

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 2 July *No Mass*

Tuesday 3 July **St Thomas**
Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm
Mass: 5.30pm

Wednesday 4 July **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**
Mass: 7am

Thursday 5 July **St Anthony Zaccaria**
Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm
(Reconciliation Available)
Mass: 5.30pm

Friday 6 July **St Maria Goretti**
First Friday
Mass: 9.30am

Saturday 7 July **Blessed Peter To Rot**
First Saturday
Mass: 7.30am
Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm
Vigil Mass: 6pm

Sunday 8 July **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish)

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR B

1 JULY 2018

READINGS: Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2Cor 8:7,9,13-15; Mk 5:21-43

God did not make us for death but for life (**FIRST READING**).

The Reading leads us into the **GOSPEL:** God shows His power through Christ.

St Paul appeals to the Corinthians to help the poor in the Church at Jerusalem (**SECOND READING**).



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Milan ZEARO

Anniversaries: Norma MELKI

Clare PATTON

Fr Peter LITTLE SJ

Warren YATES

Marie DAWSON

Pilar VILLANUEVA

Marcial VILLANUEVA JR

Fortunata Obra ESCOBIA

Aquilino ESCOBIA

Andrea Escobia JAGMOC



LIVING FAITH - DAILY DEVOTIONS

Daily Devotions July - August - September now available - \$4.00.

There are two versions: one for adults and one for children.



ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

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| July | Church Washing | Jackie Allen | |
| Sat 7 July | Church Cleaning | F Fernandez, B Rice, S Walsh | |
| | Lawns | B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana | |
| | Acolytes | Lectors | Welcomers |
| Sat 7 July 6pm Mass | P Jones | R Baxendale | Volunteer |
| Sun 8 July 7am Mass | M Walsh | C Walsh | Walsh Family |
| Sun 8 July 9am Mass | R Klaus C Carolan | R Green | B Spain G Petric |
| Counters | B & P Walker, A Kelly | | |
| Children's Liturgy | Holidays | | |

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League: 2nd Thursday of the month - 10:30am in St Joseph's room

New members always welcome!

Contact: Barbara 4271 1584
or Margaret 4271 5804

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

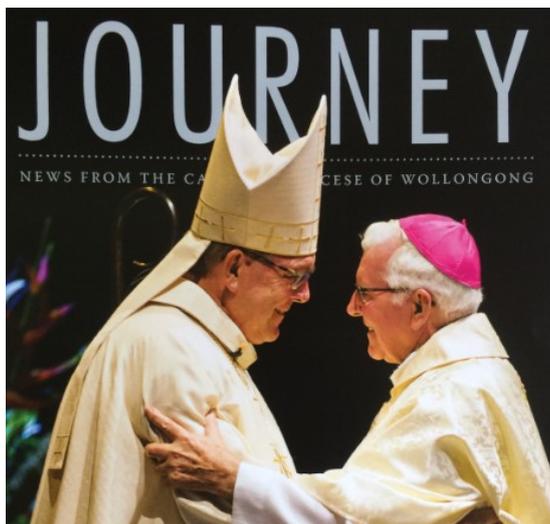
Villa Maria Nursing Home: 3rd Tuesday of the month - 9:30am

*** Morning Tea Refreshments will not be held during July, August or September ***

JOURNEY MAGAZINE

WINTER 2018 EDITION

Please pick up your free copy of our latest Journey magazine. It is full of wonderful articles, that nurture faith and celebrate the many wonderful things going on in agencies in our Diocese. It is also a great memento on the ordination and installation of Bishop Brian Mascord for the Diocese of Wollongong.



Gospel Reflection

Each of us is capable of doing some healing, because we have eyes that can see, ears that can hear, tongues that can speak, hands that can touch, and above all a heart that can love.

Lord, make us instruments of your healing power.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.



A VOCATION VIEW

She fell at His feet and told Him the whole truth. Jesus restores health and wholeness to an 'untouchable' woman. She is remarkable to show as much courage as for her faith. How can we show the courage to ask for forgiveness from the Lord?

