



Mass Today

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!*

FIRST READING | 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 88

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING | Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

*Having been buried with him through baptism,
we shall walk in a new life.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL | Matthew 10:37-42

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.*

This Week

9:30 am Mass – **Mon 29 June - Ss Peter and Paul, apostles [Solemnity]**

9:30 am Mass – **Tues 30 June**

9:30 am Mass – **Wed 1 July**

**** 9:00 am Mass – Thurs 2 July [Note special time; clergy meeting at 9:45] ****

9:30 am Mass – **Friday 3 July - St Thomas, apostle [Feast]**

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5 pm

Sunday 7:30 am; 9 am;

10:30 am & 5 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday – Friday 9:30 am [Thur 9 am]

Adoration

Friday 10 am – 11 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 11 am – 12 pm (with Adoration)

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READINGS NEXT WEEK – Fourteenth Sunday in Year A

Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

To Find Our Lives

The liturgy this week continues to instruct us in the elements of discipleship. We're told that even the most humble among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to His Church.

We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles or to be prophets like Elisha in today's First Reading. But each of us is called to a holy life.

At Baptism, our lives were joined forever to the Cross of Christ, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle. Baptized into His death, we're to renounce sin and live for God in Christ Jesus.

We are to follow Him, each of us taking up our personal cross, as Jesus says in today's Gospel. That doesn't mean we will all be asked to suffer a martyr's death. But each of us is called to self-denial, to the offering of our lives in service of God's plan.

Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives—above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By Baptism, we've been made part of a new family: the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers, our mothers, and all men and women to live as little ones under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One.

We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunnamite woman's example in today's First Reading. As Jesus tells us, we're to receive others—not only prophets but also little children, the poor, and the imprisoned—as we receive Christ Himself.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we are to testify to His favors and kindness in our lives.

We're to hold fast to the promise—that if we have died with Christ, we shall also live, that if we lose our lives for His sake, we shall find our reward and walk forever in His countenance.

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.



Supporting the Mission of St John's Parish

Dear Parishioners,

As another financial year draws to a close, I am writing to say a sincere thank you. Your support of St John the Evangelist Parish—through Planned Giving, volunteering, and countless acts of kindness—sustains our mission of worship, faith formation, and service to the community.

Recently, while visiting Vietnam, I experienced a moment that beautifully illustrates what community giving is all about. I was celebrating Mass with a large group of children, and during the Offertory, nearly 200 of them lined up. From the toddlers to the older children, each one stepped forward to place a small gift into the collection plate.

The amount wasn't what mattered. What moved me was the spirit behind it: every child wanted to offer what they could to God.

It was a beautiful reminder that the Church is built by everyone, not just a few.

Our parish relies on that exact same spirit. Every gift, no matter the size, ensures we can celebrate the sacraments, support families in need, and maintain our parish as a welcoming home.

If you are already part of our Planned Giving Program, thank you for your steady and faithful support.

If you haven't joined yet, I warmly invite you to consider it. Planned Giving isn't just about balancing a budget; it is an investment in the future of our faith community.

When we all do our part, just like those children at the altar, we can achieve wonderful things for Christ.

Thank you for your faith, your love, and your ongoing generosity.
May God bless you and your families.

Yours sincerely,

Fr John Ho
Parish Priest

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

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.

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.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your new set of envelopes for the 2026-7 financial year, which are available in the foyer of the church this weekend. If you would like to join planned giving — either using the envelopes or making a regular EFT donation — please complete the giving form.

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 Marquinez, Carmela Labrador, Karen Milenkovic, Josefino Pangilinan.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Barbara Wallace, Tom Ah Dar, Vernis Zabala Snr, Rivera Cervantes, Shane Boyd, Dennis Noble.

ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

Henryk Swierk, Julia Brunt-Petelo, Ryan Connor McCarthy, Noel D'Cruze, Aggie D'Sa, Michael Lucilo, Philip Collings, Keith Percival, Samuel McCullins, Leonila Macadang Dang, Judith Jones, Joe Dawson.

