

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	Feb 26	Mass: 7:00am
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<b>Tuesday</b>	Feb 27	Adoration: 4:30-5:30pm Mass: 5:30pm
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<b>Wednesday</b>	Feb 28	Mass: 7:00am
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<b>Thursday</b>	Mar 1	Adoration: 4:30-5:30pm (Reconciliation available) Mass: 5:30pm
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<b>Friday</b>	Mar 2	<b>First Friday</b> Mass: 9:30am
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<b>Saturday</b>	Mar 3	<b>First Saturday</b> Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5 - 5:30pm Vigil Mass 6pm
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<b>Sunday</b>	Mar 4	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am 10:45am (Polish)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

25TH FEBRUARY, 2018

**READINGS:** Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34;  
Mk 9:2-10

In St Mark's account of the Transfiguration, the veil which separates the invisible from the visible world, and the future from the present, is removed for a moment, and the truth is revealed. It is no longer possible to say what happened on the mountain. The chief significance of the event was for Jesus Himself. It was meant to confirm Him in the course He had taken.



But it also benefited the apostles, and it is this that St Mark emphasises. In the transfigured Jesus they were given a glimpse of the glory of the risen Lord. It was these three apostles who would later witness the Agony in the Garden. Our lives are a mixture of highs and lows.

Elijah and Moses appear, Elijah representing the prophets, and Moses the Law. Thus Jesus is seen as bringing the Law and the prophets to fulfilment.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Hugh DOWDELL, Kathleen POWELL

**Anniversaries:** Fr Tony DALY, John ROBERTS, Micky WALSH, Joseph DREDGE, David CROWE, Peter BATTERS

### Rosters of next weekend

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
	Lawns	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 6pm	A Carlotto	N Milan	D Gelfius
4 <sup>th</sup> Sun 7am	L Burns	P Gunning	A Browne
9am	N Dwyer, C Carolan	V Cleary	P Cundy, V Cleary
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, A McQueen, M Winner		
Children's Liturgy	M Rodwell, S Michielin		

### 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

Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here!"

The following prayer was found written over the door of a church:

'Lord, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and friendship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet. Make this house a house of prayer and gathering to your kingdom.'

### LENTEN GROUP

at St Joseph's Meeting Room

Wednesdays 7:30pm

Morning tea will be served after 9am Mass next Sunday 4th March. Please join us in St Joseph's Room.

(Helpers - Natalie and Barbara)

### 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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*“Whenever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering Whom you are trying to follow”*

*St. Mary of the Cross 1909*

### 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 4 MARCH 2018**

This week on the Journey, we continue to use the Gospel reflection from Wollongong Diocese Lenten program, Sr Hilda talks to us softly with her Wisdom from the Abbey, Marilyn Rodrigues, the Peaceful Parent reminds us of Bearing Our Daily Crosses. We are so very lucky to have such talented music artists on our show. Put it all together and you have an inspiring and up lifting show about faith, hope, love and life. Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND PRAYER

**FROM BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD'S 2018 LENTEN MESSAGE**

‘As we begin our Lenten journey, let us hear the invitation of Jesus to “come and see”, and in doing so, let us surrender to the love of God present to us and to those we love.’

### 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](mailto:paul.mason@dow.org.au) or Helen Bennett [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:seth.harsh@dow.org.au) or call 0404 821 956.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Where:** St Therese Church, West Wollongong.

**When:** Friday, 2nd March at 10.30am.

Everyone is invited to come and pray for the people of Surinam.

### CATHOLICARE ST PATRICK'S RACE DAY FUNDRAISER –

**SAT 24 MARCH KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE**

All monies raised will go towards supporting siblings in families of children with a disability. Single tickets or tables available. For more info contact Trish on 42549318

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[www.catholiccare.dow.org.au](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au)

### PLANNED GIVING

**NEW ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CENTRE AISLE OF THE CHURCH**

## PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR A JUST FUTURE

## Second Sunday of Lent

25<sup>th</sup> February 2018



Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.**

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



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# What is doing penance all about?

LENT 2018

St John the Baptist prepared for the coming of the Lord by “preaching a baptism of repentance”. Jesus Christ began his ministry on earth calling on people to repent: “Repent and believe the Gospel” (Mark 1:15).

Repentance means we reject sin, so as to turn back to the Lord. We seek reconciliation with God and with the Church community. We can have the assurance of forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Doing penance by prayer, fasting (self-denial) and almsgiving (works of charity), is the concrete way we express our repentance and identify more closely with Jesus our Saviour. By doing penance we make satisfaction for our sins and take real steps in the renewal of our lives. To deny ourselves some legitimate pleasures can help train us to be able to say “no” to temptation and sin. Doing penance is proof of our repentance.

Because of original sin, our human nature is weak and inclined to sin. So repentance and conversion need to be central, ongoing features of living as followers of Jesus.

Penance, self-denial and self-control need to be part of our lives, not only for our own sake, but also for the sake of those who have to live with us, for the common good. In nominating special times of penance (all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent), the Church encourages and promotes in all of us the habit of penance.

Furthermore, observing these special times of penance by all members of the Church throughout the world, emphasises “the social

dimension of sin”. The sin of the individual member always in some measure infects the whole body of the Church. Therefore during Lent and on the Fridays of the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world.

Taking seriously our penitential obligations, we ought to carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and for our own growth in the Christian life.

## Days of Penance

AGE	OBLIGATION
Under 14	No abstaining or fasting obliged.
14–17	Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. <i>No fasting obliged.</i>
18–59	Abstain from meat on on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. <i>Fasting obliged.</i>
60+	No abstaining or fasting obliged, while maintaining the spirit of Lent.

- Pastors, teachers, parents are to ensure that even those who, by reason of their age, are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence from meat, are taught the true meaning of penance.