



WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF ST COLUMBKILLE'S AND ST JOSEPH'S



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Catholic Parish
CORRIMAL

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MASS TIMES AT ST COLUMBKILLE'S CORRIMAL

WED 18 MAR ANGELUS | MIDDAY MASS
THUR 19 MAR 5PM ADORATION | CONFESSION
6PM MASS
FRI 20 MAR ANGELUS | MIDDAY MASS
6PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SAT 21 MAR 5:30PM RECONCILIATION
6PM VIGIL MASS

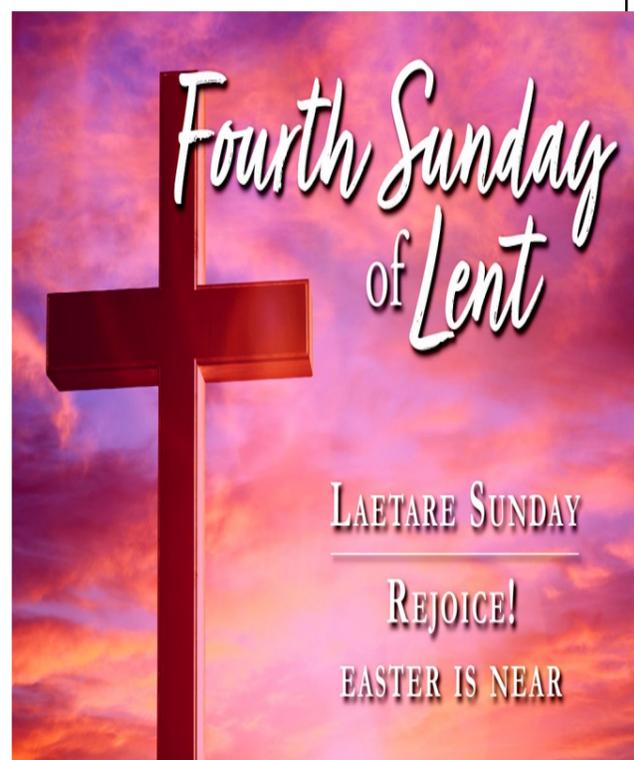
READER: L BROOKHOUSE, S MULCAHY | INTERCESSIONS: S MULCAHY
ACOLYTE: C ANTHONY | EMHC: L BROOKHOUSE | PPOINT: M ONGARATO

SUN 22ND MARCH - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30AM MASS

READERS: M MANZINI, L CONSTABLE | INTERCESSIONS: M MANZINI
EMHC: P HYLAND | ACOLYTES: P CROWE | PPOINT: R HYLAND
COUNTERS: S & K BROWN, S PITT

'Laetare Sunday'



MASS TIMES AT ST JOSEPH'S BULLI

TUES 17 MAR 5PM MASS (FEAST OF ST PATRICK)
WED 18 MAR 4:30PM ROSARY & EXPOSITION | 5PM MASS
THUR 19 MAR FEAST OF ST ST JOSEPH
9:30AM SCHOOL MASS
ANGELUS | MIDDAY MASS & LITANY OF ST JOSEPH
FRI 20 MAR 8AM ADORATION | 9AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
9:30AM MASS | 10AM CONFESSION
LENTEN PROGRAM

SUN 22ND MARCH - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30AM MASS READERS: G KEOGH, H WITHERIDGE | GREETER: C MCKIRDY

ACOLYTE: P LOCKHART | PPOINT: M HORNE

5PM: RECONCILIATION | 5:30PM MASS

READERS : C DEEMING, S BIONDINI | GREETER: PEREZ | ACOLYTE: C GILES | PPOINT: PEREZ



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY This Sunday is called “Laetare” or “Rejoice” Sunday. The joy of the Risen Lord is on the horizon but we still need to open our lives to the blessings of Lent. * *A greater time to spend in prayer, especially for our world; * looking at the parts of our lives which lead us away from God’s call to be His disciples. * The selfishness that spoils who we really are - children of God.* Let us continue the journey of Lent - **TOGETHER.**

‘COMPASSIO’ LENTEN PROGRAM 2026 - ALL WELCOME

ST COLUMBKILLE’S CORRIMAL

MONDAYS, 11AM, PARISH OFFICE

SONIA WILL FACILITATE THE PRAYER GROUP

CONTACT: 0433 709 837

ST JOSEPH’S BULLI:

FRIDAYS, 10AM, PARISH CENTRE

JENNY WILL LEAD THIS PRAYER GROUP.

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.



