

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	9 July	No Mass
Tuesday	10 July	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm
Wednesday	11 July	St Benedict Mass: 7am
Thursday	12 July	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass: 5.30pm
Friday	13 July	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday	14 July	St Camillus Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm
Sunday	15 July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR B

8 JULY 2018

READINGS: Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6.

A prophet was someone who had received a divine call to speak God's word to His people. Even though the word of God could be a hard word, it was a word of love because it meant that God had not abandoned His people. God's spokesman had to be prepared for opposition and rejection. As it was for the Old Testament prophets, so it was for Jesus Himself.



At the close of His Galilean ministry Jesus is rejected by the people of His home town. They can't bring themselves to believe in the greatness of someone who is one of themselves. Consequently, His power is ineffective there. It is an anticipation of Jesus' rejection by the Jewish nation

BAPTISMS



We welcome into the family of the Church:

Erik James EVANS

son of Jacinta and Jake Evans,
and first grandchild of
Paul and Anna Gunning.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Bryce HUTTON

Fr Valerian JENKO

Anniversaries:

Joseph SCHEMBRI

Jennifer Laura ANDERSON



NOTICE TO PARENTS WITH CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION) PROGRAM

PARENTS' MEETING TIMES:

Monday 23 July 2018 - 7pm

Tuesday 24 July 2018 - 4.30pm

Wednesday 25 July 2018 - 7pm

Located in **St Joseph's Room**
at the back of the Church.

It is compulsory for a parent to attend one of these meetings.



ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

July	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 14 July	Church Cleaning	M Lloyd, J Allen, J Haywood	
	Lawns		
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 14 July 6pm Mass	A Carlotto	M Gillis	Volunteer
Sun 15 July 7am Mass	A Michielin	A Browne	A Browne
Sun 15 July 9am Mass	N Dwyer C Carolan	V Cleary	P Cundy V Cleary
Counters	M Murphy (FT), R Wilson, J Carolan, S Alessi		
Children's Liturgy	<i>Holidays</i>		

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Catholic Women's League:** 2nd Thursday of the month - 10:30am in St Joseph's room
New members always welcome!
Contact: Barbara 4271 1584 or Margaret 4271 5804
- St Vincent de Paul Conference:** Every Tue 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

*** Morning Tea Refreshments will NOT be held during July, August or September ***

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE JULY MEETING

The monthly CWL meeting will be held on:

**Thursday 12 July 2018 - 10.30am
in St Joseph's Room**

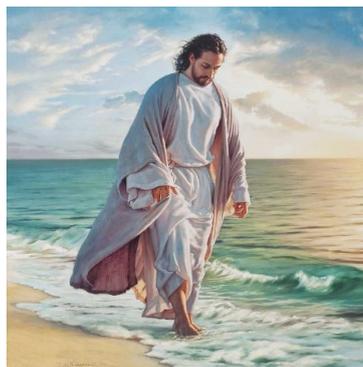
Everyone is invited to join us for morning tea at 10.30am - the meeting will follow morning tea.

If you've ever been curious to know what the ladies in the CWL do - please feel free to attend our casual morning tea meeting, with no requirement to join.



Gospel Reflection

Disturb us, O Lord,
when we are too well pleased with ourselves;
when our dreams have come true because
we dreamed too little;
when we have arrived safely
because we sailed too close to the shore.
Stir us, O Lord, to dare more boldly,
to venture more seas,
where storms shall show Your mastery,
where losing sight of land we shall find the stars.
In the name of Him who pushed back the horizons
of our hopes
and invited the brave to follow Him. Amen.



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VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

The Unanderra Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all parishioners who supported our Winter Bucket Appeal. A total of \$2,581.10 has been raised to date.

Donations can still be made by using the poor box in the church or by placing an envelope addressed to St Vincent de Paul Society Unanderra Conference in the Mass collection plate.

