

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

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

**Adoration**  
Friday 10 am – 11 am

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

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**Body and Blood, Year A | 7 June 2026**

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**Mass Today**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.*

**FIRST READING** | Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

*He gave you food which you and your ancestors  
did not know.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** | Psalm 147

**Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

**SECOND READING** | 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

*Though we are many, we form a single body  
because we share this one loaf.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
**I am the living bread from heaven, says the  
Lord: whoever eats this bread will live for  
ever. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** | John 6:51-58

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.*

**This Week**

9:30 am Mass – Mon 8 Jun

9:30 am Mass – Tues 9 Jun

9:30 am Mass – Wed 10 Jun

9:30 am Mass – **Thur 11 Jun - St Barnabas, apostle [Memorial]**

9:30 am Mass – **Fri 12 Jun - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus [Solemnity]**

**READINGS NEXT WEEK – Eleventh Sunday in Year A**

*Exodus 19:2-6; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8*

**Word of the ‘Living Father’**

The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That’s how Jesus presents it in today’s Gospel.

He doesn’t make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms.

Four times in today’s reading, Jesus uses a Greek word—*trogein*—that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing. He is testing their faith in His Word, as today’s First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert.

The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites’ hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. In today’s Psalm, too, we see a connection between God’s Word and the bread of life.

We sing of God filling us with “finest wheat” and proclaiming His Word to the world. In Jesus, “the living Father” has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world.

Yet, as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today’s Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many of Jesus’ own followers abandon Him after this discourse. But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life.

In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today’s Epistle when he calls the Eucharist a “participation” in Christ’s body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature.

This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us believe. And He gives us His promise: that, sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day.

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.*



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## The Bread You Did Not Know

Moses reminded the Israelites of something easy to forget: that in their most desperate hour, God had fed them with food utterly outside their experience. "Manna" was literally a question — the Hebrew *man hu* means "What is it?" They didn't know. They had no category for it. All they could do was receive.

Today on this feast, we celebrate a gift that similarly exceeds our categories. In the Gospel of John, Jesus is insistent — almost provocatively so — about the physicality of what he offers: *his flesh as real food, his blood as real drink*. The early Christians were accused of cannibalism because they took these words seriously. They didn't spiritualise them away. They believed that in the bread broken at table, the risen Lord was genuinely present, genuinely given.

And St Paul reminds us that receiving this gift is never merely a private transaction. "Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one body." The Eucharist is not just between me and Jesus — it makes us something together. In a parish as beautifully diverse as ours, this truth carries particular weight. We come from different continents and cultures, different stories and languages — and yet we gather around one table, share one bread, drink from one cup. That unity is not our achievement. It is a participation in the life of God.

Our parish mission is "to know, follow and share Jesus with our neighbours." This is the feast that sits at the heart of all three. We know Jesus at this table. We follow him by living as his body in the world. And we share him — not primarily through programmes or projects, but by being the people who carry the life of Christ into every corner of this suburb.

*This week, after you receive Communion, sit in the silence for just a moment before the final blessing and ask: What is Jesus asking me to do with what I have just received?*

The bread of life is given — not hoarded.  
**Come to the feast. Then go and feed.**

### Holy Communion - All Masses

This Sunday children will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time at each of the five Masses. The front pews on each side of the centre section will be **reserved for them**.

If this is your usual seat - please enjoy the view from a new section of the church!

## SOdP Winter Blanket Appeal

St John's Campbelltown St Vincent de Paul Conference continues 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.*



### New Encyclical by Pope Leo

Pope Leo released his first encyclical letter addressed to the whole church, *Magnifica Humanitas, on Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*. You can read the whole text, read a summary, or listen to an audio version of this powerful and deep contribution to the social teaching of the church at Fr Richard's website:

[rmhealey.com](http://rmhealey.com)

## Renewed & Sent

### Invite from Bp Brian Mascord

Join delegates from across Australia and many other countries. "We have the greatest news the world has ever known: Jesus Christ is alive, he loves us, and he sends us. At the **Parish Renewal Summit (1-3 Oct)**, my hope is that we will be reminded of this truth, renewed in our own discipleship, and encouraged to share this hope with others. I warmly encourage you to be part of this gathering as we seek together the renewal of our parishes and the mission of the Church."

[renewedandsent.com.au](http://renewedandsent.com.au)

## Prayer Intentions

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS & THE SICK

Phillip W, Sean 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 Marquez, Carmela Labrador, Karen Milenkovic, Josefino Pangilinan.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Shane Boyd, Raymond Halls, Owen Rodrides, Antonio De Oliveira, John Mathias, Isabel Ramos, Dennis Noble, Honoria Alcantara, Chris Vardy, Paz Dinglasan, Josie Sullivan.

### ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

Philip Collings, Keith Percival, Samuel McCullins, Leonila Macadang Dang, Judith Jones, Joe Dawson, Mauro Sr, Purificacion, Lilian Puse.

