

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Feb 19	Mass: 7:00am (Convent)
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Tuesday	Feb 20	Adoration: 4:30-5:30pm Mass: 5:30pm
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Wednesday	Feb 21	(St Peter Damian) Mass: 7:00am
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Thursday	Feb 22	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER 7pm Wollongong Entertainment Centre <i>Ordination of Bishop Brian Mascord</i>
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Friday	Feb 23	(St Polycarp) Mass: 9:30am
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Saturday	Feb 24	Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5 - 5:30pm Vigil Mass 6pm
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Sunday	Feb 25	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am 10:45am (Polish)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

18TH FEBRUARY, 2018

READINGS: Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15.

The FIRST READING introduces us to the theme of **covenant**. A covenant is a friendship agreement, in this case between God and Noah and his descendants after the flood. It is a prelude to the Great Covenant God would establish with Moses on Mount Sinai. That, in turn, prepares the way for God's final covenant on Mount Calvary, a covenant Jesus would sign in His own Blood. St Peter uses the theme of Noah when speaking about baptism. Like Noah and his family, the Christian is saved by passage through water. It is through the waters of baptism that we enter into the new covenant relationship with God, and that Christ's victory over sin and death is communicated to us. Yet, even after baptism, we are involved in a constant struggle against temptation. To give us encouragement St Mark tells us that Jesus, too, was tempted.



WELCOME BISHOP BRIAN

Rosters of next weekend

24 th Sat	Church Cleaning	M Lloyd, J Allen, J Haywood	
	Lawns	Fernandez Family, M Walsh	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 6pm		V Cleary	V Cleary
25 th Sun 7am	M Walsh	D Ferrer	S Brown
9am	R Klaus, C Carolan	M Rodwell	Y Brunero, S Michielin
Counters	M Murphy (FT), R Wilson, J Carolan, S Alessi		
Children's Liturgy	C Hailstone, L Galea		

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League: 2nd Thursday of the month, 10:30am

St Joseph's room. New members welcome.

Contact: Barbara 42711584 or Margaret 42715804

St. Vincent de Paul Conference: Tues, 7:30pm St. Joseph's room

Parish Pastoral Council: 2nd Monday of alternate months, 7:30pm

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 the 9am Mass on 1st weekend of the month.

Gospel Reflection

Lent: springtime of the spirit.

Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal.

First the bud, then the blossom,
and finally the shoot.

Spring dresses the trees in a new robe,
and makes them young again.

But this is possible only because in autumn
they let go of their old leaves,
and in between endured a period of nakedness.

Lent is the springtime of the spirit.

Lord, help us not to be afraid
to let go of old habits,

and to face our spiritual poverty,
in order that you may renew us,
and so at Easter

we will feel young again in our discipleship.

LIVESTREAM OF THE ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT

BRIAN MASCORD – 6:45pm Thursday 22 February

The Diocese will be livestreaming the ordination from 6:45pm on Thursday 22 February for those that cannot attend on YouTube. The link for the livestream will be www.livestream.dow.org.au.

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, UNANDERRA SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2018

The reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation, Penance and Eucharist in the Diocese of Wollongong are conducted at a Parish level.

Enrolment for the following Sacraments, Confirmation, Penance and Eucharist will take place at the following Masses:

Sunday, February 18th at the 7am and 9am Mass

Sunday, February 25th at the 7am and 9am Mass

Sunday, March 4th at the 7am and 9am Mass

Enrolment should be made by a parent.

Children are prepared in the following School Terms for the Sacraments:

Term 2 Confirmation (date unknown until new Bishop is installed)

Term 3 Penance Reception of Sacrament readiness of the child

Term 4 Eucharist Reception Feast of Christ the King, 25th November

Confirmation requirements: Child in Year 6 or High School. They should be practising their Faith and have the desire to receive the Sacrament.

Penance and Eucharist requirements: Year 3, practising their Faith and attending Mass.

– Sr Joan Goodwin, Sacramental Co-Ordinator

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries

Michael COMENSOLI

Vern MANNIX

Norma Mc CORVEY

Helen Warburton

George GOODWIN

Andrew & Elizabeth BROWNE

Andrea & Demetrio ESCOBIA

&

Ramon & Bessie OBRA

Delia WEYMANS

Pray for the sick and those
unable to get to Mass.



***"Out of all heart's troubles
God will bring Glory."***

St. Mary of the Cross 1882

FR GRAHAM'S LENTEN TIPS

- * 5 minutes prayer each day
- * An extra Mass each week
- * A good Confession
- * Generosity to the poor through Project Compassion

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (14 February 2018) and Trinity Sunday (27 May 2018) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 18 FEBRUARY 2018

The Summer series has finished, and we start a whole new year of new programs on Journey Catholic Radio this week. Listen in for a tribute to Bishop Peter Ingham who will retire this week as Bishop of Wollongong, as we thank him for all of his work and for having the vision of starting this program. You will also hear from Fr Graham Schmitzer who will share the Gospel reflection the Diocese of Wollongong Lenten program, Trish McCarthy and Sr Hilda Scott. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

2018 LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING:

- Acolytes, Altar Servers & Extraordinary Ministers
Wollongong Sat, 14 April; Campbelltown Saturday, 26 May; Nowra Saturday, 7 July
 - Communion of the Sick & Homebound
Wollongong Saturday 16 June
- For more information, please visit our website <http://www.liturgydow.org.au> or contact Paul Mason, Liturgy Coordinator paul.mason@dow.org.au or Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

WORLD YOUTH DAY, PANAMA CITY, 2019!

If you are between the ages of 18 and 35 (or know someone who is) and would like to join us for this unique opportunity, please come along to one of our official diocesan launches:

- Tuesday 27 February at the Emmaus Centre Macarthur from 6:00-8:00pm
- Wednesday 28 February at the Xavier Centre Wollongong from 6:00-8:00pm

There will be light refreshments available each evening, and our exciting itinerary will be formally announced and presented in detail. RSVP by Wed 21 Feb to Seth Harsh seth.harsh@dow.org.au or call 0404 821 956.

DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR PEACE

FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2018 – FIRST WEEK OF LENT

The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana, has asked that we adopt the request of Pope Francis and mark a Day of Prayer & Fasting for Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in South Sudan and in the whole world. Considering the protraction of the socio-political tensions and of the violence in both countries, the Holy Father encourages the whole Church to join him in this Day of Prayer to entrust in God the Father's infinite mercy, the conversion of hearts, especially of the leaders and all those involved in these countries. Let us join the Holy Father in this initiative and encourage the participation of our faithful in reflecting on this day of prayer and fasting.

PLANNED GIVING

NEW ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CENTRE AISLE OF THE CHURCH

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR A JUST FUTURE



First Sunday of Lent 18th February 2018



In Nepal, a Caritas Australia supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business and has become a role model in her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