All monies raised are used to support the poor of our Parish. The Unanderra Conference receives six to ten requests for food, rent assistance or help with electricity every week.

Your support is much appreciated and the Society supports you in prayer.



Vinnies

good works



***“Bear with one another,
Help one another.”***

St Mary of the Cross — 1873

HOLY MASS - EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr George Condookala, Chaplain to the Wollongong Hospital, the second Saturday of every month at the hospital.

The next Mass will be on **Saturday 14 July 2018 at 11.30am** on the Ground Floor of Wollongong Public Hospital. All are welcome to continue the healing ministry to the sick.



NEED HELP AT HOME OR KNOW SOMEBODY WHO DOES?

CatholicCare offers practical in-home aged care services, so you or someone you love can continue living a happy and healthy life in the comfort of their own home.

For more information:

please call **4254 9342** or visit www.catholiccare.dow.org.au



LEGION OF MARY - 55th ANNIVERSARY

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Wollongong Curia will celebrate its 55th Anniversary with a Thanksgiving Mass on **Sunday 22 July 2018 at 2pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.**



The Annual Acies will be incorporated in the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord.

RSVP Tess 0403 494 774 or Linda 0422 062 724

LIVE FESTIVAL 2018 NEEDS YOU!

On **Friday 31 August 2018**, LIVE Festival is happening again! This is your opportunity to be a key part of the biggest Catholic youth and young adult event in the Diocese of Wollongong. LIVE Festival combines amazing live music, powerful guest speakers, workshops, food and games to create a powerful context for youth and young adults to encounter Jesus Christ. If you're over the age of 18 and can help out between 8am and 8.30pm, please get in touch with us via the details below. We look forward to seeing you there!



Please contact Bethany Parrish:
bethany.parrish@dow.org.au
or **4222 2427**

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM — AIRS SUNDAY 8 JULY 2018 —

This week on the Journey Fr Richard Healey reflects on the Gospel of Mark; Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from The Abbey talking about “The Broken Heart Syndrome”; our very own Pete Gilmore reminds us to “Live Big”; and Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent, encourages us with her God spot on “Creating Memories”.

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



2018 - SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating **25, 40, 50 or 60 years** of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on **Sunday 19 August 2018 at 2pm**, please contact **Helen Bennett on 4222 2403** or via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au at the Office of the Bishop by Friday 13 July 2018 and an invitation will be sent to you.



A VOCATION VIEW

There is a great need today to stand up for what we believe in. The Spirit of the Lord is upon you, He has sent you to bring Good News to the poor.



Please contact
Fr Richard Healey - Vocations Director
0401 621 591 / priesthood@dow.org.au

WALKING THE CAMINO IN SPAIN & FRANCE

Saturday 14 July 2018 - Albion Park in the St Paul's Parish Centre, 249 Tongarra Road, Albion Park. Live commentary by Peter Kearney, with photographs and music.

1. **Camino in Spain:** 11am and/or
2. **Camino in France:** 2pm

Per session - \$10 at door.

Advance registration essential.

Please contact Peter at:

camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au

or via SMS to **0425 328 185**.

Please specify 'Spain' or 'France' or 'Both'. Also, state 'Albion Park' and number of seats needed. Peter will confirm registration.



My dear people,

Pope Francis, in his letter REJOICE AND BE GLAD, highlights five expressions of love for God and neighbour that he regards as important.



1. Perseverance, patience, and meekness

If we are solidly grounded in God we will find in ourselves an inner strength enabling us to persevere amid life's ups and downs. Thus we can give a witness to the world through patience and constancy in doing good. Those who put their faith in God can also be faithful to others. St Paul bade the Romans never to repay evil with evil, but to overcome evil with good. This is not a sign of weakness but of strength. When we feel overwhelmed, we can always cling to the anchor of prayer, which puts us back in God's hands. "Have no anxiety about anything; but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts" (PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7).

