

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	24 June	The Birth of St John the Baptist Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm

Tuesday	25 June	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm

Wednesday	26 June	Mass: 7am

Thursday	27 June	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass: 5.30pm

Friday	28 June	The Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass: 9.30am Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm

Saturday	29 June	Sts Peter and Paul Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm

Sunday	30 June	The Immaculate Heart of Mary <i>Patroness of the Diocese of Wollongong</i> Masses: 7am, 9am (No Polish Mass) (<i>Readings of 13th Sunday of the Year</i>)

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

THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) — YEAR C 23 JUNE 2019

READINGS: Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17

The **FIRST READING** tells how Melchizedek, King of Salem (an early name for Jerusalem), comes to greet Abraham. Melchizedek is also a priest, and he brings an offering of bread and wine to Abraham, a prefigurement of the Eucharist.

St Paul's account of the institution of the Eucharist is the earliest written (**SECOND READING**). At Mass not only is Christ present, but we re-enact sacramentally the death by which He saved us.



In relating his account of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, St Luke deliberately uses liturgical language to show that this miracle points towards the miracle of the Eucharist (**GOSPEL**).

LIVING FAITH

July — September



Two Versions:
Adults & Children

\$4.00

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries

Danny BRANSGROVE

Norma MELKI

Clare PATON



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 29 June	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, A Gollop, S Chavez	
	Lawns		
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 29 June 6pm Mass	G Attard	M Gillis	Volunteer
Sun 30 June 7am Mass	A Michielin	M Walsh	Volunteer
Sun 30 June 9am Mass	C Carolan	K Calvert	S Michielin
Counters	A Gunning, M Cauduro, C Garrett		
Children's Liturgy	L Galea, V Cleary		



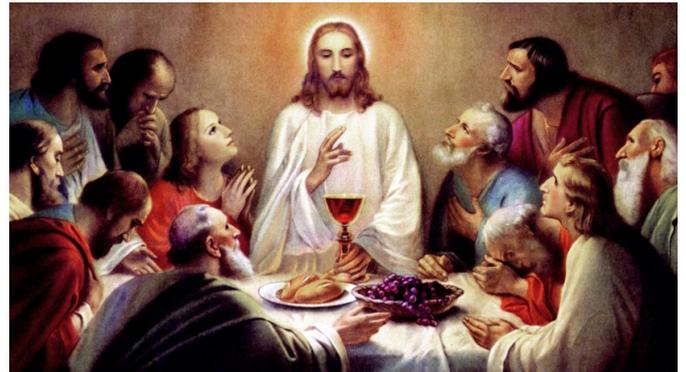
PARISH ACTIVITIES

- 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
(except September due to it being Father's Day)

Gospel Reflection

Jesus said to his apostles:
"Do this in memory of me."
We all love to be remembered.
This was true even of Jesus.
But if we want to be remembered,
we have a duty also to remember.
Memory is a powerful thing.
Wrongly used it brings death;
rightly used it brings life,
and is a form of immortality.
It keeps the past alive.
Those we remember never die;
they continue to walk and talk with us.
Lord, when we celebrate the Eucharist
we are remembering You.
May that remembering bring us
life here and hereafter.



MGR GRAHAM'S GOLDEN JUBILEE / RETIREMENT

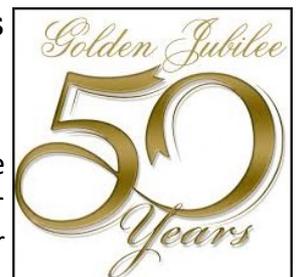
FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2019

6pm – Mass at Immaculate Conception Church
7.30pm – Reception at Wests Illawarra Leagues Club
\$45 per head (plus drinks to order)
– Adults only to attend the Reception, please –

TICKET SALES: Please see Sue Briscoe at the Parish Office to purchase tickets
—Thursdays & Fridays ONLY, 9am-3pm — Cash Sales — **SEATING IS LIMITED.**
Final numbers and the final payment are to be submitted to the club before 31 July 2019.

** Seating at the Reception will be organised in tables of 10 people. Single and double tickets are available, however if you would like to arrange a group of people (up to 10 per table): it would be appreciated if you could please organise for one person to gather together all of the names, contact details, any dietary requirements and the money. **

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





“God is good and has brought light and help when all was very dark.”

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1899)

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Vinnies Unanderra Conference will hold its annual Winter Appeal bucket collection after each Mass on the weekend of 6-7 July 2019. Envelopes will also be available for those requiring a receipt and/or credit card payment.

All money raised is used by the Unanderra Conference to support local families in need. The Unanderra Conference receives on average more than ten requests for food, rent assistance or help with electricity every week.

When you give to Vinnies, you're helping our volunteers rebuild lives this winter.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2019 –

This week on the Journey, you will hear a short reflection from Fr Mark after our Gospel reading of Luke 9:11-17. We have some of your favourites: Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy; Mother Hilda and her wise words from the Abbey; and our very own Pete Gilmore talking a big game new testament.

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PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

- Missionary and Evangelising
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform



For further detail about each of themes please go to www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

NEW CATECHISTS NEEDED

Please consider being a Catechist. We have over 150 Catholic children in four state schools within our parish. The lessons are only 30 minutes each week,

however the benefits to both Catechists and children are enormous.

