

### Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 9am

### The Word Of The Lord

#### **This Week's Readings: 25OC**

First: Amos 8:4-7  
 Second: 1 Timothy 2:1-8  
 Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

#### **Psalm Response:**

(R.) Praise the Lord  
 who lifts up the poor.

#### **Next Week's Readings: 26OC**

First: Amos 6:1, 4-7  
 Second: 1 Timothy 6:11-16  
 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

### Parish Staff

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### Parish Office Hours

Tuesday: 08:00 - 16:00  
 Wednesday: 08:30 - 10:30  
 12:00 - 16:00  
 Thursday: 08:30 - 16:30  
 Friday: 10:30 - 16:30

[facebook.com/stpaulsalbionpark](https://facebook.com/stpaulsalbionpark)  
[stpaulsparish.org.au/](http://stpaulsparish.org.au/)  
 Free WiFi: St Paul's Church:  
 Password: saulpaul

### Prudent Stewards



The steward in today's Gospel confronts the reality that he can't go on living the way he has been. He is under judgment. He must give account for what he has done.

The exploiters of the poor in today's First Reading are also about to be pulled down, to be thrust from their stations.

Servants of mammon, or money, they're so in love with wealth that they reduce the poor to objects; they despise the new moons and sabbaths—the observances and holy days of God.

Their only hope is to follow the steward's path. He is no model of repentance. But he makes a prudent calculation—to use his last hours in charge of his master's property to show mercy to others, to relieve their debts.

He is a child of this world, driven by a purely selfish motive—to make friends and be welcomed into the homes of his master's debtors. Yet his prudence is commended as an example to us, the children of light. We too must realize, as the steward does, that what we have is not honestly ours, but in truth belongs to another, our Master.

All the mammon in the world could not have paid the debt we owe our Master. So He paid it for us. He gave His life as a ransom for all, as we hear in today's Epistle.

God wants everyone to be saved, even kings and princes, even the lovers of money. But we cannot serve two Masters. By His grace, we should choose to be, as we sing in today's Psalm, "servants of the Lord."

We serve Him by using what He has entrusted us with to give alms, to lift the lowly from the dust and dunghills of this world. By this we will gain what is ours and be welcomed into eternal dwellings, the many mansions of the Father's house.

## This Week's Masses: 25OC

|       |  |                                 |
|-------|--|---------------------------------|
| 22/09 | <b>Monday</b>  | <b>6:45am Mass</b>              |
| 23/09 | <b>Tuesday</b><br><i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>                  | 6:00pm Mass                     |
| 24/09 | <b>Wednesday</b>   | 6:00pm Mass                     |
| 25/09 | <b>Thursday</b>  | 8:00am Mass                     |
| 26/09 | <b>Friday</b><br><i>Ss Cosmas &amp; Damian</i>                   | 9:30am Mass<br>Year 8 attending |
| 27/09 | <b>Saturday</b><br><i>St Vincent de Paul</i>                     | <b>6:00pm Vigil</b>             |
| 28/09 | <b>Sunday (26OC)</b><br>26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | <b>9:00am Mass</b>              |

## Other Events: (22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September)

|            |         |                                |
|------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Mon</b> | 6:30pm  | Charismatic Group (PMR)        |
| <b>Mon</b> | 7:30am  | MacKillop building repairs     |
| <b>Wed</b> | 9:00am  | Year 12 Graduation (SJHS Hall) |
| <b>Fri</b> | 8:00am  | Legion of Mary (PMR)           |
| <b>Sun</b> | 10:00am | After Mass Cuppa               |

PMR: Parish Meeting Room; Mac: MacKillop Meeting Room

## Rosters Next Week – 26OC

### Readers: 27<sup>th</sup> September – 28<sup>th</sup> September

|      |                             |
|------|-----------------------------|
| 6pm: | Tania Di Pietro, Vickie Gal |
| 9am: | Tess Godfrey, Jesse Godfrey |

### Counters

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|-------|--|
| 21/09 | Wayne Lees, Sonja Patulny,<br>Gaby Hooker    |
| 28/09 | Brian Godfrey, Gary Amess,<br>Moiria Sheldon |

### Church Cleaners

|       |                                    |
|-------|------------------------------------|
| 21/09 | Allan O'Rourke, Linda O'Rourke     |
| 28/09 | Catherine Foster, Julianne Hoffard |

