

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C
6th / 7th September, 2025



Next week:
The Exaltation
of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Wisdom 9:13-18
Life on this side of heaven is full of many twists and turns and we can never know exactly what will happen in the future. Our best plans are just tentative speculations on what will occur. But though our faith in God we know that we will eventually be united with God which is our given destiny.
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
We see that what might seem to be an obstacle or a block to our plans in life is sometimes the means to reach our goals. By being imprisoned in Jerusalem, St Paul used this time by preaching his words which reached the wider world.
Luke 14:25-33
Because we are Christians, we let ourselves open for a lifetime of difficulties and change. The Bible tells us that God does not give up on us. We will ultimately be conformed to what God would have us be.

Universal Prayers

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1. That Christians everywhere will realise that being a follower of Christ will cost us our right to ignore the hungry of the world. We pray to the Lord.
2. That Christians everywhere will realise that being a follower of Christ will cost us our right to hold grudges against others. We pray to the Lord.
3. That Christians everywhere will realise that being a follower of Christ will cost us our right to be loose with the truth. We pray to the Lord.
4. That Christians everywhere will realise that being a follower of Christ will cost us our right to put friends ahead of enemies. We pray to the Lord.
5. That Christians everywhere will realise that being a follower of Christ will cost us our right to love money more that we love honour. We pray to the Lord.
6. That Christians everywhere will realise that being a follower of Christ will cost us our right to indulge our appetite for power. We pray to the Lord.

Table with 2 main sections: Weekday Liturgical Schedule and Mass Intentions. Weekday schedule lists Mass times (8:00am) for Tuesday through Friday. Mass Intentions list specific prayers for various days in September.

Diary Dates table listing various church events and their times/locations for September. Includes Women's Faith Circle, Men's Group, Morning Tea, MMP Cenacle, Spiritual Reflection Day, Catholic Women's League Meeting, Scripture Study, and Crafternoon.

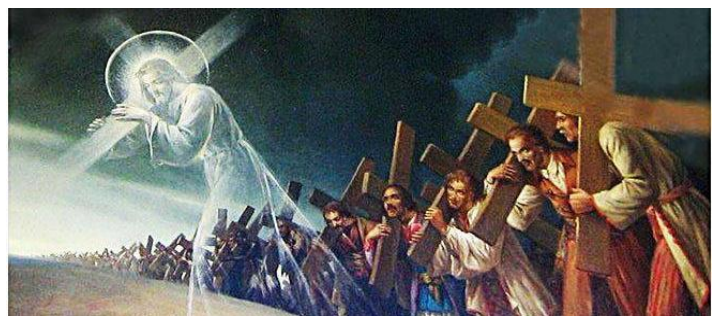
Bishop's Annual Appeal
The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be promoted in our diocese during the month of September. To find out more or make a tax deductible donation please visit www.dow.org.au/giving or call (02) 4222 2400 to make a donation over the phone. A special collection will take place in our parish on the weekends of 20/21 & 27/28 September.

Save the Date
Crafternoon
Handmade Goods Stall
28th September 2025

HOSPITALITY IN SEPTEMBER
Morning Tea for Carers & Those who are Living Alone
Thursday 11th September, 10:15am
Parish Hall
Crafternoon
Friday 26th September, 4pm to 6pm, Parish Hall
All welcome!
* Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult

The Brown Scapular
Interested in being enrolled in the Brown Scapular? Want to learn more about this devotion? Brown Scapular investiture Sunday 21st September 9:30am Mass
Email Lynn Shepherd: sheppolynn@hotmail.com
Or add your name to the list after mass 13/14 September

Catholic Grandparents Ministry
Passing on the faith and keeping prayer at the heart of the family is the mission of the Catholic Grandparents Ministry in the Parish. Our next gathering is Monday, 8th Sept. at John and Geraldine's place in Mittagong. Everyone who has the vocation of passing on the faith is so welcome to come. Enquiries geraldinedayball@hotmail.com or phone 0421 329 365



Spiritual Reflection Day
Last Chance to Register
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 or Phone: 4861 1902

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For Dads no Longer with Us
Your love was unconditional, and presence in my life was priceless.
On Father's Day, I carry your memory with utmost gratitude and respect.
Anonymous

Men's Group this Week
Studies of religious affiliation have suggested there is a resurgence in people interested in knowing more about the Christian faith. This has noticeably increased among young men. This week the men's group will hear from a couple of young men who have recently re-connected with our faith, who will share why they have been drawn back and what they expect to find when they return. Men of all ages are welcome. Wednesday 10th September 7pm-8pm in the parish hall. Pizza and drinks to follow.