ST JOSEPH’S BULLI 2026 SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

*** THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (YEAR 3) WILL BE IN TERM 2**

ON SUNDAY, 24TH MAY AT 8:30AM & 5:30PM | SUNDAY, 31ST MAY 8:30AM & 5:30PM

ENROLMENT PROCESS WILL BE ADVISED CLOSER TO THE DATES.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED CHILDREN’S LITURGY - BULLI We are looking for interested persons to take over the ministry. **You must have an active WWCC** to take on this role. **Please contact the Parish office on 4284 3000** to learn more. *We thank Natasha Ferderer for her wonderful work over the years co-ordinating this ministry and we are very grateful for all the contributions to our Children’s ministry.*

FUNDRAISING FOR A NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW- ST JOSEPH’S BULLI

LEONIE LE CORNU STAINED GLASS HAVE ACCEPTED OUR COMMISSION TO MANUFACTURE A STAINED GLASS PANEL OF “ST JOSEPH THE CARPENTER” WITH THE TOTAL COST BEING \$18,000. THIS WILL INCLUDE MODIFYING THE EXISTING WINDOW FRAME. WE HAVE FUNDRAISING TICKETS TO SELL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AFTER MASSES (OR VISIT THE PARISH OFFICE). TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH OR 3 FOR \$10. ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A MORE SUBSTANTIAL DONATION ARE WELCOME.
MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, FR PATRICK

DIOCESAN YOUTH SPORTS FESTIVAL Young people from ages 15-35 are invited to come together for the very first Diocesan Youth Sports Festival. **Grab your friends, cousins, youth group or young adult crew & form a team of 7+.** **Morning tea & BBQ lunch are included** & the day will finish with a **Mass celebrated by Bishop Brian at St Columbkille’s Church, Corrimal.**

WHEN: Saturday, 18 April 2026 | TIME: 9:30am-3:30pm | WHERE: Holy Spirit College, Bellambi
COST: \$50 per team | or \$10 per person

LEGION OF MARY All active and auxiliary members of Legion of Mary are invited to the annual ACIE’s to be held at Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra at **2pm on Palm Sunday, 29 March.** Refreshments will be provided but you are welcome to bring a plate to share. **Any enquiries, please all Susan 0449 807814.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CORRIMAL & BULLI: **FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH,** we are asking for **large tins of tuna, tins of meat, tins of vegetables, tins of fruit & deb potato packets.** Baskets are available in both Parishes where you can leave your donations. Thank you for your continuous support to Vinnies.

DECEASED: Lucinda, Bernardi, Guiseppe Barbagallo, Philip Flemming, Stella Bates, Margaret Tonna, Terrence Cole, Ray Mirabito, Patrick Sanders, Judy Kuit, Mary (Marie) Gaudry, Joan King, Michael Bernard O’Neill, Howard McGarry, Jacky Melder, Luigi Belsito, Michael de Rosa, Frances de Rosa, Ettore de Rosa, Sr Martina Sarkis, Grazia (Grace) Ugonotti, David Trainor

SICK: Janice Watt, Mark Hundy, Jan Sandana, Maureen Green, Michael Reilly, Fr John Pickering OFM, Jean McKeown, Joy Raines, Kara McKinnon, Manuela Manzini, Rhian Yeo, Colin Lewis, Sara Giannella, Robert Heyman, Vincent King, Frank Zompogna, Pascqualina Conte.

ANNIVERSARY: Barry Kelleher (1 yr), Angelina Filippi, Joseph Portelli (45 yrs). David Mathews (2 yrs)



THE BLIND MAN'S PATH TO LIGHT JOHN 9: 1-41

He takes a route that leads him to gradually discover the identity of the One who opened his eyes and to confess his faith in him. At first, he considers him a prophet (cf. John 9:17); then he recognises him as one who comes from God (cf. John 9:33); finally, he welcomes him as the Messiah and prostrates himself before him (cf. John 9: 36-38)... He is no longer a beggar marginalised by the community; he is no longer a slave to blindness and prejudice. His path of enlightenment is a metaphor for the path of liberation from sin to which we are called... The healed blind man, who now sees both with the eyes of the body and with those of the soul, is the image of every baptised person...But it is not enough to receive the light, one must become light. Each one of us is called to receive the Divine Light and manifest it with our whole life. *(Pope Francis, Angelus 4th Sunday of Lent, 22/2/2020)*

LENTEN FORMATION PROGRAM | WEBINAR: THIS WEDNESDAY, 18TH MARCH, 7:30PM

As part of some Lenten Formation I have organised for Sr Michelle Conolly rsj (formerly Associate Professor of Scripture at the Catholic Institute of Sydney) to lead two 1 hr webinars on the Readings of the Easter Vigil. The webinars will explore how the Old Testament readings highlight and point us to the Gospel reading at the Vigil. If anyone is interested in tuning-in, a **\$10 donation** is requested to help cover the cost, **please mail Fr Anthony (anthony.crook@dow.org.au)** to access the link, together with the banking details.