Rosters Sunday 5 July

Acolyte

Vigil Michael Norris

7:30 Tom Hunter

9 Joy Kuriakose

10:30 John Hill, Andrei Valderrama

5 Raul Ladera

Extraordinary Ministers

Vigil Graeme & Roseleen Goldie

7:30 Jean Reid, Ian Star

9 Maria Aliifa'alogo, Falakika Nau

10:30 Hazel Vargas, Imelda Landrigan

5 Rowena & Patrick Cooke

Readers

Vigil Carmel Gorman, Angel Estepa

7:30 Tarek Boulos, Atoni Kaufusi,

Mary Johns

9 Flor Artus, Wendy Fawbert

10:30 Norma McNally, Broone Periera,

Tessie Yaghooti Fam

5 Maria Brookes, Melinda Canete

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 10 July, 11:30am - 1:30pm



Soup Night

We will also have a soup night after the Vigil Mass on the **third Saturday**, starting on **18 July**.

Food will be provided!

If you can help cook soup please place your name on the sheet provided.

Community Fellowship Together

Upcoming Events

Anointing Mass

10am Sat 4 July in the Parish Hall

10am Sat 12 September (**new date**)

Prayer Ministry

11:30am Sunday 12 July & 9 August

2026 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, you are warmly invited to the Significant Marriage Anniversaries, celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Sunday 6 September 2026 at 2pm** at the **St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong**. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Registration is essential and must be completed online at dow.sh/ma26 by no later than Monday, 17 August 2026. Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

How To Raise Up Leaders - 21 & 22 July

Every parish has people whom God is already calling and gifting for mission. Our next **Formation Pathway** session, **Raising Up Leaders**, will explore practical ways to recognise those gifts, invite people forward, entrust real responsibility, and form confident leaders without relying on the same few people. Participants will learn the difference between recruiting volunteers and raising leaders, along with a simple apprenticeship model for developing others. Join us at Campbelltown Catholic Club on **Tuesday 21 July, 7-9pm**, or via Zoom on **Wednesday 22 July, 7-9pm**. Registration is essential dow.sh/fpJuly2026



A Place for Jesus

A teacher asked her class,
"If Jesus came to your house today, what would you do?"
One little boy said,
"I'd give Him my room."
Another said,
"I'd share my toys."
A third boy replied,
"I'd hide the TV remote so He could stay longer!"

Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. This weekend of June 27-28, we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage - Vatican Approved Harvest Journeys

COMMENCES MONDAY 31 August 2026 Queen of Peace - 8 Days / 7 Nights. Medjugorje (7 Nights) • Dubrovnik day. Optional 4-night post-tour extension to Rome.

Accompanied by: Fr Joseph Photehnpampil (Wollongong)
For full details, including itinerary and booking information: harvestjourneys.com/tour/medjugorje/

Join Our Mission - Diocesan Director Opportunity

Caritas Australia is still seeking a successful candidate to fulfill the **Diocesan Director for Diocese of Wollongong**. This paid casual position averages 3.75 hours per week across the year, with extra hours during our Project Compassion appeal (February-May). We are seeking someone who:

- has a strong commitment to the mission of Caritas Australia, the ethos of the Catholic Church and Catholic Social Teaching
 - has a desire to represent Caritas Australia in the Diocese with flexible work hours depending on the project
 - has a preparedness to work collaboratively with Diocesan authorities and other agencies, parishes, schools and the wider community
 - has experience presenting to various age groups, including children.
- If you're committed to social and ecological justice, we'd love to hear from you!

caritasau.bamboohr.com/careers/178

News from the Diocese

A vocation view

The Shunammite woman opened her home to a prophet without counting the cost and discovered that God had already counted her. Open your life to his call. (2 Kings 4:8-11)
If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, the diocesan vocations director, vocations@dow.org.au

Ageing with Confidence

What's age got to do with it?

Wed 22 July Campbelltown Catholic Club
Join CatholicCare for a free community event with Dr Emily Steel from the Australian Human Rights Commission, sharing practical approaches to ageing well. Doors open at 9am to chat with community partners, and the presentation will commence at 10am. Morning tea included. Register via the QR code, call 1800 967 894 or catholiccare.dow.org.au
Enquiries to Jane Hollier 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au



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