

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 27 May *No Mass*

Tuesday 28 May Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm
Mass: 5.30pm

Wednesday 29 May Mass: 7am (*Convent*)

Thursday 30 May Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm
(Reconciliation Available)
Mass: 5.30pm

Friday 31 May **The Visitation**
Mass: 9.30am

Saturday 1 June **St Justin**
First Saturday
Mass: 7.30am
Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm
Vigil Mass: 6pm

Sunday 2 June **The Ascension of Our Lord**
Masses: 7am, 9am (*No Polish Mass*)

** Fr Jerzy is away until 18 July 2019 **

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

— YEAR C —

26 MAY 2019

READINGS: Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Apoc 21:10-14,22-23; John 14:23-29

A big issue for the early Church was how much of the Law and traditions of Moses should be imposed on non-Jewish converts. The **FIRST READING** tells how the problem was solved.

The **SECOND READING** gives us a majestic picture of the new Jerusalem, the heavenly Church of the future.

The **GOSPEL** continues Jesus' farewell discourse at the Last Supper. It is dominated by the thought of His imminent departure.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Recently Deceased

Anacleto TOSTI
Freda FONTANA

Anniversaries

Bernadette RICE
Lyle BROWN

Alejandro, Adelita & Ulysis TESADA

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

Catholic Mission

Propagation of the Faith Appeal

Next Sunday 2 June 2019



Reach out. Give life.

www.catholicmission.org.au

ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 1 June	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
	Lawns		
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 1 June	A Carlotto	M Gillis	D Gelfius
Sun 2 June 7am Mass	L Burns	S Walsh	S Brown
Sun 2 June 9am Mass	N Dwyer, C Carolan	C Walsh	Davis Family
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		
Children's Liturgy	L Galea, V Cleary		

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

To enjoy life, because it gives you a chance to love, to work, to play, and to look up at the stars.

To despise nothing in the world except what is false and mean.

To fear nothing except what is cowardly.

To be guided by what you admire and love, rather than by what you hate.

To envy nothing that is your neighbour's, except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manner.

To think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ.

And to spend as much time as you can, with body and spirit in God's out-of-doors.

These are little signposts on the footpath of peace.



MGR GRAHAM'S GOLDEN JUBILEE / RETIREMENT

FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2019

6pm – Mass

7.30pm – Reception at Wests Illawarra Leagues Club

\$45 per head (plus drinks to order)

- Adults only to attend the Reception, please -

SALE OF TICKETS:

Tickets will be available for sale (CASH SALES ONLY) for the next three weekends (1-2, 8-9 and 15-16 June) – the Organising Committee members will be located in the **St Joseph's Room** after 6pm Vigil Mass, after 7am Mass and before 9am Mass each weekend to sell tickets.

The seating at the Reception will be organised in tables of 10 people. Single tickets are available, however if you would like to arrange a **table of 10**: please organise for one person to gather the 10 people's names and their contact details, any dietary requirements and the money (\$450).

For all enquiries regarding the celebrations, please see one of the members of the Organising Committee: Barbara Farraway, Gloria Simmonite, Fiona Fernandez, Alan Davis or Sue Briscoe.





“Do not let your troubles disturb your trust in God.”

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1885)

POSITION VACANT

CHAPLAIN REIBY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE, AIRDS

Working 18.5 hours per week at Reiby, this position is responsible for ministry to, and the spiritual care of, detainees and staff.

Applicants require a demonstrated understanding of the social and spiritual needs of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and an understanding of Aboriginal culture.

For more info please contact Grant Dodds on 0408 024 743

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 26 MAY 2019 –

This week on the Journey, our Gospel is John 14:23-29 encourages our belief in the Lord. Mother Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey with reminder of the great companionship that was Guido and Pope St John XXIII; Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent, talks openly about Testing Our Faith; and Trish McCarthy urges us to Look Deeper in her Milk and Honey God Spot. We are truly lucky to have some wonderfully talented Christian music artists on our show.



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

VOCATIONS

YOU ARE CALLED

You have received power through the Holy Spirit to live your life to the full.

If that is not happening, maybe it is time to listen anew to God’s call in your life.

Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au



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** either via phone 4222 2403 or via email at helen.bennett@dow.org.au by **Monday 27 May 2019**



MAX 19 INTO THE BREACH

Sydney — 19-21 July 2019

MenALIVE for Christ (MAX) is an annual gathering of men from across Australia and New Zealand who seek to be encouraged by one another in their faith journey as real men of God (brochures near church side door).

For more details, please contact:

Peter Carrigan 0404 496 405 or

Robert Falzon 0412 745 734 or

Email: max19@menalive.org.au

To register visit: <https://cvent.me/Koql2>



PARISH MORNING TEA

Don’t forget that we have our parish morning tea gathering next **Sunday 2 June** after the 9am Mass — all are welcome to attend, hope to see you there!



My Dear People,

During the Last Supper, Jesus said to the apostles “Peace I leave with you, my own peace I give you. A peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. So do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” These are some of the most beautiful words in the Gospel.



The Hebrew word for peace is SHALOM. It is so rich in meaning that the English word hardly describes it. SHALOM conveys a sense of universal completeness, a condition in which nothing is lacking. This state of perfect wellbeing belongs only to God. When we possess peace we are in perfect communion with God.

Jesus in His own time was sometimes referred to as a ‘disturber of the peace’ — but only because He was disturbing a false peace. Peace does not consist just in prosperity. It is not just the absence of war. Nor is it simply harmony. Peace is essentially internal. Peace is a state of inner calm, and implies right relations with God and with others. Peace in this complete sense cannot be created by human effort alone. It is a gift of God.

God desires the peace of those who serve Him. And it is one of the greatest gifts we can give to another. But we can’t give what we haven’t got. Jesus was able to offer peace to His apostles because He had it Himself. “My own peace I give you.” He was in perfect communion with His Father. Not even the hatred of His enemies, or the betrayal of His apostles, could take this away from Him.

Jesus showed this on the evening of Easter Sunday. He didn’t blame the apostles or even scold them for failing Him. Instead, He broke through the doors of their doubt and fear, and spoke the words they desperately wanted to hear: “Peace be with you.” We are fortunate if we can taste Christ’s peace — a peace the world can neither give us nor take away from us — a peace which can exist even in the midst of a troubled world, and even in the midst of unresolved problems.

Peace can only be given to a person of prayer.



I was asked recently why MAY is the month of Our Lady. The word ‘May’ probably comes from Maia Maiesta, the Roman Goddess of grain, to whom the month was dedicated. And each year on 1 May the ancient Romans likewise honoured Flora, the goddess of flowers, represented by a small statue wreathed in garlands and brought in procession. Remember, this is the beginning of Spring in the northern hemisphere.



St Philip Neri (+1595) began the custom in Rome of decorating the statue of Our Lady with spring flowers. The churches of Rome still vie with each other to produce the most beautiful May altar. The Italian Jesuits then proposed devotions to Our Lady throughout the entire month.

May, of course, was seen by Christians as a contraction of the name Mary. Since Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire in the Fourth Century, the Church delighted in giving pre-Christian customs a Christian dimension.

Cardinal John Henry Newman, whom Pope Benedict beatified during his visit to England, refers to the prophecy of Isaiah in the Old Testament: “A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.” Jesse was the father of King David from whose line would come the Messiah. “Who is the flower but Our Blessed Lord?” asks Newman. “Who is the shoot out of which the flower grows, but Mary, Mother of Our Lord?”.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Mgr Graham Schmitzer'.

Mgr Graham Schmitzer
Parish Priest