

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	6 May	Mass:	7am
Tuesday	7 May	Adoration:	4.30pm-5.30pm
		Mass:	5.30pm
Wednesday	8 May	Mass:	7am
Thursday	9 May	Adoration:	4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available)
		Mass:	5.30pm
Friday	10 May	Mass:	9.30am
Saturday	11 May	Mass:	7.30am
		Reconciliation:	5pm-5.30pm
		Vigil Mass:	6pm
Sunday	12 May	Fourth Sunday of Easter <u>Worldwide Day of Prayer for Vocations</u> Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish Mass)	

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

— YEAR C —

5 MAY 2019

READINGS: Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Apoc 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

The **FIRST READING** tells of the opposition the Apostles encountered from the Jewish authorities for witnessing to the resurrection of Jesus.

The **SECOND READING** presents a hymn in praise of the crucified and risen Christ.

The **GOSPEL** relates to an appearance of the risen Jesus to seven of His apostles on the shore of the lake of Gennesareth. The incident is built around Peter. By giving authority to the man who denied Him, Jesus wanted to show that He was establishing His Church not on human strength but on His own love and faithfulness.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Tony PAPAC
Catherine McGRATH
Minette VILLANUEVA

Anniversaries

Moira DOYLE
Carmen VELLA
Peter O'KEEFE
Ramon OBRA
Fortunata OBRA

Patricia MINERS
Victor GREACH
Arthur VARLEY
Brian QUETCHER
Andrea JAGMOC

Aquilino and Demetrio ESCOBIA

Deceased members of the McNAMARA and WALKER families



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

May	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 11 May	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
	Lawns	J Lonard, F Timpano, S Carrigan	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 11 May	G Attard	R Baxendale	C Dean
Sun 12 May 7am Mass	M Walsh	P Gunning	Walsh Family
Sun 12 May 9am Mass	R Klaus, C Carolan	M Matos	V Cleary
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		
Children's Liturgy	M Rodwell, S Michielin		

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

PARISH MORNING TEA

The next parish morning tea is to be held **after the 9am Mass on Sunday 5 May** — all are welcome, please join us!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Please join us for morning tea at **10.30am on Thursday 9 May 2019 in St Joseph's Room.**



Our special guests will be Mrs Jo Clarke (Diocesan President) and Mrs Peg McEntee from Australian

Church Women. *Everyone is very welcome!*

Gospel Reflection

It can happen that we lose interest in people, and even become blind to their strengths, when we discover their limitations.

During His Passion, Jesus discovered the limitations of Peter.

Yet He didn't write him off.

He continued to believe in him, and in time Peter came good.

Like Peter, we are weak human beings, who are inconstant in our beliefs.

We need someone who understands our weaknesses, who realises that it may take time for us to overcome them, and doesn't write us off because we don't produce the goods all at once.



PARISH NOVENA

Hello Parish Prayers,

Wednesday 8 May begins the 6th rosary novena for a Parish Priest for our parish.

Please join with me in continuing to seek our Holy Mother's intercession for the needs of our parish.

For further details, contact **Mark Walsh on 0407 604 498.**





“Always try to have success in your work but remember, God is often glorified in your failure.”

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30)

You are invited to Holy Hour in 2019 at St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral in Wollongong as well as the brand new Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Rosemeadow.

Each night will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship (various styles), Reconciliation, Liturgy of the Word, short teachings, silence and Benediction. This will be followed by fellowship and a meal.

When and where?

**Wednesday evenings 6.30pm–7.30pm
(followed by a meal)**

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL, WOLLONGONG:

8 May / 10 July / 14 August / 9 October

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, ROSEMEADOW:

22 May / 24 July / 28 August / 23 October



MANY CULTURES MASS

FIRST PREPARATION MEETING

Our first meeting to prepare this year’s Many Cultures One In Christ Mass will be on **Wednesday 29 May 2019 at 7.30pm.**

The meeting will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Meeting Room, 193 St Andrews Road Varroville.

Please indicate your attendance to **Helen Bennett** on **4222 2403** or **helen.bennett@dow.org.au** by **Monday 27 May 2019.**

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 5 MAY 2019 –

On the third Sunday of Easter, our Gospel is John 21:1-19. Mother Hilda shares with us her Wisdom from the Abbey, and used the Lord’s words “Give me



JOURNEY
CATHOLIC RADIO

your sins”; Trish McCarthy ignites our interest with her God spot entitled “Treasure Hunt”; and Bruce Downes, the Catholic Guy, asks the question “What makes someone great?”. We are so very lucky to have such talented music artists on our programme.

Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au
where you can listen any time and subscribe to weekly shows via email

PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR LIFE

Friday 24 May - Saturday 25 May 2019

A walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues. You are warmly welcome to join us on either day or both days. **BENEFITS:** Mass, Prayer, Hymns, Exercise, Spectacular scenery, Joyful fellowship, Blessings in abundance.

Friday: 9.30am Mass at Kiama Catholic Church, walk to Gerringong Catholic Church for Benediction at 3pm. Shuttlebus back to Kiama church or sleep overnight.

Saturday: 8am Mass Gerringong Catholic Church, walk to Shoalhaven Heads for lunch at 1pm, shuttlebus back to Gerringong or walk to Culburra Church for 6pm Mass.

BYO lunch and water. Friday dinner at local restaurant. Cereal breakfast provided Saturday.

Further information:

Sue Hill on 0435 336 195 or

Gabriella De Battista on 4261 2500

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

The Mother’s Day Raffle tickets will only be for sale this weekend (4-5 May) and next weekend (11-12 May).

The raffle will then be drawn by Mgr Graham after the 9am Mass on Mother’s Day (12 May).

All money raised will go towards Mgr Graham’s Golden Jubilee celebrations in August.



My Dear People,

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have issued a letter in preparation for the upcoming Federal Election. It can be found in full at www.catholic.org.au. In part, the Bishops remind us that our Christian faith is not a private matter — it shapes how we live our lives in public. The electoral process gives us the opportunity to use our vote for the benefit of the whole community.

No political party, of course, fully aligns with Catholic teaching, but we have a responsibility to present our views clearly and, if necessary, to disagree — all the time remembering that all of us are made in God's image. We all have a role in promoting peace. It means speaking to our fellow Australians with love and not hate, with respect not contempt, with understanding not indifference.

Prayer is an essential part of the process of discerning how to vote. Democratic processes stripped of transcendent truth risk becoming soulless. Majority parties can easily decide issues based on power rather than truth and the common good. Some now laugh at the idea of the common good — it is basic Catholic teaching that we look beyond our own needs and desires to consider the interests of the broader community.

Governments play a crucial role in addressing any structural problems affecting people, in providing key services to all Australians, and in ensuring there is an adequate safety net for low-income and vulnerable families and individuals.

One of the key principles of Catholic social teaching is a preference for the poor and vulnerable. The greater the needs of people, the greater the responsibility we have to respond to their needs. Clearly, this includes people who are homeless or struggling to keep a roof over their heads. It also includes others who are victims of violence and exclusion, particularly survivors of child sexual abuse to whom we must offer every support. Much appreciated is the bipartisan support in the Federal Parliament for both the National Apology to victims and survivors of institutional child sexual abuse, and the National Redress Scheme. These are just two examples of the contribution politicians can make to the common good.

We also welcome the bipartisan commitment to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.

The dignity of employment must be a key aim of any government. Many families and individuals struggle to make ends meet. Catholic charities and agencies make an enormous contribution. Regional, rural and remote Australians deserve better access to adequate healthcare. And the gap must be closed between indigenous Australians and the rest of the population. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continue to suffer grave disadvantage.

Migration has helped shape the Catholic Church and transform Australia. Millions of our brothers and sisters have been forced to flee their homelands for fear of persecution, or through displacement because of war or famine. We are called to respect and welcome them. Regardless of how they arrive in Australia, all asylum seekers should have their claims processed in Australia, according to international conventions. That includes resettling all remaining refugees on Manus Island and Nauru in Australia.

The dignity of all human lives must be recognised. Euthanasia and assisted suicide put some of the most vulnerable people in our community at risk by endorsing, and legislating, the judgment that some people's lives are no longer of value. Governments must provide better funding for palliative care so that all Australians have access, not just the few. Governments must also provide for sustainable aged care services.

We recognise the human dignity of unborn children, and the great challenge many women face when confronted by an unexpected or difficult pregnancy. What factors are causing women to take the agonising decision of abortion? No society can be judged healthy when the womb itself becomes a dangerous place.

Australia is seeing rising levels of violence in personal relationships and families. Resourcing sound social and pastoral education, free of ideological theory, is an essential task of a social welfare state.

For more than a century, the Catholic Church has advocated the value of work and a just living wage.

Climate change is a complex reality of international import. It is both social and environmental, with solutions Pope Francis says demand "an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature".

One in nine people in the world goes hungry each day. We call on the incoming government to allocate more money to the Australian aid budget.

These are some of the important issues for Catholics to consider when casting their vote.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mgr Graham Schmitzer'.

Mgr Graham Schmitzer
Parish Priest