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Welcome to the Parishes of St Columbkille's and St Joseph's

St Mary of the Cross - Pray for Us

3rd October 2021
27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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Dear Parishioners,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus. As we move into the 15th week of lockdown there seems to be some light at the end of the tunnel. Again with Church and government leaders I encourage you to get vaccinated to protect yourself against the COVID 19 Virus. The Wollongong area has seen an increase in the number of people contracting the virus. I am particularly concerned about our overwhelmed Hospital system.

*Our Doctors, nurses and hospital staff are exhausted with so many patients. Vaccination can help them in their important work. Being vaccinated protects our families and loved ones too. As Parish Priest I offer each Sunday Mass for your needs and intentions. Fr Richard and myself will continue to upload the Masses to our Parish websites. May the Lord Jesus continue to walk with us on life's journey. **St Mary MacKillop, Pray for us.***

Yours in the Peace of Christ,

Fr Patrick

PRAYER DURING THE PANDEMIC

*Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger,
to whom we turn in our distress, in faith we pray,
Look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead,
Comfort mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying,
Strength to our healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders,
And the courage to reach out to all in love,
So that together we may give glory to your holy name.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen*

ST COLUMBKILLE'S CORRIMAL: Masses with Fr Richard Healey are being streamed daily from St Columbkille's Corrimal from Tuesday to Friday and on Sunday. They are being uploaded to the parish website: www.corrimalparish.org.au you can view this Masses at any time.

ST JOSEPH'S BULLI: Sunday Masses from St Joseph's Bulli with Father Patrick will be available to view from Saturday evenings at 6pm Please go to Saint Joseph's website: www.saintjosephsbulli.com the Mass can be viewed at anytime.

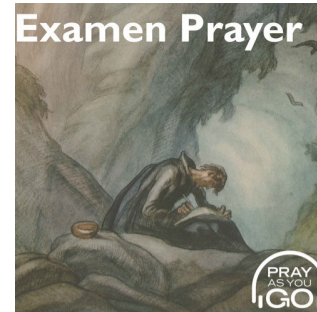
We acknowledge the Dharawal people, their country and their Elders, past and present.

PRAYER SEMINARS: EXPERIENCE VARIOUS PRAYER STYLES – ALL WELCOME

This week's **Prayer Seminar: Tuesday 5 October at 7pm - 8:30pm** via Zoom.

The presenter this week is **Francis Tilly** who will lead us on 'The Examen'. Each week a different presenter will lead us in a style of prayer that is meaningful to them. The seminars will include information, but also the opportunity to be led by an expert in the prayer experience. These are open to anyone in the Diocese to attend any of the evenings available:

To register: <https://www.dow.org.au/events>



Urgent - Join in Opposition to Euthanasia in NSW before October 11

The move to make Euthanasia / Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) legal will be introduced into the NSW Parliament in coming days. We are called to stand up for the sanctity of life and oppose 'the culture of death'. Bishop Mascord urges the faithful of the Dioceses to **contact their local state MPs** without delay, asking them to vote **NO**. Advocates of Assisted Suicide, are similarly working very hard to influence local MPs and without similar efforts for those who uphold the value of life from conception to natural death, it is likely that this terrible bill will become law. Go to www.dow.org.au/euthanasiabill to receive contact details of your State MPs, as well as speaking points for a phone call which is by far the most impactful form of communication. Emailing is a less impactful, but still valuable option. This is a most urgent call to brave action, with this bill infringing many religious freedoms and worse still the sanctity of human life.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED: A FEMALE PARISHIONER IS LOOKING FOR THE LONG-TERM RENT OF A GRANNY FLAT OR SIMILAR IN THE WOLLONGONG / NORTHERN SUBURBS AREA. IF YOU CAN HELP OR KNOW OF SOME ACCOMMODATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 4284 3000 TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION.

WHAT GOD HAS JOINED: SCOTT HAHN - GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question.

The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it. But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading.

Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart"—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands. Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth.

That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm. Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. As today's Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family. The Church is the new Eve, the "woman" born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the Cross.

Through the union of Christ and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled. Eve was "mother of all the living". And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning.

The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.



We pray for: Pope Francis' intentions for the Month of Oct: Missionary Disciples, Afghanistan

our world and nation in the grips of the COVID 19 Pandemic.

Our Sick: Jean Ryan, Josephine Bowditch, Rita Fitzpatrick, Dalelle Akele, Fr Chris Riley, Andrew Zelco, Margie Dorin, Pat Stewart, Avril Wheatley, Sue Collins, Renee Collins, Herman Hoek, Stephen Mobley, Vince Stewart, Ashley Palmieri, Ann Picton, Ella Hazelton, David McCudden, Russell Green, Gaspari Family

Our Recently Deceased: Archie Pascale, Ugo Molinaro, David Weir, Bill Kennedy, Viola Coluccio, Mary Cox, Marie Harding, Tanya Bajda, Peter Drewe, Fr Peter Caruana, Pauline Brien, Fr Geoff Allen.

Our Deceased: Sadie Cropper, Franz & Bianca Sucic, Peter Davies, Margaret Locke, Mena Barrett, Jim Taylor, Murray & Denise Johnson, Tom Wylie, Anthony Akele Snr, Socrates and Ida Ioannou, Ron McCudden, Joseph Micalé, Siro Rostirolla, Antonio Piacentin, Manera Family, Paola Family, **and for all the Holy Souls**

