

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 23 July *No Mass*

Tuesday 24 July **St Charbel**
Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm
Mass: 5.30pm

Wednesday 25 July **St James**
Mass: 7am (*Convent*)

Thursday 26 July **Sts Joachim and Anne**
Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm
(Reconciliation Available)
Mass: 5.30pm

Friday 27 July Mass: 9.30am

Saturday 28 July Mass: 7.30am
Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm
Vigil Mass: 6pm

Sunday 29 July **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (*Polish*)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR B 22 JULY 2018

READINGS: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

The prophet Jeremiah criticises the official leaders of Israel for neglecting their duties towards the people.

But God will not desert His people. He Himself will assume the matter of leadership. This leads in to the

GOSPEL. Jesus shows Himself as the Good Shepherd,



firstly in His care of the Apostles exhausted from their missionary work, and then for the ordinary people whom He teaches at length.

*** NOTICE TO PARENTS ***

WITH CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION) PROGRAM

PARENTS' MEETING TIMES:

Monday 23 July 2018 - 7pm

Tuesday 24 July 2018 - 4.30pm

Wednesday 25 July 2018 - 7pm

Located in
St Joseph's Room
at the back of the Church.

It is compulsory for a parent to attend one of these meetings



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Arthur WILLIAMS

Ruby STUBBS

Mary Louise STUBBS

Rudy GEYLING



ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

July	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 28 July	Church Cleaning	W Brown, P & A Browne, L Harper, J Hoxha	
	Lawns		
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 28 July 6pm Mass		N Milan	Volunteer
Sun 29 July 7am Mass	A Michielin	D Ferrer	Walsh Family
Sun 29 July 9am Mass	C Carolan	R Green	Y Brunero S Michielin
Counters	A Gunning, M Cauduro, C Garrett		
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 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 ***
*** will NOT be held during ***
*** July, August or September ***

Gospel Reflection

Sheep Without a Shepherd
Lord, look upon us and take pity on us,
for at times we too are like sheep.
Save us from a blind following of the herd.
Help us to listen to your voice,
to trust you and to follow you,
even if it means leaving the crowd
and walking a lonely path.
Lead us from fear to trust,
from error to truth,
from hate to love, from war to peace,
from despair to hope,
and from death to life.
Amen.



MONSIGNOR GRAHAM'S 75th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

A great event occurs on Thursday 16 August 2018 - Mgr Graham turns 75!

Come and celebrate this milestone occasion with him, beginning with Mass at 5.30pm, followed by dinner at 6.30pm.
Depending on numbers, the location and cost for dinner will be finalised and notified closer to Mgr Graham's birthday.

Please RSVP to Sue Briscoe (Parish Secretary)

before 3.30pm Monday 6 August 2018

either by email to unanderra@dow.org.au

or phone on 4271 1068

(Parish office hours: Monday, Thursday and Friday 9am–3.30pm)

Please provide Sue with name(s), contact phone number and number of people attending Mass and/or dinner.





“Remember we are but travellers here.”

St Mary of the Cross — 1867

DIOCESAN MASS - FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

The Annual Diocesan Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop will be held on **Wednesday 8 August 2018 at 11am** at **Immaculate Conception Parish, Unanderra**

Bishop Brian Mascord will celebrate the Mass along with Mgr Graham Schmitzer (Parish Priest Unanderra) and Fr Patrick Vaughan (Chaplain to Catholic Women’s League).

Lunch will be available following Mass and will be hosted by the Unanderra Branch of Catholic Women’s League.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS SUNDAY 22 JULY 2018 –

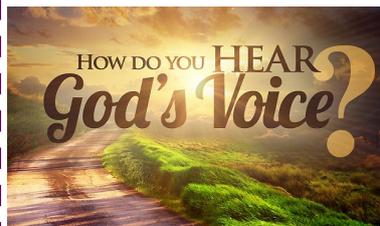
This week on The Journey, as we listen to the Gospel of Mark, we are again encouraged to follow Jesus. Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from The Abbey with “Teapot Stories”; and our very own Pete Gilmore shares his analogy of the “Flat Tyre” in his Living the Gospel God spot. As we know music soothes the soul, and we are blessed to have soul lifting music as part of our weekly program.

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.



A VOCATION VIEW

When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to "come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place." Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocational discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out-of-the-way place.



Please contact **Fr Richard Healey** Vocations Director priesthood@dow.org.au 0401 621 591

SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY 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 at helen.bennett@dow.org.au at the Office of the Bishop by Monday 23 July 2018 and an invitation will be sent to you.



HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries Sydney offers regular healing retreats for those who have experienced an abortion. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment.

