



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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Sunday 14, Year A | 5 July 2026

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To know, follow and share Jesus with our neighbours.

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Mass Today

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Your merciful love, O God,
 we have received in the midst of your temple.
 Your praise, O God, like your name,
 reaches the ends of the earth;
 your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

FIRST READING | Zechariah 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 144

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING | Romans 8:9, 11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL | Matthew 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Taste and see that the Lord is good;
 blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.*

This Week

9:30 am Mass – Mon 6 July
 9:30 am Mass – Tues 7 July
 9:30 am Mass – Wed 8 July
 9:30 am Mass – Thurs 9 July
 9:30 am Mass – Friday 10 July

READINGS NEXT WEEK – Fifteenth Sunday in Year A

Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

A Yoke for the Childlike

Jesus is portrayed in today's Gospel as a new and greater Moses.

Moses, the meekest man on earth, was God's friend. Only he knew God "face to face". And Moses gave Israel the yoke of the Law, through which God first revealed Himself and how we are to live.

Jesus, too, is meek and humble. But He is more than God's friend. He is the Son who alone knows the Father. He is more also than a law-giver, presenting Himself today as the yoke of a new Law and as the revealed Wisdom of God.

As Wisdom, Jesus was present before creation as the firstborn of God, the Father and Lord of heaven and earth. And He gives knowledge of the holy things of the kingdom of God.

In the gracious will of the Father, Jesus reveals these things only to the "childlike"—those who humble

themselves before Him as little children. These alone can recognize and receive Jesus as the just savior and meek king promised to daughter Zion, Israel, in today's First Reading.

We, too, are called to childlike faith in the Father's goodness as sons and daughters of the new kingdom, the Church.

We are to live by the Spirit we received in Baptism, putting to death our old ways of thinking and acting, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle. Our "yoke" is to be His new law of love, by which we enter into the "rest" of His kingdom.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we joyously await the day when we will praise His name forever in the kingdom that lasts for all ages. This is the sabbath rest promised by Jesus—the rest first anticipated by Moses, but which still awaits the people of God.

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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The Invitation You've Been Waiting For

There is a moment in many lives, when we realise that sheer effort isn't enough. The harder you push, the heavier things feel. The more you try to hold it all together, the more it seems to be slipping through your fingers.

It's into exactly that moment that Jesus speaks the most tender words in all the Gospels: **"Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest."**

This Sunday's readings form a beautiful, coherent invitation. Zechariah's ancient prophecy paints a king who arrives not on a war horse but on a donkey — meek, humble, bearing peace rather than conquest. Paul reminds the Romans that the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead now dwells within every baptised person — which means the weight is never ours to carry alone. And Jesus, in Matthew's Gospel, reveals the deepest secret of the spiritual life: the yoke he offers is not an additional burden — it is the one that finally fits.

In Jewish tradition, the "yoke" referred to the Torah and its obligations. Jesus isn't abolishing that — he is fulfilling it, transforming it from a crushing performance into a living relationship. His yoke fits because it was made for us, by the One who made us.

The invitation is open. It isn't reserved for those who have sorted themselves out, prayed enough, or lived well enough. It is extended to the weary, the childlike, the honest — those humble enough to say, "I can't do this alone."

This week, our parish mission invites us to know, follow, and share Jesus with our neighbours. The first step is the simplest and the hardest: accepting the invitation ourselves. Come to him. Learn from him. Let him carry what you cannot.

**The King has come. He is gentle.
He is not in a hurry. And he is waiting.**

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

Volunteer @ the Summit

Our parish has been asked to provide 30 volunteers to serve during the Renewal Summit. If you are available to volunteer in a variety of roles, you can register at a special price of **\$79 (normally \$225) and receive a free T-Shirt.**
Ask for a volunteer flyer today

Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to the Muller family on the passing of their beloved mother, Elizabeth Muller. Elizabeth was called home to God this week. Her funeral will be held on Wednesday 8 July 2026 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Please keep Elizabeth and the Muller family in your prayers during this time of sorrow.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.*

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, Helen Barnes, Ronald Elliott, Jack Wheeler, Roslin, John Moore, David Jones, Nathan Taylor, Cathy Hurst, John Wagner, Alan Johnson, Allan Marquinez, Carmela Labrador, Karen Milenkovic, Josefino Pangilinan.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Victoria Telesforo Vasquez, Elizabeth Muller, Ross Robert Taylor, Margarita Elloren Paso, Suzane Guilfoyle, Barbara Wallace, Tom Ah Dar, Vernis Zabala Snr, Rivera Cervantes, Shane Boyd.

ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

Leone Paseka, Henryk Swierk, Julia Brunt-Petelo, Ryan Connor McCarthy, Noel D'Cruze, Aggie D'Sa, Michael Lucilo, Philip Collings, Keith Percival, Samuel McCullins.

Rosters Sunday 12 July

Acolyte

Vigil Volunteer please
7:30am Brian Thompson
9 Volunteer please
10:30 Raul Ladera, Andrei Valderrama
5 Tom Hunter

Extraordinary Ministers

Vigil Alexandra Wojcik, Marie Cassar
7:30am Mary Ellen Bland, Ken Fenandez
9 Diana Hill, Sheila Fonseca
10:30 Falakika Nau, Maria Aliifa'ologo
5 Jean Reid, Sam Nour

Readers

Vigil Vicky Horgan, Juliet Manalastas
7:30 Jim Mutton, Trevor Williams, Mary Johns
9 Ken Fernandes, Cherima Lucilo, N. Cox
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 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



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 young woman told Saint Peter she'd like to go back to biblical times. He handed her a broom and said, "Start with Genesis."

At the pearly gates, an old man asked if there was golf. Peter replied, "Only on the cloud course."

The deceased person was surprised to see his golf buddies waiting in heaven. One said, "We figured you'd slice this way eventually."

Congratulations to Fr Richard – 20th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

Fr Richard Healey celebrated the 20th anniversary of his 2006 priestly ordination on the Solemnity of St John the Baptist (24 June). This is a wonderful milestone in the life of a priest, and I invite our parish community to join me in thanking God for his faithful ministry among us.

We invite all parishioners to keep Fr Richard in your prayers, asking the Lord to continue to bless him with good health, joy, wisdom, and many more years of fruitful priestly ministry.

For those who wish to mark this special occasion, a collection will be taken as you leave the church after all Masses this weekend. Any contribution is voluntary and will be presented to Fr Richard as a token of our gratitude and appreciation.

Please join us in congratulating Fr Richard on this wonderful milestone, and may God continue to bless him abundantly in his priestly vocation.

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.**

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:

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- 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!

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News from the Diocese

A vocation view

Jesus did not call the powerful or self-sufficient — he called the weary and the childlike. Every vocation begins with hearing his words: "Come to me." Are you listening? (Matthew 11:28)
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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