

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	17 Sep	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	18 Sep	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	19 Sep	<b>St Januarius</b> Mass: 7am
<b>Thursday</b>	20 Sep	<b>The Korean Martyrs</b> Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass: 5.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	21 Sep	<b>St Matthew</b> Mass: 9.30am
<b>Saturday</b>	22 Sep	Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm
<b>Sunday</b>	23 Sep	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Masses: 7am, 9am <i>No Polish Mass during September</i>

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR B

16 SEPTEMBER 2018

**READINGS:** Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

The prophet Isaiah declares that those who are just will be sustained in their trials by the firm belief that God is with them (**FIRST READING**).

St James reminds us that faith without good works is dead (**SECOND READING**).

Even though Peter declares his belief in Jesus as the Messiah, he has no idea what that implies (**GOSPEL**).



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Recently Deceased

Fr Lawrence McCARTHY CSsR  
(Former Parish Priest of Thirrourl)

### Anniversaries

Bishop Thomas McCABE  
Edoardo MILAN  
Doris FENTON  
Tyron and Romeo TEJADA  
Hazel McNAMARA  
Jose DIAZ



## ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

September	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 22 Sept	Church Cleaning	M Lloyd, J Allen, J Haywood	
	Lawns	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 22 Sept 6pm Mass		M Gillis	Volunteer
Sun 23 Sept 7am Mass	M Walsh	P Gunning	S Brown
Sun 23 Sept 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 in September \*

## VINNIES DROUGHT APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all the generous parishioners who supported our Drought Appeal. A total of \$1,946.20 has been raised to date. Donations can still be made by placing an envelope address to the Vinnies Drought Appeal in the Mass collection plate.

The Vinnies Drought Appeal will help drought affected individuals and communities across NSW in three ways:

- Provide immediate relief through food assistance and other household bill payments;
- Fund the delivery of water and animal feed by partner organisations; and
- Organise social events for rural communities to come together and find support.

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

Thank you

# Gospel Reflection

A watch may have a solid gold chain,  
but if it doesn't tell the time it is useless.  
A fruit tree may be teeming with blooms,  
but if it doesn't produce fruit it is useless.  
A lamp may be studded with diamonds,  
but if it doesn't give light it is worthless.

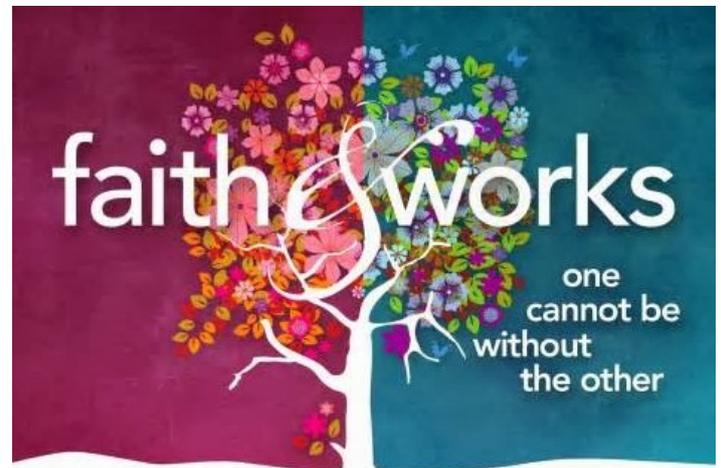
And a faith that doesn't result  
in good works is dead.

The fruit of prayer is faith.

The fruit of faith is love.

The fruit of love is service.

And the fruit of service is peace.



## A VOCATION VIEW

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.



Please contact the  
Vocations Team at  
[priesthood@dow.org.au](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au)

"If we had the eyes  
of angels with which  
to see Our Lord Jesus  
Christ who is here  
present on this altar



and who is looking at us ... how we should  
love Him!"