**"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace."**

Saint Padre Pio

**Reminder: Mass on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September will be at 6:45am**

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

|       |                   |                 |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 23/09 | <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 5:00pm – 5:45pm |
| 24/09 | <b>Wednesday:</b> | 5:00pm – 5:45pm |
| 27/09 | <b>Saturday:</b>  | 5:00pm – 5:45pm |

## Reconciliation

(Held in the Chapel)

|       |                   |                 |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 23/09 | <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 5:00pm – 5:45pm |
| 24/09 | <b>Wednesday:</b> | 5:00pm – 5:45pm |
| 27/09 | <b>Saturday:</b>  | 5:00pm - 5:45pm |

## We Remember In Prayer

- **Recently deceased:** Michael Bonnano; Bishop Pat Power; Teresa Witkowski; Angela Arnold; Frank Cassar; Anthony Bendall; Jack Braakman; Lyn Gal; Kevin Small; Ignazio Piffarelli; Fr David Catterall.
- **Anniversaries:** Ken Hancock; Thelma Brownlee; John Angwin; Pat Quennell; Nancy Groves; Filomena Alfiero; Mary George; Winsome Uren; Ian Angwi; Annette Gillespie (Snr); Chris Hatfield; Tom Brownlee; Dick Hill; Jack Martin; Warren Harmer; Jack Williams; Sr Rosa; Ron Ross; Dorothy Hamilton; George Rospara; Vince Dallas; Maureen Daly; Denise Cerniauskas; all souls in purgatory.
- **For all who are sick:** Charlie Bonnano; Peter; Fred de Hosson; Fr Ronan Kilgannon; Brian Russell; Katie Keys; Catie; Mary Boerebach, Msgr Paul Ryan; Sr Carmel; Brent Austin; Allen Maxwell; Carmel Keyes; Bernadine Hagan; Les Lugowski; Rebecca; Ron Smith; Maurie Jamieson; Michael Graham; Denise Constable; Janice Nussbaumer; Jacob Purcell; Teresa Farrugia; Anne Iverson; Luke Aitken; Colleen Julian; Jack McPhee; Toni Dragon; Emily Pattison; Paul Robinson; Karl Edlinger; Emilia Maslanka; Rosa Maria Santos; Dylan Sant; Summer Martin; Jessica Hart; Steven Maxwell.
- We pray for Pope Leo XIV, vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
- We pray for all unborn children and those for whom no-one else prays.

## Instituted Ministries of Acolyte & Lector

### Formation For Instituted Ministries

**Place:** Xavier Conference Centre Wollongong  
**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
**Time:** 9.30am - 1:00pm  
 10.30am: Celebration of the Eucharist (Cathedral)  
**Register:** [dow.sh/im25](http://dow.sh/im25)

## Welcoming Mass & Baptisms

This weekend we welcome the Micallef and Raposio families, as three children, Carter, Oaklen and Gianna will receive the Sacrament of Baptism from Father Leo. We pray that the grace of the Holy Spirit will be granted to these children in abundance as they begin their lives anew as members of God's family. We pray also for their parents and God-parents, that they will encourage these children to pray always and to say **Yes** to God.

## Uniting Church Summer Fashion Parade

**Date:** Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**Time:** 10:00am

**Cost:** \$10.00. A great morning tea will be provided.

**RSVP:** Kay Glover - 0419 478 756

## Bishop's Annual Appeal: THIS WEEKEND

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is being held this weekend and next. There are a number of ways to make a **tax-deductible donation** to the Bishop's Appeal:



**Scan:** QR code

**Call:** (02) 4222 2400

**Online:** [www.dow.org.au/giving](http://www.dow.org.au/giving)

**Envelope:** Appeal Envelopes will be available in the narthex on 20-21 and 27-

28 September. They can be dropped into the collection bags at either collection this weekend and next.

## Music Ministry Update

During the upcoming school holidays, I will be attending the National Liturgy and Music Conference: *Pilgrims of Hope, Transformed through Sacrament and Song*. Thank you, once again, to those who have financially supported me, so I can attend. Photos from the conference will be shared on the Parish Facebook page. Please take note that whilst away there will be limited music at the weekend masses. I look forward to sharing with everyone the insights and new music from the conference on my return. Thanks and God bless. *Catriona Nunan*

## Resinfect Repair Work Begins this Week

This week, beginning on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Resinfect will begin the essential repair work to the foundations of the old presbytery, now known as the MacKillop building. Father Leo is very thankful to the parishioners who have been so generous in making donations to this specific cause.

## Ministries Roster

The new Ministries Roster will begin on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October. Hard copies will be available in the narthex from next weekend. Thank you to all parishioners who so willingly give of their time and talents to sustain the liturgical, sacramental, catechetical, social and benevolent life of the parish community.