It is striking that at times, while claiming to uphold the other Commandments, Christians completely ignore the eighth, which forbids bearing false witness or lying or vilifying others. It is so easy to get caught up in networks of verbal violence through the internet and various forms of digital communication. Strengthened by grace, Christ's followers avoid the verbal violence that is so much a part of life today. Grace makes possible meekness of heart. Christians hesitate to treat others harshly, considering others better than themselves. Without humiliations there is no humility or holiness, remembering that the holiness God bestows on His Church comes through the humiliation of his Son. Humiliation makes us resemble Jesus - it is an unavoidable aspect of the imitation of Christ.

2. Joy and a sense of humour

Far from being timid or melancholy, Christ's followers are joyful and full of good humour. The prophet Isaiah continually sings of the joy the Saviour's coming will bring. Our Lady sang: "My spirit rejoices". Hard times may come when the Cross enters our lives, yet nothing can destroy the joy of knowing we are infinitely loved. Ill humour is no sign of holiness. In fact, sadness can be a sign of ingratitude. We can get so caught up in ourselves that we are unable to recognise God's gifts. St Francis could be overwhelmed with gratitude before a piece of hard bread. This is not the joy offered by today's consumerist culture. Consumerism only bloats the heart. It can offer pleasure, but not joy.

3. Boldness and passion

Holiness is also a boldness, an impulse to evangelise and to leave a mark on the world. How often we are tempted to keep close to the shore while, all the time, Jesus is calling us to put out into the deep and let down our nets. He bids us spend our lives in His service. We need the Spirit's prompting lest we be paralysed by fear. When the apostles were tempted to let themselves be crippled by danger, they joined in prayer. As a result, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Complacency is seductive, telling us there is no point in trying to change things, whereas God is eternal newness. He is always impelling us to set out anew.

More than bureaucrats and functionaries, the Church needs passionate missionaries. The Saints surprise and confound us because by their lives they urge us to abandon a dull and dreary mediocrity. Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to hesitate when the Spirit calls us to take a step forward.

4. Community

Growth in holiness is a journey in community, side by side with others. When we live apart from others we can grow too isolated, lose our sense of reality, and succumb to the devil's temptations. In the Church's history we have wonderful examples of religious communities giving their lives to God and witnessing to each other. In holy marriages, too, each spouse becomes a means used by Christ for the sanctification of the other. Living or working alongside others is a sure path of spiritual growth. St John of the Cross told one of his followers: "You are living with others in order to be fashioned and tried."

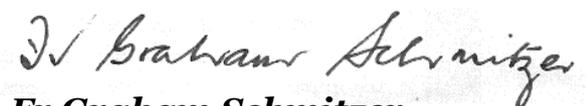
Christian community is fed by sharing God's Word and celebrating the Eucharist. In turn, the Word and the Eucharist create community - a missionary community, symbolised by the priest's command at the end of Mass: "Go, you are sent forth." Eucharist is the highlight, of course. But life, whether in the family, the parish, the religious community or any other, is made up of small everyday things. Let's not forget that Jesus asked his disciples to pay attention to details:

- * The little detail that wine was running out at a party.
- * The little detail that one sheep was missing.
- * The little detail of noticing a widow offering her two small coins.
- * The little detail of asking the disciples how much bread they had.

5. In constant prayer

Though it may seem obvious, we should remember that holiness consists in an habitual openness to God, expressed in prayer and adoration. We all have need of silence, and in that silence we discern what God is asking of us. Otherwise, any decisions we make may only be window dressing. For every disciple, it is essential to spend time with the Master, listening to His Words, and learning from Him. And unless we listen, all our words to Him are simply useless chatter.

In prayer we realise we have a history, filled with God's mercy. God knows the smallest details of our lives. Having once been an agnostic, Blessed Charles de Foucauld said: "As soon as I believed that there was a God, I understood that I could do nothing other than to live for Him."



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Parish Priest