

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	28 May	Mass: 7am

Tuesday	29 May	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm

Wednesday	30 May	Mass: 7am

Thursday	31 May	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass: 5.30pm

Friday	1 June	Mass: 9.30am

Saturday	2 June	Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm

Sunday	3 June	CORPUS CHRISTI Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish)

TRINITY SUNDAY — YEAR B

27 MAY 2018

READINGS: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Moses reminds the people of the close and loving relationship God has established with them, and the obligations that flow from that relationship (**FIRST READING**).

Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit we have become the Father's children, and co-heirs with Christ (**SECOND READING**).

In His last appearance to the apostles, Jesus commissions them to preach the Gospel to all nations (**GOSPEL**).



AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP MYANMAR



NECKTIES - bright, jovial, colourful! They will transform your outfit and cheer the dullest day - **only \$8** for yourself or a friend. All proceeds will go to support Catholic Mission in the provision of education for little children. You will not only look smart, you will help to make the Myanmar children 'smart' too. **On sale after Masses this weekend 26/27 May 2018.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Maria NADI

Anniversaries: Bernadette RICE
(mother of Bernadette)
Andrew & Elizabeth BROWNE
Peter GALLACHER
Deceased and living members of
CAROLAN & MULLAVEY families

USED STAMPS — MISSIONS IN PERU

Your used stamps can be placed in the box located at the side door of the church. When taking stamps from envelopes, cut around the stamp leaving approx 1cm of the envelope. Used stamps are used to raise money for the mission work of the Sisters of St Joseph in Peru.



ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 2 June	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, S Walsh	
	Lawns		
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 2 June 6pm Mass	A Carlotto	R Baxendale	D Gelfius
Sun 3 June 7am Mass	L Burns	A Browne	A Browne
Sun 3 June 9am Mass	N Dwyer C Carolan	M Rodwell	B Spain G Petric
Counters	A Gunning, M Cauduro, C Garrett		
Children's Liturgy	K Calvert, M Matos		

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Catholic Women's League:** 2nd Thursday of the month - 10:30am in St Joseph's room
New members welcome!
Contact: Barbara 4271 1584 or Margaret 4271 5804
- St Vincent de Paul Conference:** Tues 7.30pm in St Joseph's room
- Parish Pastoral Council:** 2nd Monday of alternate months 7.30pm in St Joseph's room
- Nursing Home Masses**
- Hillside Nursing Home:** 1st Tuesday of the month - 2pm
- Figtree Nursing Home:** 2nd Tuesday of the month - 10:45am
- Villa Maria Nursing Home:** 3rd Tuesday of the month - 9:30am

Refreshments after the 9am Mass on 1st weekend of the month

MEN ALIVE RECONNECTOR BREKKY

Saturday 2 June 2018

7am—8:45am

**Xavier Centre Wollongong
with Bishop Brian Mascord**

Men who attended the menALIVE weekend held 5-6 May or previous weekends held in our Diocese - in fact any interested men - are encouraged to reconnect, attend and support each other in their faith-life journey. Come along to join other men for a morning of worship, a short talk, prayer, banter and a big brekky.



**RSVP: Helen Bennett - helen.bennett@dow.org.au / 4222 4203
or Mr Jude Hennessy on 0408 236 191**

PERSONAL CARE KIT

The Parish Pastoral Council has compiled a basic personal care kit for use in and around our church. It is located in the northern confessional next to the water dispenser. There are a number of information posters (below) about the kit and what it contains situated as follows:

- First left-hand side support pillar when entering side door of church.
 - On door of small cupboard on left-hand side of aisle when entering front door of church.
 - Door of northern confessional.
 - Wall above location of basic personal care kit in northern confessional.

Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the contents of this basic personal care kit and make use of its contents when necessary.

Gospel Reflection

O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds,
and whose breath gives life to the world, hear me.

I come to you as one of your many children.

I am small and weak;

I need your strength and your wisdom.

Make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.

Make my hands respect the things you have made,
and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make me wise so that I may know
the things you have taught your children,
the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Make me strong,

so that I may not be superior to other people,
but able to fight my greatest enemy, which is myself.
Make me ever ready to come to you with straight eyes,
so that when life fades as the fading sunset,
my spirit may come to you without shame.

Prayer of a native American



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – UNANDERRA

Would you like to contribute more to your parish as a Catholic woman?

Perhaps joining the Catholic Women's League is for you.

Belonging to the Catholic Women's League could mean giving
God a little more of your already stretched time.

Being a willing participant in and initiating activities within our parish.
Enhancing your faith in a practical way.

Making new friends, not only in our parish but also
in other parishes in the Diocese.

New members are always welcome!

We ask that you give some thought to joining us.