## St John Vianney's Class of '75 - 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

**Class of '75, Year 6, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion**

**Contact:** Angela, Luiza, Jose or Sophie

**Email:** [info.sjvclassof75@gmail.com](mailto:info.sjvclassof75@gmail.com)

**Facebook:** St John Vianney's, Class of 75 - 50th reunion

## Pro-Life Speaker Dr Joanna Howe

**Save Our Girls Bill 2025**

**Date:** Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> September

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Venue:** Shellharbour Community Church

**Register:** [drjoannahowe.com.au/speakingtour2025-shellharbour](http://drjoannahowe.com.au/speakingtour2025-shellharbour)

Join people across churches and all walks of life for an event in Shellharbour with Dr Joanna Howe as a part of our "Save Our Girls" Speaking Tour. Girls are selectively aborted at an alarmingly higher rate in NSW. Hear why John Ruddick NSW MLC is introducing a bill to end this and how you can help. Please join us to hear from Dr Jo with opportunity for Q&A as well as supper at the end.

## Blessing of Animals

**Date:** Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October

**Time:** 9:30am

**Parish:** Saint Michael's Parish, Thirroul

**Address:** 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul.

The blessing will take place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 800kg and their carers/handlers are welcome.

The feast of St Francis of Assisi is Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a Mass at 9:30am – animals welcome.

## Thank You from St Vincent de Paul Society

A belated Thank You to the Catholic Women's League for their generous support of the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal last month. *Hugh Kennedy (SVdP President)*

## Mission Mindset Retreat Sunday

**Date:** Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Time:** 12:00pm

**Venue:** St Mary Star the Sea Parish Centre, Gerringong

**RSVP:** RSVP by Thursday, 16th October

**Contact:** [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au) or

**Register:** [dow.org.au/events/mission-mindset-retreat](http://dow.org.au/events/mission-mindset-retreat)

We are all called to mission, wherever we are and whatever we are doing. We are missionaries of the everyday. Join NET Ministries Australia & New Zealand as they dive into what it means to have a mission mindset. Whether you're interested in mission or wondering what it looks like in our church, come along and bring a friend. We hope to see you there atop the beautiful hill overlooking Gerringong

## Australian Catholic Youth Festival

**Place:** Melbourne Exhibition Centre

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> November - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

**Register:** [dow.org.au/cymw](http://dow.org.au/cymw) or

**Enquiries:** Arnie Hurdoyal [arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au](mailto:arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au)

ACYF is a national celebration of faith, drawing together thousands of young people (Year 9 to 25 years old) from across Australia for a powerful experience of encounter, formation, prayer and community. Each day includes dynamic speakers, workshops, music, Mass, and an interactive expo. Travel and accommodation are being organised through **Harvest Journeys**, with a full package including ACYF ticket, return flights, transfers, 4 nights' hotel accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner on arrival. *Spots are limited and must be finalised by mid-September.*

### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear  
them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### First Reading Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor  
for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try  
to suppress the poor people of the country, you who  
say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can  
sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our  
wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the  
shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales,  
we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy  
for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the  
sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the  
pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you  
have done.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7**

**(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

### Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants  
all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers  
offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and  
thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in  
authority, so that we may be able to live religious  
and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is  
right, and will please God our saviour: he wants  
everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of  
the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only  
one mediator between God and mankind, himself a  
man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom  
for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the  
appointed time, and I have been named a herald and  
apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie –  
a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their  
hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or  
argument.

**"The man who can be trusted in little  
things can be trusted in great."**

### Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make  
you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Luke 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and  
he had a steward who was denounced to him for  
being wasteful with his property. He called for the  
man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw  
me up an account of your stewardship because you  
are not to be my steward any longer." Then the  
steward said to himself, "Now that my master is  
taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do?  
Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should  
be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make  
sure that when I am dismissed from office there will  
be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To  
the first he said, "How much do you owe my  
master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the  
reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit  
down straight away and write fifty." To another he  
said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One  
hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The  
steward said, "Here, take your bond and write  
eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his  
astuteness. For the children of this world are more  
astute in dealing with their own kind than are the  
children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to  
win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails  
you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity.  
The man who can be trusted in little things can be  
trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little  
things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot  
be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will  
trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be  
trusted with what is not yours, who will give you  
what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will  
either hate the first and love the second, or treat the  
first with respect and the second with scorn. You  
cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'