

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	14 May	Mass: 7am

Tuesday	15 May	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm

Wednesday	16 May	Mass: 7am

Thursday	17 May	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass: 5.30pm

Friday	18 May	Mass: 9.30am

Saturday	19 May	Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm

Sunday	20 May	PENTECOST SUNDAY Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish)

ASCENSION OF THE LORD — YEAR B 13 MAY 2018 - MOTHER'S DAY -

READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

St Paul describes Jesus' ascension into heaven, and His promise to send the Holy Spirit to the apostles (**FIRST READING**).

St Paul spells out the meaning of the Ascension (**SECOND READING**).

Before ascending to His Father, Jesus commissions His apostles to preach the Gospel to the whole world (**GOSPEL**).



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Jeanette JOHNSTON

Anniversaries: Luka JUKIC
Victor BROWN
Ilmer SAUNDERS
Pierre CARLU
Connie and Vicki CARBONE
Mary and Charlie MICALLEF
Ulysis, Alexandro & Adelita TEJARDEN

Deceased mothers and grandmothers of our Parish

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

The Mother's Day raffle will be drawn
by Father after 9am Mass
on Mother's Day 13 May.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets!



ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 19 May	Church Cleaning	W Brown, A & P Browne, L Harper, J Hoxha	
	Lawns		
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 19 May 6pm Mass	A Carlotto	N Milan	Volunteer
Sun 20 May 7am Mass	A Michielin	M Walsh	A Browne
Sun 20 May 9am Mass	N Dwyer C Carolan	A Kelly	G Petric B Spain
Counters	M Murphy (FT), R Wilson, J Carolan, S Alessi		
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 welcome!
Contact: Barbara 4271 1584 or Margaret 4271 5804
- St Vincent de Paul Conference:** Tues 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 the 9am Mass on 1st weekend of the month

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus said to his disciples 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation.'

There are still dark aspects to our world and to our neighbourhood that need the Good News.

Answer the call to 'Go and teach all people my Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of time.'

Please contact Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director on 0401 621 591 or via email priesthood@dow.org.au

PERSONAL CARE KIT

The Parish Pastoral Council has compiled a basic personal care kit for use in and around our church. It is located in the northern confessional next to the water dispenser. There are a number of information posters (below) about the kit and what it contains situated as follows:

- First left-hand side support pillar when entering side door of church.
 - On door of small cupboard on left-hand side of aisle when entering front door of church.
 - Door of northern confessional.
 - Wall above location of basic personal care kit in northern confessional.
- Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the contents of this basic personal care kit and make use of its contents when necessary.



Gospel Reflection

SOME THOUGHTS ON MOTHERS

*The most important person on earth is a Mother.
She cannot claim the honour of having built
Notre Dame - she need not.*

*She has built something more magnificent than any
cathedral - a dwelling place for an immortal soul -*

The tiny perfection of her baby's body.

The angels have not been blessed with such a grace.

They cannot share in God's creative miracle.

Only a mother can.

*Mothers are closer to God the Creator
than any other creature.*

*God joins forces with Mothers in
performing this act of creation.*

*What on God's earth is more glorious than this,
to be a Mother.*

Cardinal Mindszenty



'A HOME IS A RIGHT, NOT A PRIVILEGE'

Business leaders from across the Macarthur, Illawarra, Shoalhaven and Southern Highlands are invited to take a stand against homelessness by spending a winter night outdoors. Participation in the event will make a tangible difference to communities across the region by raising funds for St Vincent de Paul Society's frontline homelessness services, providing accommodation and support to people who need it.

Are you up for the challenge?

St Vincent de Paul Society needs the help of local business leaders to change the perception of homelessness and raise funds for much-needed support services across our region.

The annual CEO Sleepout will be held on Thursday 21 June at St Mary Star of the Sea College, Wollongong, and will see leaders come together to spend a night in the cold for a worthy cause.

Last year, through funds raised from the CEO Sleepout, Vinnies gave assistance to almost two million people in need across the country, providing more than 1.5 million meals and almost 700,000 nights with a bed.

By taking part in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout, you can help shine a light on homelessness and bring some warmth to the longest night of the year - everyone deserves a safe place to call home.