Full support and training is provided to carry out this important apostolic work. **For more details please contact**

Mary Carolan on 0423 385 448



A VOCATION VIEW



Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love. 'Do what the word tells you.' Be doers of the word.

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

USED STAMPS FOR PERU

Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish, Thank you for the stamps that you forwarded recently. We really appreciate the fact that you thought of us. All monies are used to support the poor of Peru. Our sisters work with groups of women teaching them skills that result in income generation. This makes a huge difference to their lives and the lives of their families. Once again thank you for your generosity.



*Yours faithfully,
Sister Helen Saunders, rsj*

NOTICE FOR CATECHISTS AND HELPERS

The CCD Resource Centre in the grounds of St Pius school will be removed to its new location soon.

All the equipment — pictures, books, etc — needs to be packed up for removal. Starting next Monday (24th) from 10am, the packing up will commence. Anyone who could lend a helping hand is welcome.

The building is the demountable near the tuckshop/hall. Access is through the school gate on Cummins Street. Come any time between 10am and 3pm, any day, until packing is completed.

Thank you for your help.

**Sr Joan
Ph 4272 9980**

My Dear People,

Today's Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ places emphasis on Our Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament both in the Mass and outside of the Mass. The liturgy of Holy Thursday with adoration following Mass certainly does this, but that liturgy is celebrated within the sombreness of Holy Week. Today's focus is on the joy and consolation this presence gives us.



The Blessed Sacrament is reserved primarily so that Communion can be taken to the sick and the dying. But because Jesus is truly present we have the opportunity to spend time with Him and offer Him our joys and sufferings, our adoration and thanksgiving. And we should spend time with Him, for it gives Him the chance to draw close to us.

Here at Immaculate Conception we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament most Tuesdays and Thursdays. We usually think of 'Exposition' as Christ 'exposing' Himself to us, but I like to think of it as the other way round – we are 'exposing' ourselves to Him. The Scriptural text which brings this out well is in St Luke's Gospel. He tells us that a 'power' went forth from Jesus that healed those He encountered. Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. What He did in the Gospels must still be happening today, for the Gospels are a proclamation of the living Christ.

We see what Christ wants to do for us in the Gospel passage of the healing of the woman who suffered from haemorrhages. She believed that if only she could touch the hem of His cloak she would be healed, and she was. Jesus became aware that power had gone out from Him. He could not let the woman simply slip off into the anonymity of the crowd after she had been healed. Jesus had exposed Himself to her by allowing her to take hold of His cloak. Now she must dare to expose herself to Him – otherwise she would not advance in faith. She had to go beyond the level where she believed Jesus had the power to heal her, to the deeper level where her whole person would respond in love. That is the relationship Jesus wants with those whom He meets. Pope John Paul once wrote: "Christ has a clear right to meet all those whom He has redeemed."

So the woman takes the risk of exposing herself to Jesus. She "fell at his feet and told him the whole truth". She told Him all about herself and how her illness had ruined her financially, and had excluded her from mainstream society (her illness involving blood had made her virtually 'unclean' — she was trembling because she knew she should not have been amongst a crowd of people). She told Jesus that no doctor could help her and that He was her only hope. Jesus had already healed her of her physical ailment when she touched His clothes. Now He invites her to a deeper personal relationship when He calls her 'Daughter' – she is to be a member of His family.

Her story provides us with a reliable image of what happens when we adore Christ in the Eucharist. In Eucharistic adoration we expose ourselves to Jesus in the same way as this woman. Like her, we hope for healing, and we expose our wounds to His life-giving power. And then, like her, we take the deeper risk of defencelessness, exposing our wounded selves and telling Him the whole truth so that he can see us as we are, without any protective covering. Thus exposed, and only thus exposed, can we experience a real transformation.



It may be helpful on such a Feast to mention a few points regarding the reverent reception of Holy Communion:

- * "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass." (CANON 1247). "Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin." (CATECHISM # 2181). The Sunday Eucharist is the very foundation of Christian life. By attending Mass, we show we belong to, and are faithful to, Christ and His Church. Catholics who, for no good reason, fail to attend Mass over a significant period of time, should not return to Holy Communion without approaching the Sacrament of Penance. This teaching of the Church is based on the Third Commandment.
- * Those who receive Holy Communion should abstain for one hour beforehand from all food and drink, with the exception of water and medicine. This does not apply to the elderly, the sick and those who care for them when Communion is brought to the home.
- * People may receive Communion again on the same day when they participate in the celebration of a second Mass.
- * Holy Communion has a more complete sign when it is received under both kinds. Christ said "Eat and drink". In this way a fuller sign of the Eucharistic Banquet shines forth, and we are reminded that the New Covenant was sealed in Christ's Blood.
- * When Communion is received standing, and that is the normal practice in this Church, an act of adoration should be made beforehand — a genuflection (when you are behind the person receiving Communion) or, if that is not possible, a bow. This is done only once — it is not repeated before you receive the chalice. A genuflection to the Tabernacle is not made afterwards — you already have the Lord within you.



Next weekend's Mass is in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Patroness of our Diocese. The readings for Mass are for the 13th Sunday of the Year.

Mgr Graham Schmitzer
Parish Priest