St John Vianney



**“Find happiness in making others happy.”**

*St Mary of the Cross — 1889*

## THE BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

**TO SUPPORT THE RETIREMENT AND HEALTH OF CLERGY: *Caring for those who have cared for us.***

It is the responsibility of our Diocese, through the provision of accommodation, transport assistance and health care, to support and care for the retirement and health of our diocesan clergy. In our Diocese, this support is partly funded by The Bishop’s Annual Appeal, which will be held in our parish this weekend. **This year’s appeal video can be viewed online at [www.baa.dow.org.au](http://www.baa.dow.org.au); and donations can be made online via the Diocese of Wollongong’s website at [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au)**



## HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Healing retreats are held regularly in the Sydney area offering women and men a spiritual way through grief and loss. A brochure can be downloaded at the website [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)

**The next healing retreat will be held on  
16-18 November 2018**

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.

Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries also offers a confidential voicemail number on **0400 092 555**.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat brochures are available at the side door of the church.



## SIX FULL-DAY GUIDED RETREAT

**Saturday 24 November – Saturday 1 December 2018**

*Hartzler Park - 25 Eridge Park Road Bowral*

*Theme: “Turning to God”*

*Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego OCD*

*Cost: \$650*

The Retreat begins with the evening meal at 6pm on Sat 24 Nov and concludes after breakfast on Sat 1 Dec

**RSVP by 10 November 2018**

**Phone 4861 3223 or email [hartzprk@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hartzprk@bigpond.net.au)**

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2018 –

This week on The Journey, our very own Monsignor Graham Schmitzer joins us again to share about the Gospel for this week; Sr Hilda Scott shares Wisdom from the Abbey with her reflection on Cardinal Basil Hume; Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, encourages us to “Surrender To God”; and Francine Pirola shares her vision and “Willingness to Grow”. We are blessed to have amazing talented musicians sharing their gifts with us. It is also where faith, hope, love and life live together in the Journey Catholic Radio Program.

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[www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au)  
where you can listen any time and  
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## FATHER / SON CAMP

**Growing Good Men – Diocese of Wollongong  
2–4 November 2018**

A life-changing father and son weekend will be held from **Friday 2 to Sunday 4 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 **4222 2407** or at [jude.hennessy@dow.org.au](mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au) to register or ask any questions.

## BE AWAKE – NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE

**19-21 October 2018 - Stanwell Tops Conference Centre** MenALIVE and the Young Men of God Movement (YMG) have united to host a life changing event for the men of this nation. The time has come to bring together over 30 years of powerful ministry experience and capability led by the most passionate and dedicated leadership team ever assembled in men’s ministry.

Be inspired, be transformed. This will be an extraordinary event that is definitely not to be missed!

**Registration now open <https://dow.sh/BeAwake2018>**



John Powell SJ in his book *"Happiness Is An Inside Job"*, tells the reader that if we want to find happiness deeper than the present moment, it must be the by-product of seeking deeper things in our life, and he condenses these into 10 life tasks:

1. I must learn to accept myself as I am. Self-liking people are at peace with themselves and free to move out towards others; self-hating people are not.
2. I must accept full responsibility for my life, for growth begins only where blaming others ends.
3. I must try to fulfil my needs for relaxation, exercise and nourishment.
4. I must make my life an act of love. Most people have a question that they instinctively ask in each new situation. It must be "How can I make the most money here?" or "How can I have the most fun?", or any of a hundred other questions. In pursuing true happiness, he suggests that the best question is the one I have already mentioned: "What is the most loving thing to do here?"
5. I must stretch myself by stepping out of my comfort zone.
6. Without being naïve, I must learn to look for what is good in myself, in others and in the world around me rather than concentrate all the time on negatives. A study of one hundred happy people found that this simple attitude was what contributed most to their sense of happiness.
7. While I seek growth, I must not set up impossible standards and feel a failure if I do not achieve them.
8. I must learn to communicate as effectively as possible, for "we are sick as we are secret", and I will be healthy and happy when I can give freely and receive gracefully.
9. While avoiding excess, I must learn to enjoy the good things of life.
10. I must daily and consciously seek the spiritual in my life and in the world around me.

*(Quoted by Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, "Love's Urgent Longings")*

JOHN POWELL, S.J.