Visit: <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/event/wollongong> today to register or donate to the event.





“God will take care of us all.”

St Mary of the Cross — 1871

POSITION VACANT

Caritas Australia, the Catholic agency for international aid and development, is currently advertising for the role of Diocesan Director Archdiocese of Sydney/Community Participation Leader – NSW/Eastern Region.

To apply for this job, please visit:

www.caritas.org.au/jobs/positions-vacant

and view the full Position Description.

Applications to jobs@caritas.org.au

by COB, Monday 21 May 2018.

Enquiries contact Fr George Sigamony 0499 022 915.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS SUNDAY 13 MAY 2018 –

This week on the Journey Catholic Radio, our Gospel this week is from Mark 16:15-20, proclaiming “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel”. The Wisdom from the Abbey comes to us from Sr Hilda, Pete Gilmore talks to us about tuning in the radio in his Living the Gospel God spot, and Francine Pirola reminds us of Gratitude in her Smart Loving segment.

Go to www.jcr.org.au or

www.itunes.jcr.org.au

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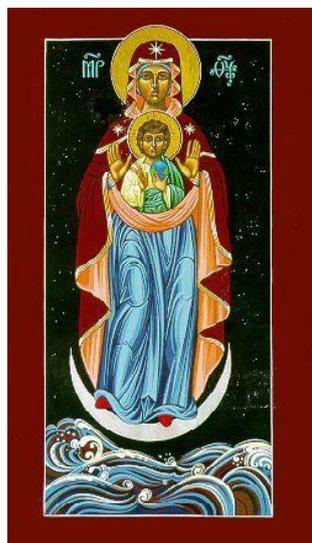
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HONOURING MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

“I would like these reflections to be crowned by Mary, because she lived the Beatitudes of Jesus as none other. She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Our converse with her consoles, frees and sanctifies us.



Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. She does not need us to tell her what is happening in our lives. All we need do is whisper, time and time again: “Hail Mary...”
Gaudete et Exsultate: Rejoice and be Glad: On the Call to Holiness in Today’s World, Apostolic Exhortation Pope Francis - March 2018)

SOCIAL JUSTICE FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Australian Bishops on the Economy

Information and campaigns addressing the needs of people who are unemployed can be found at:

Catholic Social Services Australia: www.cssa.org.au

Australian Council of Social Service: www.acoss.org.au

Welfare Rights Centre: www.welfareinrightscentre.org.au

For information and campaigns supporting vulnerable workers:

Australian Catholic Council for Employment Relations:
www.accer.asn.au

Australia Institute Centre for Future Work:
www.futurework.org.au

ACTU ‘Change the Rules’ campaign:
www.australianunions.org.au/change_the_rules

Organisations addressing housing affordability and homelessness:

The Society of St Vincent de Paul: www.vinnies.org.au

Australian Catholic Housing Alliance:
www.catholichousing.org.au

National Shelter: www.shelter.org.au
and

Homelessness Australia:
www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au



CATHFAMILY

CATHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website.

Don't miss CathKids weekly interactive experience with a two-minute animated reflection on the Sunday reading, questions to stimulate discussion, a simple activity and prayer.

Families in the Diocese of Wollongong are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with kids.

<https://cathfamily.org>



PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PARISH SECRETARY – WARRAWONG

Warrawong parish is seeking the services of a part time secretary for 3 days – 13.5 hours per week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

The position requires skills in administration, bookkeeping and maintaining a database. Good communication skills essential.

The parish secretary needs to be a committed and practising Catholic, embracing the teachings and ethos of the Catholic Church in their daily life.

