

# 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

## 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025



**Next week:**  
**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

Sirach 3:17-20,28-29  
Heb 12:18-19,22-24  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

### Isaiah 66:18-21

When this was written, Jerusalem stood as a shell of its former glory. The people struggled to rebuild God's Temple and the city. Morale was very low. These passages shook the people from their despair. God's glory would one day return.

### Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

God has various ways of correcting our conduct, sometimes by his Spirit. He wants to bring the people back to acknowledge and confess their sins. He brings the people back to a sense of their true duty to God and others.

### Luke 13:22-30

Jesus is speaking to people who were used to the idea of being "chosen", but who had lost sight of the challenge that goes with being chosen. Some of those who thought they were chosen may be excluded and those that were thought to be "outsiders" would be part of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is inclusive not exclusive.

## Universal Prayers

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. For faith to embrace the conviction that God has the final word in our lives. We pray to thee Lord.
2. For the courage to confront the racial hostilities that threaten our lives. We pray to the Lord.
3. For hope to pursue our dreams even when we have missed some opportunities. We pray to the Lord.
4. For forgiveness that we may be reconciled to those who have hurt us. We pray to the Lord.
5. For compassion that we may understand the stranger. We pray to the Lord.
6. For love that we may live for Christ in all aspect of our living. We pray to the Lord.

### Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday	Mass	8.00am
Wednesday	No Mass	
Thursday	No Mass	
Friday	Mass	8.00am

### Confessions

Please see Father before Mass

### Mass Intentions



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Barry Howard

## Diary Dates

Women's Faith Circle (Coffee & Gospel)	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	11:00am	Parish Hall
Conversations	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	10:30am	Parish Hall
MMP Cenacle (Rosary and reading)	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	6:00pm	Chapel
Crafternoon	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	4:00-6:00pm	Parish Hall
Men's Group	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	7:00pm	Parish Hall
Morning Tea	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	10:15AM	Parish Hall
Spiritual Reflection Day	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	2:00-4:00pm	Hermitage
Catholic Women's League Meeting	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	10:30am	Parish Hall



## Summit Night- an evening with Dr Edward Sri

You are invited to our next Summit Night — an inspiring evening of truth, formation, and community featuring world-renowned Catholic speaker and theologian Dr Edward Sri on Saturday 30 August, 6:30pm-9:00pm at the Xavier Conference Centre (next to Wollongong Cathedral) on The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love. Discover how growing in virtue helps us love authentically in friendships, dating, marriage, and family life.

The evening includes a wine & cheese reception, Dr Sri's keynote, Eucharistic Adoration, and genuine leather rosary pouch giveaway!

Free event, but registration is essential. Register here: [dow.sh/44csSMR](https://dow.sh/44csSMR)

Follow @CYMDOW on socials for more details.

## Our next Spiritual Reflection in the Jubilee Year of Hope

"Pilgrims of Hope" is the theme for the 2025 Jubilee Year, emphasizing the need for hope in a world facing many challenges. It encourages individuals to embrace their life journeys with trust in God's providence and to actively seek a better future. The theme highlights the importance of solidarity, compassion, and a renewed sense of purpose in the face of adversity.

On the 13 September our Parish two-hour Reflection will focus on Eucharistic Hope. Facilitated by Fr Sean, it gives adults the opportunity to reflect on Eucharistic Hope and our personal experience of the Eucharist as a source of strength and nourishment, particularly in times of difficulty and uncertainty.

The aim of Adult Spiritual Formation is not to impart knowledge but rather to provide material and information that invites reflection on themes relevant to life and the times in which we live. Through prayer, scripture and silence, practices that nurture our soul, participants will be invited to reflect on Eucharistic Hope as we seek to daily embody Christ's love and compassion

**Facilitator:** Fr Sean Cullen

**VENUE:** The Hermitage, 843 Old South Rd, Mittagong

**DATE:** 13 September 2025

**TIME:** 2:00 - 4:00pm Please be seated in the hall by 1:50pm.

**RSVP:** The Parish Office by email: [Bowral@dow.org.au](mailto:Bowral@dow.org.au)  
or Phone: 4861 1902 by 5 September 2025



## HOSPITALITY IN AUGUST

### Crafternoon

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 4pm to 6pm  
Parish Hall

All welcome!

\* Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult

## Conversations

**Date:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 10:30am

**Location:** Parish Hall

**Guest Speaker:** Helen Sinclair

Helen Sinclair, a Parish member, will be our guest and we will be discussing the Sophia Education Ministries, for which Helen is Deputy Chair of the Board

## Garden Club

The next "working bee" will be Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 1pm