CATHECHIST RETREAT | NEXT MONDAY, 23 MARCH | WOLLONGONG ALL CATECHIST &

SUPPORTERS OF THE CATECHIST MINISTRY ARE WELCOME TO JOIN A SPECIAL DAY OF RETREAT. **RETREAT FACILITATOR, FR ALOYSIUS REGO OCD.** PLEASE BYO LUNCH, MORNING TEA PROVIDED. DONATIONS ARE WELCOME BUT THERE IS NO COST FOR THE RETREAT. **To REGISTER:** [DOW.SH/CCDRETREAT26](http://dow.sh/CCDRETREAT26)

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY | 23-26 MARCH (PLS JOIN WITH HUNDREDS AROUND THE DIOCESE MAKING THIS

PRAYER) "LORD, WE ASK THAT YOU BLESS THE MEMBERS OF THE KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY TEAM, PREPARING TO SHARE THE GOSPEL AT THE SOUTH COAST (NOWRA) CORRECTIONAL CENTRE. WE PRAY THAT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT WILL EMPOWER THE WORK OF THE TEAM, AND PREPARE THE HEARTS OF THE INMATES, TO BE TRANSFORMED BY YOUR LOVE AND MERCY.

WORLD YOUTH DAY - SEOUL 2027

"Let's start the journey!"

WYD is returning in August 2027 and this time it's heading to Seoul, South Korea! WYD is an unforgettable celebration of faith with millions of young Catholics from around the world, and we're excited to begin preparing a diocesan pilgrimage. If you (or someone you know) will be **18-25 years in August 2027** and would love to experience the vibrancy of the universal church, a new culture and a life-changing encounter with Christ, we'd love to hear from you. **REGISTER your expression of interest:** dow.sh/wyd27

CATHOLIC CARE COUNSELLING CAN HELP

CatholicCare offers professional counselling rooted in compassion and guided by values of faith and hope. Whether you are facing family challenges, relationship struggles, grief or personal concerns, they have counsellors who can walk with you on the path to healing and renewal. Call (02)4254 9395 or visit <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au>

WHAT'S AROUND THE DIOCESE:

dow.org.au/staying-connected

HEAR FROM POPE LEO XIV:

<https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/>

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY UOW UOW students & staff are invited to become involved with the **UOW Catholic Society**. Join for **Mass & lunch, 12:30pm Thurs during semester in bldg. 11 Clubs Room.**

PARISH EVENTS

MONDAY 11AM	LENTEN PROGRAMME (PARISH OFFICE) ST COLUMBKILLE'S (WEEKLY TO EASTER)
MONDAY (WEEKLY)	ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP (10AM) ST COLUMBKILLE'S, PARISH CENTRE
WEDNESDAY (WEEKLY)	LEGION OF MARY (STARTS 10:45AM) ST COLUMBKILLE'S, PARISH CENTRE
1ST WED (MONTHLY)	CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (10AM) ST COLUMBKILLE'S, PARISH CENTRE
2ND WED (MONTHLY)	WRAP WITH LOVE (10AM -11:45AM) ST COLUMBKILLE'S, PARISH CENTRE
FRIDAY 10AM-11AM	LENTEN PROGRAMME ST JOSEPH'S BULLI (WEEKLY TO EASTER)
1ST WKEND (MONTHLY)	ST COLUMBKILLE'S PARISH COMMUNITY MASS/ CUPPA 6PM VIGIL MASS & 9:30AM SUNDAY MASS COMMUNITY PARISH DINNER WOONONA/BULLI RSL (6PM MAIN DINING)
4TH SAT (MONTHLY)	ST JOSEPH'S PARISH COMMUNITY MASS/ CUPPA (AFTER 8:30AM MASS)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

First Reading: A reading from the book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

REFLECTION: In the Gospel of John, the image of light is often used as a metaphor to depict Jesus, who presents us with the illuminating Truth whereby we are set free from the darkness of the world, and the blindness of sin. Jesus, as the divine light, brings vision to the man born blind, in miraculous fashion. To each of us, he offers the grace of vision - not that we may see this world with greater clarity or sharpness, but rather that we may catch a glimpse into the ternal realities which lie beyond this world - that we may perceive the hidden presence of God in all things, and in the infinitude which lies beyond all things. *(Taken from God's Word Daily Reflection 2026)*

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN BOTH PARISHES - COST: \$2