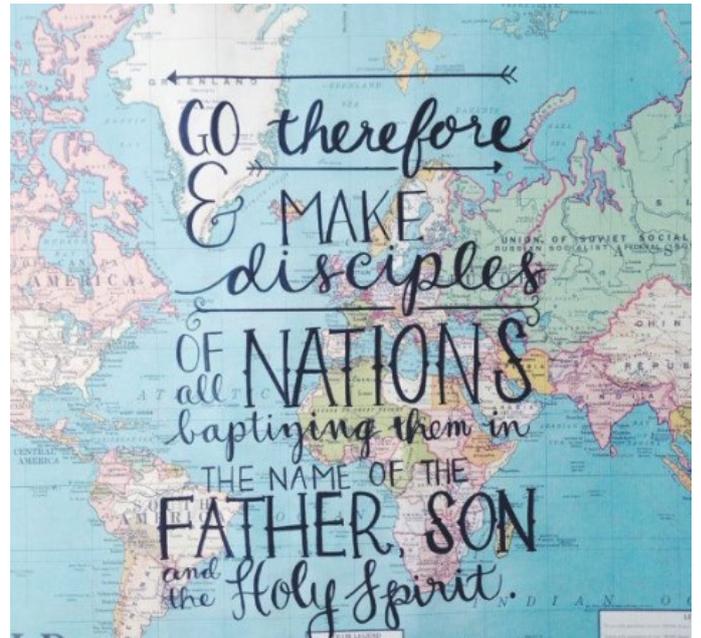
If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position:
frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au

Applications close Monday 14 May 2018.

My dear people,

Our Lord's command to His disciples, "Go and teach all nations", on the occasion of His bodily ascension into heaven, is a fitting time to hold our annual Propagation of the Faith Appeal.

The command was given not just to the Apostles but to all who bear His name. Our baptism was not just a private affair – we were baptised into Christ's Body, the Church, a Church into which Christ invites all people. If non-believers are to find Christ, now that He has bodily left the earth, they must look to His mystical Body, the Church, us! His credibility rises or falls on us!

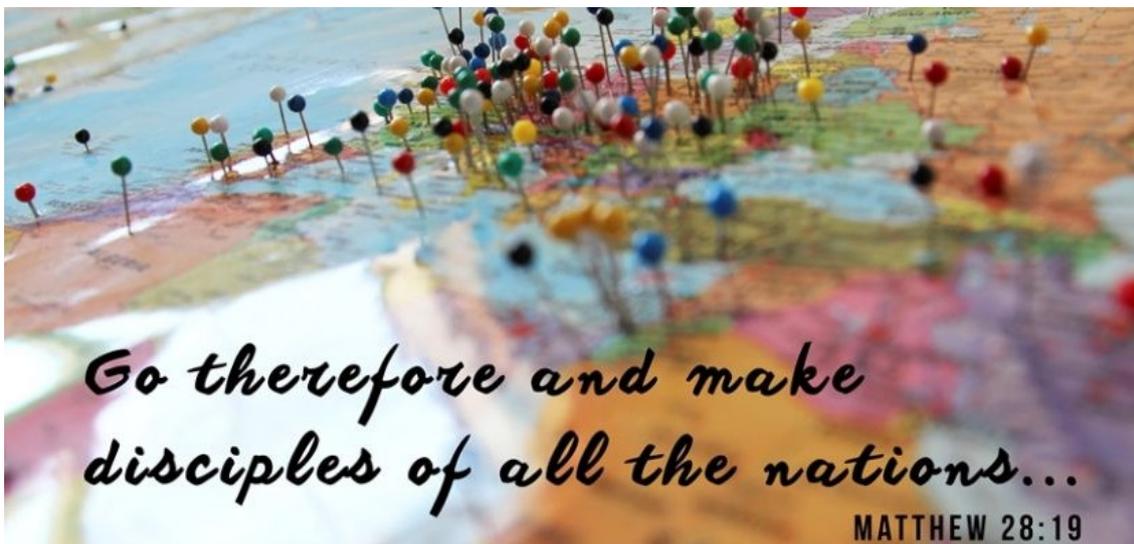


While most of us realise that God has not called us to go to the ends of the earth as missionaries, still the Church to which we belong is missionary by nature, and we share in that mission. We should want others to share in the great gift of the Faith that God has given us. Our generosity today will help missionaries in their work. They are preaching the Good News of God's love in our name.

Of interest is the fact that with the agreement of the Holy Father, one third of the gifts received are distributed to missionaries working with Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander communities in the more remote and isolated parts of our country. Last year this amounted to \$1.8 million.

This year the focus of the Appeal will be the troubled country of Myanmar. The Appeal will be preached here at Unanderra by David Harrison, the Diocesan Director. David visited Myanmar in January and will be able to give personal reflections.

Pray for your priests, pray for vocations.



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