Please contact

Fr Richard Healey - Vocations Director
0401 621 591 / priesthood@dow.org.au

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

The Unanderra Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all parishioners who supported our winter appeal bucket collection today. Donations can still be made by using the poor box in the church or by placing an envelope addressed to St Vincent de Paul Society Unanderra Conference in the Mass collection plate.

All monies raised are used to support the poor of our Parish.



The Unanderra Conference receives six to ten requests for food, rent assistance or help with electricity every week.

Your support is much appreciated and the Society supports you in prayer.



"Let us ever remember we have been called by God, and God has a right to our perfect service."

St Mary of the Cross — 1899

2018 - SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating **25, 40, 50 or 60 years** of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on **Sunday 19 August 2018 at 2pm**, please contact **Helen Bennett on 4222 2403** or via email **helen.bennett@dow.org.au** at the Office of the Bishop by Friday 13 July 2018 and an invitation will be sent to you.



LEGION OF MARY



The Immaculate Heart of Mary Wollongong Curia will celebrate its 55th Anniversary with a Thanksgiving Mass on **Sunday 22 July 2018 at 2pm** at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral**.

The Annual Acies will be incorporated in the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord. **RSVP Tess 0403 494 774 or Linda 0422 062 724**

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying... Pentecost Sunday saw the official launch of the process of listening as the Australian church commences a time of preparation and listening on the way to Plenary Council 2020. As individuals and Parish communities in the Diocese of Wollongong, there are some simple but important things you can do now. Visit the website **www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au** which provides great resources that will enable individuals and groups to: Pray for guidance, learn more, commence dialogue and subscribe for regular updates.



PlenaryCouncil2020
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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NSW STATE CONFERENCE 2018

Tuesday 4 September — Thursday 6 September 2018

Novotel Hotel, North Wollongong

The Theme is "Do not be afraid I will help you"

The Opening Mass will be at

6pm on Tuesday 4 September

at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral**

Enquiries contact Anne Kelly 0411 260 040



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM — AIRS SUNDAY 1 JULY 2018 —

This week on the Journey Fr Richard Healey reflects on the Gospel of Mark; Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from The Abbey proclaiming "We Have The Cure"; Trish McCarthy reminds us to "Stand up and Walk"; and Sam Clear in his Walking the Walk God Spot encourages us with "Forgiving Others". Music soothes our soul, and we have some fabulous soothing music this week to help create a show about faith, hope, love and life.

Go to **www.jcr.org.au** or **www.itunes.jcr.org.au**

where you can listen any time and subscribe to weekly shows by email.



LIVE FESTIVAL 2018 NEEDS YOU!

On **Friday 31 August 2018**, LIVE Festival is happening again! This is your opportunity to be a key part of the biggest Catholic youth and young adult event in the Diocese of Wollongong. LIVE Festival combines amazing live music, powerful guest speakers, workshops, food and games to create a powerful context for youth and young adults to encounter Jesus Christ. If you're over the age of 18 and can help out between 8am and 8.30pm, please get in touch with us via the details below. We look forward to seeing you there!



Please contact **Bethany Parrish:**

bethany.parrish@dow.org.au

or **4222 2427**

WALKING THE CAMINO IN SPAIN & FRANCE

Saturday 14 July 2018 - Albion Park in the St Paul's Parish Centre, 249 Tongarra Road, Albion Park. Attend one or both presentations by **Peter Kearney**, who has walked these ancient pilgrimage routes to Santiago, burial place of St James Apostle. Live commentary by Peter, with photographs and music.

1. **Camino in Spain: 11am and/or**

2. **Camino in France: 2pm**

Per session - \$10 at door.

Limited seating - advance registration essential.

Please contact Peter at:

camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au

or via SMS **0425 328 185**.

Please specify 'Spain' or 'France' or 'Both'.

Also, state 'Albion Park' and number of seats needed. Peter will confirm registration.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

17-19 August 2018

Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!

