



**WEEKEND MASSES**

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

**Weekday Masses**  
Monday - Friday 9:30am

**Adoration**  
Friday 10am - 11am

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday 11am-12pm (with Adoration)

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**Easter Sunday 6, Year A | 10 May 2026**

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**Mass Today**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed this people, alleluia.*

**FIRST READING | Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**

*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 65**

**Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

**SECOND READING | 1 Peter 3:15-18**

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
**All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will  
come to them. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**GOSPEL | John 14:15-21**

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.*

**This Week**

- 9:30am Mass – Mon 11 May
- 9:30am Mass – Tues 12 May
- 9:30am Mass – Wed 13 May
- 9:30am Mass – Thur 14 May - **St Matthias, apostle [Feast]**
- 9:30am Mass – Friday 15 May

**READINGS NEXT WEEK – The Ascension of the Lord, Year A**

*Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20*

**Alive in the Spirit**

Jesus will not leave us alone. He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us "orphans," He assures us in today's Gospel.

He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father. We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in Acts.

The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons, proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God and are baptised.

It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized—that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our Sacrament of Confirmation, by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord.

We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And, strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation—to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son.

In today's Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in today's Epistle.

This is the reason for our hope—the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name's sake.

Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us today. And as He himself promises: "Because I live, ...you will live."

Scott Hahn - [stpaulcenter.com](http://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.*



## Love That Becomes Visible

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: **"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."** At first, these words may sound like a demand, but in truth, they are an invitation into a deeper relationship.

Jesus speaks these words at the Last Supper, knowing that His disciples are anxious and confused. He does not speak about rules first—He speaks about love. For Jesus, love is never just a feeling; it is something that becomes visible in the way we live.

To **"keep His commandments"** is not simply to follow rules out of fear or obligation. It is to allow His way of loving to shape our hearts. It means choosing patience over anger, forgiveness over resentment, and faithfulness even when it is difficult. Love, in the Christian sense, is always expressed through action.

Jesus also gives a beautiful promise: **"I will not leave you orphans."** He knows that His followers will face uncertainty, suffering, and moments of loneliness. Yet He assures them that the Holy Spirit—the Advocate—will remain with them.

This promise is for us today. In our struggles, in our doubts, and even in our failures, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit quietly guides, strengthens, and renews us from within.

Saint Peter reminds us in the second reading that others should be able to see the hope we carry. Often, the most powerful witness to faith is not in words, but in the way we live.

This week, we might ask ourselves:  
*Does my life reflect my love for Christ?  
And can others see that love in me?*

## Holy Communion Program

Workshops continue this weekend (Saturday or Sunday from 3:30pm - 4:45pm) for both candidates and parents, and continue until 22-23 May.

## Prayer Ministry

11:30am Sunday 14 June.

## Happy Mother's Day

This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day and give thanks to God for all mothers, grandmothers, and all women who have shared a mother's love and care in our lives.

A mother's love reflects God's love — patient, generous, faithful, and full of sacrifice. We thank our mothers for their prayers, care, and the gift of faith they pass on to their families.

We also remember with gratitude those mothers who have gone before us into eternal life. May the Lord reward them with His peace and love forever. May Our Lady, Mother of Jesus, watch over all mothers and bless them with joy, peace, and good health.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers in our parish community.

## Thank You

We sincerely thank the **Sivevas Musika Choir** for their generous donation of **\$3,148.10** towards the cost of the new church sound system. This amount was raised through their time and talent, visiting the homes of their Filipino friends and sharing the beautiful tradition of Christmas carolling in December 2025.

May God bless you for your generosity and joyful witness.

## SUDP Winter Blanket Appeal

St John's Campbelltown St Vincent de Paul Conference begins the **Winter Blanket Appeal** this weekend. All donations of blankets, quilts and doonas can be left at the back of the church, in front of the piety stall. Donation envelopes will also be available. Thank you for your generous gifts.

## Pentecost Vigil Mass

The 5pm Mass on 23 May will include extended readings - 7 in total.

## Anointing Mass

10am Saturday 4 July 2026.

## Prayer Intentions

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS & THE SICK

Sean James Logan, Joan Samuel, Maria Noida Carmona, Helen Barnes, Ronald Elliott, Jack Wheeler, Roslin, 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

David Harty, Philip Donnelly, Dr Tim O'Carrigan, Joseph David Hung Tran, Giuseppe Bulfon.

### ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

Des McAuliffe (Snr), Catherine Heafey, Mary Nicol, Thomas & Eleanor McAuliffe, Delore McDonald, Joseph Cuschieri, Arthur & Mary McCarthy, Mathew Joseph, Elizabeth Thurn, Mary Writer.

# Rosters

## Sunday 17 May

### Acolyte

Vigil Michael Norris

7:30 Tom Hunter

9 Pauloleono Aukusitino

10:30 Joy Kuriakose, Andrei Valderrama

5 Dominic Fonoti

### Extraordinary Ministers

Vigil Vicky Horgan, Sam Nour

7:30 Shirley Moretti, Ian Star

9 Hazel Vargas, Falakika Nau

10:30 Ioana Brunt, Faalu Faamau

5 Jismin Jio, Alexander Wojcik

### Readers

Vigil Jolene Gonzales, Elizabeth Javin

7:30 Lucas Alcantara, John Lloyd,

Mary-Ellen Bland

9 Michael Willis, Reiltin Bullock,

Nathan Cox

10:30 Ancy Mathews, Kate Delmo,

Roslyn Williams

5 Kerrie McDonald, Kimberly Sumang

### Musicians

Vigil Ben McKenzie & John George

9 Glynn Family

10:30 Joe Talamaivao

5 Siervas Musika Choir

## Ascend: A night of Worship and Encounter

Join us for an evening of Praise, Worship, Adoration, Reconciliation, and prayer ministry.