# Rosters

## Sunday 14 June

### Acolyte

Vigil *Volunteer please*

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 Diana Hill, Sheila Fonseca

10:30 Falakika Nau, Maria Aliifa'alogo

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 Silva, Sean Donovan,

Precious Parcardo

### Musicians

Vigil Ben McKenzie & John George

9 Glynn Family

10:30 Joe Talamaivao

5 Siervas Musika Choir

## Parish Luncheon

As a way of developing community, we will gather for lunch on the Second Friday of each month in the Parish Hall, after the morning Mass and adoration. There will be a time for prayer together, using the ancient practice of *Lectio Divina*.

We will then share lunch together.

**Please bring a plate of food to share.**

**Friday 12 June, 11:30am - 1:30pm**

## Soup Night

As a way of developing community, we will have a soup night after the Vigil Mass on the third Saturday, starting on 18 July.

## Children's Mass

**10:30am Sunday 28 June**

The Mass will involve children from 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.

## Upcoming Events

### Anointing Mass

10am Sat 4 July in the Parish Hall

10am Sat 12 September (*new date*)

### Prayer Ministry

11:30am Sunday 14 June



## Ignite Conference Sydney 2026

Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong is gathering a group of youth and young adults to attend Ignite Conference Sydney, one of Australia's largest and most dynamic Catholic conferences. Join over a thousand young people, families, clergy, religious, teachers, and ministry leaders from across the country for four days of inspiring speakers, powerful worship, practical faith formation, and vibrant community. 9–12 July 2026 | Light of Christ Centre Wahrenonga

Cost: \$220 subsidised conference ticket (includes meals) + \$270 accommodation. For high school students and young adults (18–35). Limited places remain.

Registrations close 22 June. For details and registration, visit [igniteconference.com.au](http://igniteconference.com.au) and enter the coupon code CYMWHigh or CYMWAdult to reveal the Wollongong group ticket.

## Catholic Business Connections

Join us for the next CBC event which will feature Stan Grant as the Guest Speaker. Topic: Privacy of faith and the public nature of its expression. Fri 26 June City Beach Function Centre, Wollongong [cbc.dow.org.au](http://cbc.dow.org.au)

## Servers and Acolytes

If you would like to serve in the ministry of Server or Acolyte, please speak with Fr John or Fr Richard after any Mass.

**Formation is provided.**  
**Available to men or women.**

## OneSydney

**Together in Christ - A Historic Celebration As One | Sunday 14 June Sydney Opera House (Concert Hall)**

You are invited to be part of an ecumenical evening of prayer and unity. Christians from Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Protestant, and Pentecostal traditions will gather as one on Australia's most iconic stage — the Sydney Opera House. programme includes Dr Mary Healy, Matt Maher, Fr Rob Galea, and many more.

[onesydney.org](http://onesydney.org)

## Who is the Man Behind of the Shroud?

5:30pm–8:30pm Saturday, 27 June 2026

Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong  
Come join us for this inspiring evening with renowned Catholic speaker **Francine Pirola** as we explore the mystery of the Shroud of Turin and what it reveals about the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Enjoy a wine and cheese reception, view a rare life-size replica of the Shroud, connect with others, and conclude the evening with Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral. *This is a free event, but registration is essential.*

Register: [dow.sh/summitshroud](http://dow.sh/summitshroud)

## Position Vacant

**Permanent Part-Time Role: Clergy Care**

**Coordinator Assistant.** A suitably qualified and experienced Registered or Enrolled Nurse to join the team as an assistant to the Clergy Care Coordinator. This is a permanent part-time position, starting at two days per week with the possibility of extended hours in the future. The role involves providing general healthcare assistance including phone and email enquiries from clergy, providing transport for medical appointments and assisting with Clergy Health Assessments. Please note this role may be required to cover annual or personal leave relief for the coordinator as required. For further information or to request a full position description, please email [louise.macdonald@dow.org.au](mailto:louise.macdonald@dow.org.au)

## Corpus Christi Procession – Sunday 7 June

Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow will be holding their annual procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus at 2:30pm. It will include scripture readings, rosary, procession, and benediction. All are welcome to join in this witness to our Eucharistic Lord among us.

## Corpus Christi Retreat

As we prepare for the Eucharistic Congress, join with people from across the Diocese for a retreat to deepen your love of the Eucharist. St Joachim Hall, Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow from 11am–3:30pm. Following 10am Mass / Lunch provided. Open to adults (ages 14–17 with parent / guardian). For more information or to register: [dow.sh/corpuschristi26](http://dow.sh/corpuschristi26)

## News from the Diocese

### A vocation view

*Jesus gives us His very flesh and blood as true nourishment. Listen closely to His voice; He may be calling you to feed His people as a priest or religious.*

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)

## Please donate to support our parish

**Use the new tap machine to donate \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 or other amount (\$1 - \$99).**

We know that less people are carrying cash, so the **DoW App** exists to allow you to donate on a one off or regular basis.

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