Book online at **www.wwme.org.au**

Or contact **Adrian and Janet Sullivan**

0490 774 419 / adrian.janet1@bigpond.com



My dear people,

In chapter 3 of his Apostolic Letter REJOICE AND BE GLAD, Pope Francis answers the question "What must one do to be a good Christian?". Jesus explained what it means to be holy when He gave us the Beatitudes. They are the Christian's identity card. "Happy" or "blessed" are a synonym for "holy", expressing the fact that those faithful to God and His Word gain true happiness. Although Jesus' words may appear poetic, they are quite demanding.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. The Gospel invites us to see where we find our security in life. Wealth ensures nothing. We can become so self-satisfied that we leave no room for God's Word, love of our brothers and sisters, and the enjoyment of the most important things in life. Interior freedom, says St Ignatius, can only be gained when we do not set our hearts on good health rather than bad, riches rather than poverty, honour rather than dishonour, a long life rather than a short one.



Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. From the beginning the world has been a place of conflict. To pigeonhole others on the basis of their ideas, customs, and even their way of speaking or dressing is the reign of pride and vanity, each person thinking he or she has the right to dominate others. Jesus, the King mounted on a donkey, proposes a different way of doing things. If we are constantly upset and impatient with others, we will end up drained and weary. St Therese tells us that "perfect charity consists in putting up with others' mistakes, and not being scandalised by their faults". St Paul suggests that if we have to correct others, then we do so with meekness, remembering we "too, could be tempted". People may think we are fools or idiots - so be it. Meekness is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. The world has no desire to mourn - it would rather disregard painful situations or cover them up. But the Cross is always present. A person who sees things as they truly are and sympathises with pain and sorrow is capable of touching life's depths and finding authentic happiness. Such persons are unafraid to share in the suffering of others. They sense that the other is flesh of our flesh, and are not afraid to draw near, even to touch their wounds. Knowing how to mourn with others - that is holiness.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Hunger and thirst are intense experiences since they involve our instinct for survival. There are those who desire justice and yearn for righteousness with similar intensity. Jesus says they will be satisfied, for sooner or later justice will come, even if we may not always see the fruit of our efforts. How many people suffer injustice, standing by powerlessly while others divvy up the good things in life? True justice is shown towards those who are most vulnerable. "Seek justice, correct oppression, defend the fatherless, plead for the widow" (ISAIAH 1:17).

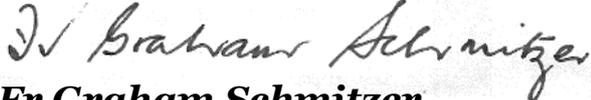
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Mercy has two aspects. It involves giving, keeping and serving others, but it also includes forgiveness and understanding. "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you" (LUKE 6:36-38). The yardstick we use for giving will measure what we receive. We should never forget this. "We need to think of ourselves as an army of the forgiven. All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion".

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. The Bible uses the heart to describe our real intentions, the things we truly seek and desire. God wants to speak to our hearts. There He desires to write His law. There can be no love without works of love. This Beatitude reminds us that the Lord expects a commitment to our brothers and sisters that comes from the heart. A heart that genuinely loves God and neighbour is a pure heart - it can see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. We might think of the many endless situations of war in our world, yet we ourselves are often a cause of conflict, spreading and embellishing gossip, for example. Peacemakers build peace and friendship in society, excluding no-one, even those who are a bit odd, troublesome, difficult or demanding. It is hard work, and calls for great openness of mind and heart. Building peace is a craft that demands serenity, creativity, sensitivity and skill.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. The path Jesus proposes goes against the flow, making us challenge society by the way we live and, as a result, becoming a nuisance. Many people have been, and still are, persecuted simply because they take seriously their commitment to God and others. "Unless we wish to sink into an obscure mediocrity, let us not long for an easy life." The Beatitudes are not easy to live out - any attempt to do so will be viewed with negativity and ridicule. But when the New Testament tells us that we will have to endure suffering for the Gospel's sake, it speaks precisely of persecution. Such is evidenced by many contemporary martyrs.

There exists today a harmful error - Christians who separate these demands of the Gospel from their personal relationship with the Lord. Christianity then becomes a sort of NGO stripped of the mysticism so evident in the lives of St Francis, St Vincent de Paul, St Teresa of Calcutta, and many others. For these great Saints, prayer, the love of God and the reading of the Gospel in no way detracted from their passionate commitment to their neighbour - quite the opposite.


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