## Ascend Worship Night

Join us for an evening of incredible music, singing, prayer and praise, led by experienced singer & worship leader

**Louisa Daniels.** Adoration, Prayer Ministry and Reconciliation will be part of the night. Something for everyone!

**Free Entry:** a pay-it-forward collection will be taken during the event.

**St John's Hall, 7pm Sat 16 May.**

Register today: [sjec.org.au/ascend](http://sjec.org.au/ascend)

## Children's Mass

**10:30am on Pentecost Sunday 24 May** for children in Years 5-8 participating in various liturgical roles, including altar serving, welcome, prayers of the faithful, and the offertory procession. Following the Mass, there will be a short gathering in the parish hall with some fun activities and pizza for the children.



## Screenings of 'House of David'

Join us in the Parish Hall Meeting Room – Sunday Nights at 6.30pm from 3 May

Come along and join your parish community for special screenings of 'House of David'. The story of David is a cornerstone of our faith journey. As shepherd, king, and poet, David's life speaks to God's love, mercy, and promise. His story helps us explore courage, repentance, and trust in God—values that remain vital for Christians today.

**All are welcome!** Bring your friends and family for an inspiring evening as we reflect on David's legacy and its meaning for our lives. Tea and bikkies will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Mary Help of Christians Walk for Life

Friday 22 May & Saturday 23 May 2026  
We walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues - the elimination of abortion, euthanasia, suicide, family breakdown, and to pray for Australia's Government. You are warmly welcome to join us on one or both days. B.Y.O Lunch, snacks, water, hat, money for dinner. Support vehicle provided all the way. Shuttle cars return pilgrims to point of departure on both days.

**Day 1:** Start 9:30am Kiama Catholic Church (Mass); Finish 3:30pm Gerringong Catholic Church. Benediction, confession, all night adoration. Option to sleep in tearoom (girls), or Kiama Hall (boys) or own tent on church grounds, or to go home and return.

**Day 2:** Start 7:30am Gerringong Catholic Church (Holy Mass); Lunch: 2pm Shoalhaven Heads (then Shuttle bus to Crookhaven Heads) Finish 5:30pm. Culburra Church (Pentecost Vigil Mass, optional Club dinner)

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For information contact Sue Hill, 0435 336 195, Gabriella De Battista, 0414 205 404

## A new beginning

Until the end of the Easter season, we will begin every Mass a minute early with a prayer to gather our hearts and prepare us to encounter the Lord and one another through sharing the Word and Breaking of Bread.

**Opening Prayer** (*we will pray together*):

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.**

*The following prayer is led by the priest:*

Holy Spirit, gather us now as one body in Christ, draw our hearts together, unite us in mind and purpose, and prepare us, as your church, to be united with Jesus Christ in the offering of this Mass as one body.

Through the intercession of St John the Evangelist, help us to listen, to remain, and to love, so that what we celebrate together may truly shape how we live. Amen.

**We will then begin the gathering song and continue with the Eucharist.**

## National Count of Attendance (Mass Count) All Sunday Masses

This count overseen by the Australian Catholic Bishop's National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR) is conducted in the same year as the Australian Census (to be held on 11 August 2026) so that the information collected can most effectively be used in association with results from this other Federal government project. This week will be a simple count of attendance. Next week the count will include gender of attendees. The final week will include the ages. You will be asked to nominate your gender and age. *This is optional.*

## Compass Catholic Family Camping Weekends

Register now for our next weekend **Friday 15 - Sunday 17 May**. Join with families from across the Diocese for a relaxed weekend of family fun, faith and food!

For more information and to register go to: [dow.sh/familycamping26](http://dow.sh/familycamping26)

## News from the Diocese

### A vocation view

*Jesus promises the Spirit to guide and strengthen us. Remain open to that call, and discover how God invites you to love and serve. (John 14:15-21)*

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, the diocesan vocations director, [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

### Ephphatha: Be Opened!

**Calling young men (18-35 years old)**

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is always calling us to life, and life to the full—the challenge for us is to be open to listening for his quiet voice in our lives. How can we become more open to the voice of the Good Shepherd in the big and small decisions of life? How do we know if we are called to marriage, priesthood or religious life, and how do you live your baptismal vocation more fully as a single young man?

We take this opportunity to invite all unmarried young men aged 18-35 who are open to discerning God's call in their lives to join Bishop Brian Mascord, the priests of the Vocations Team and our Seminarians for lunch, formation, Q&R, one-to-one chats and Adoration.

### Register NOW!

St Therese Parish, 2 Powell Street, West Wollongong  
Saturday 13 June, 12:30pm for 1pm lunch  
**Cost:** Free, but registration is essential – [dow.sh/Ephphatha](http://dow.sh/Ephphatha)

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