



WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday 7:30am; 9am;
10:30am & 5pm

Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday 9:30am

Adoration
First Friday 10am - 6pm
Stations of the Cross 6pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 11am-12pm (with Adoration)

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Lent Sunday 2 Year A | 1 March 2026

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Mass Today

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.*

FIRST READING | Genesis 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 32

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING | 2 Timothy 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL | Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

9:30am Mass - Mon 2 Mar
9:30am Mass - Tues 3 Mar
9:30am Mass - Wed 4 Mar
9:30am Mass - Thur 5 Mar
9:30am Mass - Fri 6 March

This Week

Please Note:

Mass on Friday 13 March will be at 8am

READINGS NEXT WEEK – Third Sunday of Lent, Year A
Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

Listen to Him

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses.

Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God's presence. He too spoke with God, and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter.

But in today's Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today's Epistle calls God's "design... from before time began."

With His promises to Abram in today's First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal Himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity.

He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be the father of a host of nations.

In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham, He raised up Moses and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons.

In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills His divine plan from of old.

Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David.

Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen, and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well pleased. Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today.

By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham. He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised. We know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death.

So like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: "Listen to Him!"

Scott Hahn - stpaulcenter.com

In the spirit of reconciliation we acknowledge the Dharawal people as traditional custodians of this land. We pay our respect to all Elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations peoples today.



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Walking the Journey with God

The readings for the Second Sunday of Lent remind us that life is a journey guided by God.

In the first reading, Abram/ham hears God's call to leave everything familiar and go to a new land. Abraham does not know the destination, but he trusts God enough to take the first step. His story reflects our own lives. Often we do not see the whole path ahead of us. We face uncertainty, change, and unexpected challenges. Faith does not remove these difficulties, but it gives us the courage to continue trusting that God is leading us.

The Psalm reassures us that our trust is not misplaced. God is faithful, loving and attentive to our needs. Even when we feel lost or uncertain, the Lord walks beside us.

St Paul reminds us that God calls us to live a holy life. Holiness is not reserved for a few extraordinary people. It is the vocation of every Christian. Each day we are invited to grow in love, patience, forgiveness and compassion.

In the Gospel, the Transfiguration gives the disciples a glimpse of Christ's glory. Before they face the suffering of the cross, Jesus shows them the hope that lies ahead. It is a reminder that our journey also has a destination. God is leading us toward eternal life with him.

Lent is a time to renew our trust in that journey. By letting go of selfishness, pride and fear, we make space for faith, love and hope. Like Abraham, we are invited to keep walking with God, trusting that he will lead us safely home.

Prayer Ministry

If you would like prayer for any intention, come along Sunday 8 March at 11:30am in the Church.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS & THE SICK

Baby Jack Wheeler, Roslin, Patrick Thompson, Gina Marie Bellon, John Moore, David Jones, Nathan Taylor, Cathy Hurst, John Wagner, Alan Johnson, Allan Marquinez, Carmela Labrador, Karen Milenkovic, Josefino Pangilinan.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patricia Spackman, Maureen Crosland, Peter Chittendon, Lee Casuscelli, Renate Brown.

ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

Herbert G Norris, Igmidio & Florentina Reyes, Amelia Madalena, Timothy Morrissey, Matthew Wayne Cockroft, Ampro Laza, Bruce Bland, Gwen Sequeira.

Holy Hour – Year of Prayer

In 2028, Australia will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress, a global gathering centred on Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist.

As part of the preparation, 2026 has been designated the Year of Prayer, inviting the whole Church to deepen our encounter with the Eucharist.

On Sunday 1 March 2026, parishes across Australia are encouraged to hold a Holy Hour after Mass. In our parish, following the 5pm Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for one hour of Adoration (6pm - 7pm). All are warmly invited to come and spend this time in prayer before the Lord.

In addition, on Friday 6 March (First Friday of the Month), we will have All Day Adoration from 10am to 6pm in the church (with Stations at 6pm).



Alpha @ St John's

Our mission at St John's is to know, follow and share Jesus with our neighbours!

Many people have not met Jesus, or wish to reconnect to the Church, while others have feelings of doubt about their faith. These people need Alpha!

We ask for your help by praying for our Alpha guests and Alpha team. We rely on the Holy Spirit to power everything we do and we need your prayers!

Contact Philip Dean alpha@sjec.org.au for further details.

Anointing Mass

Our Anointing Mass will be on Saturday 7 March at 10am in the Parish Hall, followed by morning tea and reconciliation.

