

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	20 Aug	No Mass
Tuesday	21 Aug	St Pius X Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm
Wednesday	22 Aug	The Queenship of Our Lady Mass: 7am
Thursday	23 Aug	St Rose of Lima Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass: 5.30pm
Friday	24 Aug	St Bartholomew Mass: 9.30am
Saturday	25 Aug	St Louis Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm
Sunday	26 Aug	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish)

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR B 19 AUGUST 2018

READINGS: Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

God's Wisdom is described in terms of a banquet. Christians see this as a foreshadowing of the Eucharistic banquet. **(FIRST READING)**.

Christ gives his great promises of eternal life to those who eat and drink his Body and Blood. **(GOSPEL)**.

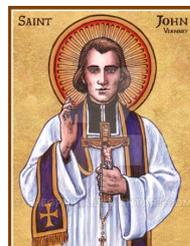
St Paul advises the wise Christian to make the most of the present, alert to the will of God. **(SECOND READING)**



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Alice DE PARDINA
Fr Paul COONEY SM

Anniversaries: Joseph DREDGE
Ron GANDY
Sr Mark RSJ
Cecil CLARKE
Beatrice WILLIAMS



"It is not the sinner who returns to God to beg his forgiveness, But God Himself who runs after the sinner and makes him return to Him."

St John Vianney

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

August	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 25 Aug	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
	Lawns		
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 25 Aug 6pm Mass		A Kelly	Volunteer
Sun 26 Aug 7am Mass	M Walsh	C Walsh	A Browne
Sun 26 Aug 9am Mass	R Klaus, 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 August or September ***

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD 0-12 YEARS



A practical course on how we can hand on the Faith at different stages of a child's development. Based on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd approach developed by Maria Montessori and Sofia Cavalletti.

This short course on the formation of the Catholic heart, memory, intellect and imagination, will be held in St Joseph's meeting room at Immaculate Conception Parish Unanderra.

**Mondays 9.30am–11am for 4 weeks:
6, 13, 20 & 27 August 2018**

All welcome! Enquiries: Mary Carolan 0423 385 448

Gospel Reflection

Christ be near at either hand,
Christ behind, before me stand.
Christ with me where e'er I go,
Christ around, above, below.

Christ be in my heart and mind,
Christ within my heart enshrined.
Christ control my wayward heart
Christ abide and ne'er depart.

Christ my life and only way,
Christ my lantern night and day.
Christ be my unchanging friend,
Guide and Shepherd to the end.



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to two couples within our parish who this year celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary:

Lorraine and Robert KLAUS who celebrated their anniversary on 27 April.

Candida and Antonio CARDAMONE who celebrate their anniversary on 24 August.





**“There where you are,
you will find God.”**

St Mary of the Cross — 1867

HOSPITAL MASSES

FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH at 10.30am - Wollongong **PRIVATE** Hospital on Level 3. All are welcome to Jesus healing ministry to the sick.

SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH - 11.30am (at Hospital Chapel, Ground Floor, Wollongong **PUBLIC** Hospital. All welcome to continue the healing ministry to the sick. These Holy Masses will be celebrated by Fr George Condookala, Chaplain to the Wollongong Hospitals.



A VOCATION VIEW

"I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." 'Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life - Your very Self in the Eucharist.' Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.



Please contact
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MANY CULTURES - ONE IN CHRIST MASS & FESTIVAL

Sunday 26 August 2018 at 2pm

St Francis Xavier Cathedral and
St Mary Star of the Sea College
Harbour Street Wollongong

Our annual Mass and festival celebrating the rich cultural diversity and heritage existing within our Diocese occurs at the end of August. All are invited to celebrate with Bishop Brian the many blessings and roles our cultural communities play within our broader diocesan community. This celebration coincides with the annual *Migrant & Refugee Week*.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM - AIRS SUNDAY 19 AUGUST 2018 -

This week on The Journey, Fr Steven Varney offers us his reflection on the Gospel of John; Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, talks to us about Honouring; Frances Pirolas, in her Smart Loving segment, ponders Marriage: Happy or Holy (repeat); and Sr Hilda shares her unique wisdom from the Abbey. Vibrant Christian music helps us to celebrate the Journey Catholic Radio, where faith, hope, love and life come together.

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



GROWING GOOD MEN—DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG FATHER AND SON CAMP

A life changing father and son weekend will be held from **3-5 November 2018** at Cataract Scout Camp, Appin. Spots are limited to just 15 fathers with their son aged between 12-16. One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father, or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could and should provide is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their gifts as they take their place in the world. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE.

You don't get this time back so make this opportunity a priority! **Contact Jude Hennessy on Ph: 4222 2407 or jude.hennessy@dow.org.au** to register or ask any questions.

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**

CURSILLO THREE-DAY WEEKEND

13-16 September 2018 - Hartzler Park, Bowral

This is a wonderful experience aimed at developing your relationship with God, and allowing you to really know just how much you are loved by Him. The informal weekend is a journey of sharing our faith through friendship. Single rooms and home-cooked meals add to a memorable experience. Men's and women's weekend run concurrently. For more information, please contact **Ken on 0417 244 059** or **Geraldine on 0421 329 365**.



My dear people,

I can always remember Father Joe Gillis saying “If you want an excuse not to go to Mass, you’ll find one.” Even Our Lord mentioned some of the reasons people would use for refusing His invitation: “All alike started to make excuses. The first said ‘I have bought a piece of land and must go and see it. Please accept my apologies.’ Another said ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen and am on my way to try them out. Please accept my apologies.’ Yet another said ‘I have just got married and so am unable to come.’ ” (LUKE 14:18-20).

In an effort to cater for everyone’s idiosyncrasies one Church decided to put on a special “No excuse Sunday” and these were the arrangements made:

- ◆ Cots will be placed in the vestibule for those who say that Sunday is the only day they can sleep in.
- ◆ There will be steel helmets for those who say the roof would cave in if they ever came to Church.
- ◆ Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold - and fans for those who say it is too hot.
- ◆ There will be hearing aids for those who say the Pastor speaks too softly - and cottonwool for those who say he preaches too loudly.
- ◆ Score cards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.
- ◆ Some relatives will be in attendance for those who like to go visiting on Sundays.
- ◆ One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature.
- ◆ Finally, the sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them.

“When Sunday becomes subordinate to a popular concept of ‘Weekend’ and is unduly dominated by entertainment and sport, rather than being truly sanctified and revitalised, people remain trapped in a relentless and often meaningless pursuit of novelty, and fail to experience the freshness of Christ’s ‘living water’. (John 4/11).”

John Paul II to New Zealand Bishops 13 September 2004

Fr. Graham Schmitz

Parish Priest