Information and a brochure can found at: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au or call us on our confidential voicemail number **0400 092 555** or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au

The next retreat will be **10-12 August 2018**



CREATING A SAFE CHURCH FROM WITHIN

Fr Hans Zollner SJ

Friday 31 August 2018 and Saturday 1 September 2018
Campbelltown Catholic Club

Fr Hans Zollner will address the most significant issues facing the Catholic Church today with respect to harmful behaviour, including the theological and spiritual implications arising from the abuse crisis and their impact on victims and survivors, together with members of the Church. There will be two distinct and separate presentations on Friday 31 August 2018 and Saturday 1 September 2018.

Information is also available at www.hanszollner.dow.org.au

Any enquiries relating to this event can be directed to rsvp@dow.org.au



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”

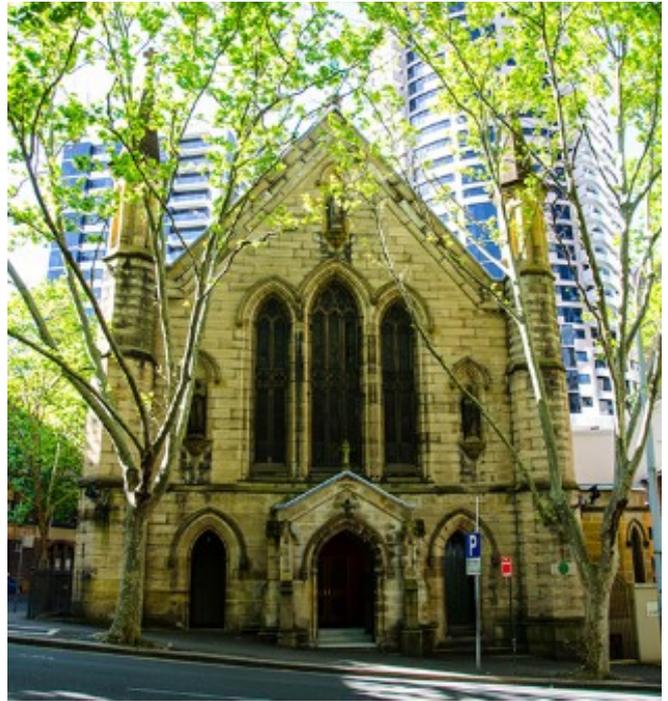
The Opening Mass will be at **6pm on Tuesday 4 September** at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral**

Enquiries contact **Anne Kelly 0411 260 040**



My dear people,

During their annual conference in May, the Australian Bishops celebrated Mass at St Patrick's Church, Church Hill, in The Rocks area of Sydney (Grosvenor Street, towards the approach to the Sydney Harbour Bridge). The Mass commemorated 200 years since an extraordinary happening regarding the Eucharist. Fr Jeremiah O'Flynn arrived in Sydney in 1817 at a time when Catholicism was still outlawed. He had an appointment from Rome as Prefect Apostolic to the new colony, but failed to obtain government approval. He told Governor Macquarie that his official papers would arrive soon but, when they had not appeared after six months, he was arrested and deported on 20 May 1818. In the months he was in Sydney, he had been very zealous in his pastoral ministry, and had celebrated clandestine Masses in some Catholic homes.



Before his departure, Fr O'Flynn left a consecrated Host in a pyx in the home of a family called Davis. This became the focus for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for two years. When the next priest arrived, the Host was found to be entirely incorrupt. The present St Patrick's was built over this spot and there, under the care of the Marist Fathers, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed every day in the Monstrance. The interior of the church is typically French, the High Altar being made of beaten brass and shipped from France. Well worth a visit.



As you know, during Year B of the Church's Year, we read from the Gospel of St Mark. But it is the shortest of the Gospels, so we take a break for five weeks and from next Sunday we read from chapter six of St John's Gospel, the chapter where Jesus introduces His disciples to His teaching on the Eucharist. In his description of the Last Supper, St John describes the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus, rather than the narrative of the consecration of the bread and wine, having covered this teaching of the Eucharist previously in chapter six.

It is a clever vehicle for a basic doctrine - our reception of Holy Communion is not an end in itself. The Eucharist leads to action. It is why the Celebrant at Mass ends with the words: "Ite, Missa est", wrongly translated as "Go, the Mass is ended", when the meaning is "Go, you are sent" - we are all missionaries to the world in which we live, work, and recreate. Interesting word "recreate" because it also means "re-create".

St John begins chapter six with the feeding of the 5,000 using just five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus speaks to the crowd of the true bread from heaven, Himself. "I am the bread of life". Almost as an aside, St John writes "It was shortly before the Feast of Passover". This miracle points to the Last Supper, Christ's Passover which He will accomplish during Passover Week, His pass-over from death to life which we must accomplish in our life - to death - to life. The Eucharist is our food for this journey we all must take.



Those who refuse this teaching, symbolised by what happens at the end of this chapter, are starving themselves to death.

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