Prayer Intentions

Rosters

Sunday 8 March 2026

Acolyte

Vigil Jason Thompson
7:30am Brian Thompson
9 Dominic Fonoti
10:30 Raul Ladera, Andrei Valderrama
5 Tom Hunter

Extraordinary Ministers

Vigil Alexandra Wojcik, Marie Cassar
7:30am Mary Ellen Bland, Volunteer
9 Erin Jones, Sheila Fonseca
10:30 Falakika Nau, Patrick Cooke
5 Jean Reid, Sam Nour

Readers

Vigil Vicky Horgan, Juliet Manalastas
7:30 Jim Mutton, Trevor Williams, Mary John
9 Trish Coffey, Sue Marsden, Cherima Lucilo
10:30 Sinisita Filitoga, Hazel Vargas, Christina Tatola
5 Sofia De Zilva, Sean Donovan, Precious Parcardo

Musicians

Vigil Ben McKenzie & John George
9 Glynn Family
10:30 Joe Talamaivaio
5 Siervas Musika Choir



Launch of the International Eucharistic Congress 2028

The Australian Church is setting out on the journey toward the International Eucharistic Congress, Sydney 2028 (Eucharist28), a great time of renewal and transformation centred on encountering the Eucharistic Lord. In preparation, Australian Catholics will enter a Year of Prayer from 1 March 2026, focused on rediscovering Our Lord's love in the Blessed Sacrament. The theme, *This is My Body, Given for You*, calls us to deeper faith, generosity and mission.

Learn more about the way ahead at

eucharist28.org



World Day of Prayer

"I will give you rest: come"

Held at **Campbelltown Uniting Church** on the corner of Allman St & Moore-Oxley Bypass at 10:30am on Fri 6 March. *Come & Pray together with other Christian Churches and share light lunch.*



Formation Pathway | Hospitality

No one ever left a parish because it was too welcoming. Ever wondered why some people walk into a parish and never come back—while others feel at home almost immediately? It's rarely about the music or the homily. More often, it comes down to welcome. As part of the Formation Pathway, this formation explores hospitality as more than being friendly or polite. We'll look at how the experience people have when they arrive shapes parish culture, lowers barriers to encounter, and influences whether someone feels safe enough to stay, return, and take a next step. After all, if people don't feel welcome, they'll never stay long enough to hear the Gospel. This session is for anyone who cares about parish life and wants to help create a parish where people truly belong.

CAMPBELLTOWN Tues 3 March 7-9pm
WOLLONGONG & ZOOM Wed 4 March 7-9pm. To register: dow.sh/fpmar2026



Stations of the Cross

Held every Friday evening during Lent at 6pm in the Church, featuring an alternating prayer experience.



MGL Sisters Consecrated Life Weekend: Discernment Retreat

Friday 13 March - Sunday 15 March 2026
A time for single women aged 18-35 to listen for the voice of Jesus, ask questions and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and sharing to help discern your vocation.
More info and RSVP: 0402 602 520 or mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

PILGRIMAGE Moses and the Exodus from Egypt, a pilgrimage in the footsteps of the Holy Family

Fr Chris Sarkis will lead this customised pilgrimage in **January 2027**, following the exodus from Egypt by Moses as he led the People of Israel through the desert to the Promised Land. It will also trace the journey of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt after Herod sought to kill the Baby Jesus, as well as visiting Mt Sinai and the famous St Catherine Monastery. Incorporating a full day at the New Grand Egyptian Museum and a 4-night Nile Cruise visiting the Pyramids and ancient Egyptian sites, this unique pilgrimage promises to be truly memorable. There will be an **Information Evening open to all on Thursday 5 March, 7.30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 80 Demetrius Road, Rosemeadow, in the Martha Room off the church foyer** (park in church carpark). Bookings & Enquiries: harvestjourneys.com/pv2707 or 1800 819 156.



Summit Night: an evening with Dr Robert Haddad

Young adults of the diocese (18+) are invited to the first Summit Night for 2026 - an inspiring evening of truth, formation, and community featuring Catholic author and apologist Dr Robert Haddad. Join us on Saturday 21 March, 6pm-9pm at the Xavier Conference Centre (next to Wollongong Cathedral) for **The Eucharist—The Medicine of Immortality**.

Using his book, *The Medicine of Immortality: The Eucharist in the pre-Nicene Church Fathers*, our speaker will give us some insights into what the Church Fathers had to say, why the Eucharist is indeed so central in our Church history. The evening includes a wine & cheese reception, Dr Haddad's keynote, Eucharistic Adoration, Q & A and expo of some of our local ministries.

Free event (donations are welcome), but registration is essential. Register here: dow.sh/SummitEucharist Follow @CYMDOW on socials for more details.



News from the Diocese

A vocation view

Abram set out without a map, trusting God's promise. Listen to Jesus on the mountain—then step into your call with courage. He lights the next step.

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, the diocesan vocations director, vocations@dow.org.au

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Friday 13 March 2026 | 6:30am-8am
Tom Kadmon - "Reading Scripture is central to our relationship with Jesus. 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. Cost only \$20. Book dow.sh/MPB26 by Tues 10 March

Vocaris: Love & Responsibility

Young Adults of the Diocese! Come and discover Saint John Paul II's teaching exploring how to live and love well in every vocation. Drawing on John Paul's teachings in Love and Responsibility, we'll explore the single life, dating, marriage, religious vocations, and how chastity is life giving when lived in truth and love! The night will include Eucharistic Adoration, with optional Reconciliation available. Saturday 28 Feb (6pm to 9:30pm) St Mary's Towers, 415 Douglas Park Drive, Douglas Park. Register to grab your spot now: dow.sh/VocarisLR

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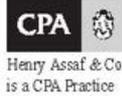
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