

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	22 Oct	No Mass
Tuesday	23 Oct	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm
Wednesday	24 Oct	St Anthony Claret Mass: 7.30am
Thursday	25 Oct	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass: 5.30pm
Friday	26 Oct	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday	27 Oct	7.15am: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7.30am: Mass Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm
Sunday	28 Oct	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR B 21 OCTOBER 2018

READINGS: Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a Servant who will take upon himself the sins of the people and thus will become a source of blessing (**FIRST READING**).

The prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus, the Suffering Servant (**GOSPEL**).

We can approach Jesus with confidence because He knows our weaknesses (**SECOND READING**).



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Jan Powell

Anniversaries

Shirley STEELE

Tom McNALLY

Judith SALWAY

Clara DREDGE

Janez KIMOVEC

Alison BAXENDALE



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

to intercede for more priests

———— NINE SATURDAYS ————

Saturday 27 October — Saturday 22 December



7.15am Novena Prayers

7.30am Mass

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

October	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 27 Oct	Church Cleaning	M Lloyd, J Allen, J Haywood	
	Lawns	J Lonard, H Yates, F Timpano, S Carrigan	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 27 Oct 6pm Mass		M Gillis	Volunteer
Sun 28 Oct 7am Mass	M Walsh	A Browne	A Browne
Sun 28 Oct 9am Mass	R Klaus, C Carolan	M Rodwell	P Cundy, L Klaus
Counters	B & P Walker, A Kelly		
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 always welcome!
Please contact: Barbara - 4271 1584
- 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

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

Gospel Reflection

James and John were two opportunists. Their one aim was to rise in the ranks. To achieve their end they did not hesitate to beg. They did not mind how much envy and resentment they aroused in their companions. Their aim was to scramble up the career ladder.

But at what price to themselves? If in the course of their rise to the top people lose themselves, their own souls, whatever they do or achieve will be worthless.

Power hardens the human heart. A hard-hearted person is incapable of love. It is by giving that we receive, and it is by serving that we grow in love.



**For it is in giving
that we receive.**

Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.*

Amen.

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



PLENARY COUNCIL — HAVE YOUR SAY —

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Located on the pew near the side door of the church is a brown paper box marked "Plenary Council Responses" — together with both large and small sheets of paper for your contributions. This box is sealed and can only be opened by the Diocesan Plenary Council Representatives. Please place your contributions in this box — all correspondence should remain anonymous. Please feel free to take them home and return at a later time.





“Do what you can with the means at your disposal, and leave all the rest calmly to God.”

St Mary of the Cross — 1871

PRAYER SERVICE WITH HOLY MASS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Experience the healing love of our God at this spiritually enriching prayer service with Praise & Worship, Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration. The services will be conducted by Fr Rony George and Fr Jobi George of the Vincentian Congregation, Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby NSW.

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong
Friday 16 November 2018 - 6pm–9pm

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Dapto
Saturday 17 November 2018 - 9.30am–1pm

For more information, please contact
Josobel on 0425 220 398 (preferably after 5pm)

All are very welcome!

PILGRIMAGE TO ABBEY

PILGRIMAGE to Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo
Monday 5 November 2018

with the option of an overnight stay for 6 pilgrims

For further information and/or to reserve your place, please contact Victoria Amato: v.vamato@yahoo.com.au / 4454 1460

MISSION SUNDAY

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news ...” Isaiah 52:7

In Hakha, a remote town in the mountainous north of Myanmar, St John’s School is educating local children with a child-centred methodology. Three of the teachers at St John’s have been trained through the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education (PSIE) in Yangon, and have been posted to this school to help local children learn in a modern way that maximises their potential. Your support through Catholic Mission can enable PSIE to continue training teachers and help improve education across the country. You can also help St John’s School add grades to ensure continuity of education, and become economically sustainable. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar.

Freecall: 1800 257 296

www.catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER 2018 –

This week on The Journey, our Gospel is read by Nick Weir; Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey; and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, encourages us with his sage words. Our music is sourced from local artists and Australia wide Christian music artists who come together to help us make our program amazing. It is where faith, hope, love and life come together on The Journey.