The next meeting for the CWL will be held on:

Thursday, 14 June 2018 at 10.30am
(in St Joseph's Room)

If you'd like to know more about joining
the CWL, please contact:

Barbara - 4271 1584

Margaret - 4271 5804

Cathy - 4271 1441





**“Remember we are but
travellers here.”**

St Mary of the Cross — 1867

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Following Francis Sullivan’s address in relation to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (the Royal Commission) at the Diocesan Assembly at Fairy Meadow on 3 June 2017, participants were invited to ask questions.

The Professional Standards and Child Protection Team have spent careful and considered time responding to the questions. Some of the questions were very similar and accordingly have been merged to avoid unnecessary repetition.

It is hoped these answers will assist many in gaining an understanding with respect to the current policy development regarding child protection and respond to victims and survivors who have been harmed by Catholic Church personnel within the Diocese of Wollongong.

The link to the questions and answers are provided here:
<https://dow.sh/DioAssembly>



BISHOP’S LETTER — 24 MAY 2018

Please take a copy of Bishop Brian Mascord’s letter to parishioners - located next to the side door of the church.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC - NSW UNIT

**Annual Service of Dedication and Installation of New President
— Mrs Peg McEntee OAM —**

Thursday 31 May 2018 - 11am

St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong

As a sign of Peg’s untiring work for the Church over many years, especially in regard to the role of women, Peg McEntee will receive the special papal acknowledgement and become Dame of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great in the presence of Bishop Brian Mascord. A light lunch will be provided.

RSVP essential to margaret.mcentee@bigpond.com or 0418 651 822



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM — AIRS SUNDAY 27 MAY 2018 —

This week on the Journey, our very own *Fr Graham Schmitzer* reflects on the Gospel of Matthew; *Bruce Downes*, The Catholic Guy, encourages us to Get Spiritually Fit; and *Marilyn Rodrigues*, The Peaceful Parent, reminds us of the importance of One-on-One Time. Our music is selected from various talented music artists who help us to create a show about faith, hope, love and life.

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www.itunes.jcr.org.au**

**where you can listen any
time and subscribe to
weekly shows by email.**



INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

*Would you like to experience and know more about
meditation and its place in our busy world?*

You are invited to come to a free
Introduction to Christian Meditation

The Old Convent, St Therese, West Wollongong

Saturdays 10am to 11.30am

2, 9 and 16 June 2018

RSVP and Enquiries:

Monica - 0412 056 877

(see flyers near side door of church)



CORPUS CHRISTI MASS AND PROCESSION

Sunday 3 June 2018 - 8.45am

All are welcome to attend the Corpus Christi Mass and Procession at St Mary of the Rosary Berkeley.

Corpus Christi Mass at 8.45am will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord.

The Corpus Christi Procession to the St Mary’s Nursing Home will be following the Mass.

Morning Tea will be provided after the procession.



ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA COLLEGE ENROLLING YEAR 7 - 2020

**Information Evening
Wednesday 30 May 2018
6.30pm—7.30pm**

St Mary’s SGN Hall - 15 Harbour Street Wollongong

Call us now for more information on 4228 6011

Register online at www.stmarys.nsw.edu.au

St Mary’s is a Catholic Secondary College for girls

Central location: 15 Harbour St Wollongong (directly opposite South Beach)

My dear people,

No one likes to be left out. When a wedding or social function, for example, is coming up to which we expect to be invited, we are bitterly disappointed, even hurt, if we find we have been left out.

We have to look at ourselves, of course, and see how generous we are when it comes to inviting people into our lives. Many people we come across we treat quite superficially. We can discover later, to our loss, that if we had taken the time and the energy to actually meet some of those people, firm friendships would have evolved.

There is a very beautiful Russian icon of the Blessed Trinity painted by a monk by the name of Rublev. It depicts the scene in the Book of Genesis where Abraham receives a visit from three strangers (angels?). They come to predict the birth of Isaac. Abraham sets the table for them. The three visitors sometimes speak in the plural, sometimes as one as if they were one person.



Christians have seen in the event a veiled reference to the Trinity.

Looking at the icon, the thing that immediately strikes you is the fact that at the front of the table there is a vacant place. That place is vacant for each of us. It signifies God's invitation to us to share in the life of the Trinity. He invites us to come in and sit at His table. "Behold, I am standing at the door knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in to share his meal, side by side with him." (Revelation 3:20).

Many are intimidated by the great mystery of the Trinity - a pity, because we should see the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as friends to whom we can relate, and to whom we can talk in prayer. Because God the Son has become one of us, we are no longer strangers and outsiders. We are God's children, officially adopted by Him at our Baptism. Adopting parents always make a definite choice.

The table in the icon holds a dish containing a roast lamb. The centre figure (the Son) points to it with two fingers extended, thus indicating His mission to become the sacrificial Lamb, human as well as divine, through the incarnation. The whole scene, too, evokes the table of the Eucharist. Here on earth the Eucharist is our meeting with God, a theme that will be explored in next Sunday's feast of Corpus Christi.

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