilee Pilgrimage and Feast Day Celebration Saturday 6 December at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong; As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, all are warmly invited to gather at the Cathedral for this special celebration.

The revised program is as follows:

- 11.00am – 12:00pm – Veneration of Relic of St Francis Xavier and Reconciliation
- 12.10pm – Mass of St Francis Xavier Feast

See updated event details here: <https://lumenchristi.org.au/celebrations/pilgrimage-and-feast-day>. Come, walk in faith and be renewed in hope.

Jubilee Pilgrimage Day: Our Souls and Prayer The parish of Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow invites everyone to our final Jubilee Pilgrimage Day. The day will include a catechesis that will explore God’s plan for creation, the structure of the soul, and the essential role of prayer in leading us into the innermost chamber of our souls, where Christ our Bridegroom dwells. Taking place on Saturday, 6 December, the day begins with Mass at 10:00am, followed by the catechesis led by Elise Duval, a time of Eucharistic Adoration with opportunity for confession, & concludes with Benediction at 3:00pm. Please BYO lunch. Come and be renewed in God’s mercy and hope!

CHARIS MASS - Guest Celebrant Fr Brian Steele (MGL); Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St Wollongong Fri 14 Nov. Join us for our last Charismatic Mass for the year, as we pray and give thanks to God for all He is doing in the renewing our Parishes in the Wollongong Diocese. There will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after mass and cuppa. Everyone welcome. 7:00pm Praise and Worship. 7:30pm Holy Mass. Info: Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404

Diocese of Wollongong Mens Prayer Breakfast Launch Friday, 28 November 6:30am-8am; Guest Speaker: Peter Abela; Xavier Conference Room, 38 Harbour St Wollongong; Enjoy a breakfast buffet, prayer and inspiring guest speaker input. Be supported and inspired by other men, seeking to be authentic disciples on mission. RSVP: Monday, 17 November dow.sh/mpb25 Cost: \$20. The Mens Prayer Breakfast Series is organised by the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation and menALIVE in the Diocese of Wollongong.

Hear from Pope Leo XIV Sunday Echo is a limited-release resource the Diocese has developed that contains, using the Holy Father’s most recent homily or reflection and accompanying discussion questions. Each issue will be released the day after Pope Leo XIV gives a homily or reflection on the most recent Sunday Gospel readings go to <https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/> to access or sign up to have sent straight to you.

Prayer intentions

For the sick and homebound:

May Whitlock, Pat Cullen, Mary Ponnalam, Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdryns, Pat Stewart, Allan Marquinez, Richard Scolyer, Angela Pavlovic,
May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.

For our recently departed
Fe Vertuccio, John Rogan, Jennifer Cuaresmo.

Anniversaries that occur at this time Giuseppe Cuomo, **and all the holy souls remembered in the month of November**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light

Our Rosters

16 November 2025	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Welcomers	Gabriel & Myra	Nelia, Anita & Irene	Geoff & Margaret
Altar Servers	Berna, Christian, Elijah & Austin	Orly	Robert & Nathan
Readers	Candice & Volunteer	Andy & Caroline	Gloria & Leah
Altar Linen	Ann Maree	CLOTW: Lee & Princy	
Counters	Vilma, Jeanette & Irene	Church Vacuuming	Feiloakitohi Family

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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 John 2:13-22

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?'

Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord



Gospel Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Tents of God's Presence

It is always fascinating to take those considering becoming Catholics around the church for a bit of a 'look-see', and to help explain some of the strange things they see Catholics doing. One of those is genuflecting on entering the church. Why do we fall on bended knee? They think perhaps we are genuflecting to the altar or the Crucifix or even Our Lady's statue. But it should be done facing the Tabernacle. Tabernacle is a word for tent, and it should look like a tent with a cloth covering and 'tent flaps' at the front.

Why a tent? Because when the Jewish people escaped slavery in Egypt, they wandered through the wilderness for forty years carrying a tent where God's presence was especially strongly experienced. It was where they went for guidance and to pray for protection – to the *travelling* dwelling place of God. When David decided to set up the Temple in Jerusalem, that dwelling became a 'fixed place'. It was a sacred place where animals and doves were traded for ritual killing.

In Jesus' time, it looked more like a market place than a House in which God dwelt. Which partly explains his furious anger. He was a very physical man. He whipped out the cattle and sheep and told the pigeon sellers to take their cages and get out. He cleansed the area so that it would more clearly be 'the House of my Father'.

But that was to be only a temporary measure. It was just one stage of Jesus' radical campaign to open our eyes to the fact that the Divine Presence is *not* confined to a place.

First and primarily, the Divine Presence is in His own Body. At the beginning of St John's Gospel, we usually translate it to read that the Word of God 'became flesh and dwelt amongst us'. (John 1:14) The Greek word translated 'dwelt' could be better translated '*pitched his tent* amongst us'! The Divine Presence is once again travelling around, this time embodied in Jesus of Nazareth. He *personally* is the *true* tent of God's Presence.

Death temporarily dismantled this tent but, as our Lord foresaw, the tent would be raised again in three days. He is now the Tent within which the whole of creation is being permeated by his Divine Presence and transformed. As Lord of creation, the tent of his presence has cosmic dimensions!

Nowhere is that transformation of creation more apparent to the eyes of faith than in the Bread and Wine consecrated at Mass. It becomes the sacrament by which our Lord nourishes us with his own risen life. The Bread of Life not consumed as Holy Communion is taken – you guessed it! – and is placed in the Tent-Tabernacle, to be taken to the sick and the housebound. *That* is why we genuflect towards the Tabernacle: the sacramental presence of our Risen Lord under the appearance of Heavenly Bread is 'tented' there. We genuflect, we bend the knee to Him who graciously dwells with us in this way.

There is another way in which God's Presence is especially focussed in the world, namely in you and me! St Paul calls the Christian community at Corinth: 'A holy building or temple in which God's Spirit dwells.'

The challenge is that others are meant to find the Presence of God in us, as a parish, as a worldwide Catholic Church. Does our parish, does our Church, sometimes obscure the perception of this truth just as the traders and merchants obscured the Presence of God in the Temple in Jerusalem?

Let us rise to the challenge and act in ways which reveal to the world who we are: Temples of the Holy Spirit, Tabernacles of God's Presence in the world, Tents in whom God has chosen to dwell.