

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

5th /6th September 2026



Next Week:
24th Sunday in
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Sirach 27:30-28:7 Jesus wants that we never tolerate any situation in which there is a breach of
Romans 14:7-9 personal relationships between us and another member of the Christian community,
Matthew 18:21-35 the Church. This passage details what we must do to advance Christian fellowship
within the Church.

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The prophecy of Ezekiel is concerned from the outset with a prophet whose first commission was to express God's judgment on Judah for its breach of covenant faith. However, Ezekiel does express the hope which will rise out of the ashes of destruction.

Romans 13:8-10

The Apostle Paul feels that the Christian is seen not as an individual practitioner of private virtue, but as a member of the body of Christ and as a member of Christ's church. The whole duty of the Christian may be summed up by the commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Matthew 18:15-20

Universal Prayers

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1. For troubled children who believe that their parents are too old-fashioned to understand their problems. We pray to the Lord.
2. For married couples who have let the strain of daily living rob them of joy in each other. We pray to the Lord.
3. For extended families where grandparents have been shut out of their children's lives. We pray to the Lord.
4. For neglected in-laws who have been left out of family celebrations and visits. We pray to the Lord.
5. For good friends who have let hard words and unspoken resentments destroy the warmth of friendship. We pray to the lord.
6. For office mates who have had a falling out over unequal pay and unfair workloads. We pray to the Lord.

Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday	Mass	8:00am
Wednesday	Mass	8:00am
Thursday	Mass	8:00am
Friday	Mass	8:00am

Confessions

Wednesday 9th September, 4:00pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5 th	Margaret Doyle
Sunday 6 th	Karl & Eileen Bucher
	Elizabeth O'Neill
Tuesday 8 th	Patrick Doyle
Wednesday 9 th	John Back
Thursday 10 th	Anthony Doyle
Friday 11 th	Patrick Hillsdon

Diary Dates

Choir Practice	Tuesday 8 th September	7:00pm	STA Church
Woman's Faith Circle	Wednesday 9 th September	9:30am	Parish Hall
Men's Group	Wednesday 9 th September	7:00pm	Parish Hall
MMP Cenacle (Rosary & Reading)	Thursday 10 th September	5:00pm	Chapel
Scripture Study	Tuesday 15 th September	6:00pm	Parish Hall
Conversations	Thursday 17 th September	10:30am	Parish Hall
CWL Meeting	Monday 21 st September	10:30am	Parish Hall
Crafternoon	Friday 25 th September	4:00pm	Parish Hall
Solemn Vespers & Benedictions	Sunday 27 th September	4:00pm	STA Church
40 th Anniversary Celebrations	Sunday 8 th November	9:30am	STA Church

Father's Day

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

- Prayer of Kirk Loadman adapted by Debra Mooney, PhD

St Carlo Acutis Relic and Display coming here in September!

Our diocese is excited to be hosting the International Carlo Acutis Major Relic Pilgrimage between 14-21 September 2026. The relic will visit the parishes of Oran Park (Mon 14th), Rosemeadow (Tue 15th) Nowra (Wed 16- Thurs 17th), and the Wollongong Cathedral (Fri 18 - Mon 21), with opportunities for veneration of the first-class relic of St Carlo, participating in the sacraments, and visiting St Carlo's own Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Everyone, but especially students and young adults will be amazed and drawn into a deep experience of faith in encountering St Carlo's story, relic and the display.
Go to <https://www.stcarloaustralia.com/> for more information.



What's on around the Diocese?

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Conversations

The next Conversations will be held on Thursday 17th September, at 10:30am in the Parish Hall
Guest Speaker: Sandra Hiscock
Chair of the Community Hospice and a Director for Palliative Care.
Formally the Head of Yass High School, upon retirement, took up her interest in raising the profile and funding for Palliative Care in the Southern Highlands.

All welcome

Men's Group

Next gathering of the Men's Group will be this Wednesday 9th September 7pm – 8pm in the parish hall.

Topic this month:

How do I know what God's will is for me?
Followed by drinks and pizza.

Men of all ages are welcome.