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



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

16–18 November 2018

Mount Carmel Retreat Centre at Varroville

*Take the time to step back from everyday distractions
and rediscover your relationship!*



Book online at www.wvme.org.au

Or contact **Adrian & Janet Sullivan**
on **0490 774 419**

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CARITAS AUSTRALIA

CARITAS AUSTRALIA is presently advertising for a Diocesan Director Archdiocese of Sydney/Community Participation Leader (NSW/Eastern Region). To apply for this role, please visit www.caritas.org.au/jobs and view the full Position Description. Please send your application to jobs@caritas.org.au by **COB 29 October 2018**. Further enquires contact Fr George Sigamony on 0499 022 915.



FATHER / SON CAMP

Growing Good Men – Diocese of Wollongong

2–4 November 2018

A life-changing father and son weekend will be held from **Friday 2 to Sunday 4 November 2018** at Cataract Scout Camp, Appin. Spots are limited to just 15 fathers with their son aged between 12-16.

One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father, or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could and should provide is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their gifts as they take their place in the world.



This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE.

You don’t get this time back, so make this opportunity a priority! Contact **Jude Hennessy** on **4222 2407** or at jude.hennessy@dow.org.au to register or ask any questions.

My dear people,

This month's Synod in Rome, attended by representatives of all Bishops Conferences around the world, and a number of chosen young people, has been focused on the vocation of youth in the Church. Understandably, Pope Francis has addressed his message for Mission Sunday to young people. It is, of course, to be read by all of us.

He begins by quoting St John Paul II: "Mission revitalises faith." Each of us *is* a mission; this is the reason for our life on this earth. We are not in this world by our own choice. "Jesus, who died and rose for us, appeals to our freedom and challenges us to seek, discover and proclaim the truth. Dear young people, do not be afraid of Christ and his Church! For there we find the treasure that fills life with joy. I can tell you this from my own experience: thanks to faith I found the sure foundation of my dreams and the strength to realise them. I have seen great suffering and poverty mar the faces of so many of our brothers and sisters. And yet, for those who stand by Jesus, evil is an incentive to even greater love. Many men and women, and many young people, have generously sacrificed themselves, even at times to martyrdom, out of love for the Gospel and service to their brothers and sisters. To be set afire by the love of Christ is to be consumed by that fire.

"Young people, by your baptism you have become living members of the Church; together we have received the mission to bring the Gospel to everyone. You are at the threshold of life." The Holy Father goes on to say that the transmission of the Faith is most effective when people are "attracted" by the enthusiasm of our witness. The Church has been sent on a mission to the ends of the earth, but today "the ends" can be much closer to home — "those far from the Faith, indifferent to it and perhaps even hostile and opposed to it. Human, cultural and religious settings still foreign to the Gospel of Jesus and to the sacramental presence of the Church represent the extreme peripheries, the "ends of the earth", to which, ever since the first Easter, Jesus' missionary disciples have been sent, with the certainty that their Lord is always with them. The most desolate periphery of all is where mankind, in need of Christ, remains indifferent to the Faith or shows hatred for the fullness of life in God. All material and spiritual poverty, every form of discrimination against our brothers and sisters, is always a consequence of the rejection of God and his love. To share in the mission to the ends of the earth demands the gift of oneself in the vocation that God, who has placed us on this earth, chooses to give us."

The Pope goes on to thank all those groups in the Church (including parishes) who inspire missionary service. A modern phenomenon in the Church is the existence of groups that facilitate young people giving a portion of their lives to the missionary apostolate (rather than joining a Religious Order for life). A good example in Australia is Youth Missionary Teams. Young people give over a couple of years, forsaking permanent relationships, to work in parishes and schools, encouraging their peers to give themselves to Christ. Pope Francis praises these initiatives, for besides bringing others to Christ, such young people are often inspired to make the complete gift of their lives as missionaries.

Pope Francis encourages our prayers and our material help through **Catholic Mission**. Those we can help in their personal needs "can in turn bear witness to the Gospel in the circumstances of their daily lives. No one is so poor as to be unable to give what they have, but first and foremost what they are. Let me repeat the words of encouragement that I addressed to the young people of Chile: *'Never think that you have nothing to offer, or that nobody needs you. Many people need you. Think about it! Each*

of you, think in your heart: many people need me!'. I ask Mary, Queen of the Apostles, St Francis Xavier, St Therese of the Child Jesus to intercede for us all and to accompany us always."



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