

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday** 15 Oct *No Mass*

**Tuesday** 16 Oct **St Margaret Mary**  
Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm  
Mass: 5.30pm

**Wednesday** 17 Oct **St Ignatius of Antioch**  
Mass: 7am

**Thursday** 18 Oct **St Luke**  
Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm  
(Reconciliation Available)  
Mass: 5.30pm

**Friday** 19 Oct **The North American Martyrs**  
Mass: 9.30am

**Saturday** 20 Oct Mass: 7.30am  
Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm  
Vigil Mass: 6pm

**Sunday** 21 Oct **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish)

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

14 OCTOBER 2018

**READINGS:** Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

Wisdom teaches us how to live rightly, and enables us to use the things of this world in a way that will help us achieve the end for which God put us on earth (FIRST READING).

The GOSPEL presents the sad case of a good young man who refuses to follow Christ because he is unwilling to part with his wealth. Is there anything stopping me from following Christ wholeheartedly?



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Recently Deceased

Annette CREAGH

### Anniversaries

Kevin KEARNEY

Maisie DREDGE

Helen MILWAY



## ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

October	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 20 Oct	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, S Walsh	
	Lawns	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 20 Oct 6pm Mass	A Carlotto	R Baxendale	V Cleary
Sun 21 Oct 7am Mass	A Michielin	K Calvert	S Brown
Sun 21 Oct 9am Mass	N Dwyer, C Carolan	C Walsh	B Spain, G Petric
Counters	A Gunning, M Cauduro, C Garrett		
Children's Liturgy	K Hertsch, S Walsh		

# Gospel Reflection

Jesus saw that the rich young man had great potential, so he invited him to enter the world of sharing.

But he wasn't up to it - riches got in the way.

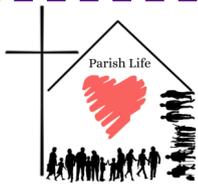
As he went away, a sadness descended on him, the sadness that descends on us when we choose to live for ourselves.

Even though Jesus was sad to see him go, nevertheless he let him go.

There's no point in forcing people to make sacrifices.

If you take things from people, they are impoverished, but if you can get them to give them up, they are enriched.

People are essentially good, but this goodness has to be awakened and called forth, if they are to enter the kingdom of love.



## 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 on 1st weekend of the month

## Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.  
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia  
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another  
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories  
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other  
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,  
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
bread for the journey from age to age.*

*Amen.*

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



## PLENARY COUNCIL LISTENING SESSIONS

The Plenary Council listening sessions with our parish Animator/Plenary Ambassador, Vera Cleary, will be held in the St Joseph Room this week at the following times:

**Thursday 18 October - 6.15pm**

**Friday 19 October - 11am**

**Friday 19 October - 2pm**

*All are welcome to attend a session.*



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



**“Believe the whisperings  
of God in our own heart.”**

*St Mary of the Cross — 1868*

## MATER DEI COUNTRY FAIR

Mater Dei Country Fair, Ex-Student Reunion & Open Day

229 Macquarie Grove Road Camden

**Sunday 21 October 2018 — 9am-3pm**

[www.materdei.org.au](http://www.materdei.org.au)



## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

**GET THE FACTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AND THE HOUSING CRISIS**

“The 2016 Census has revealed there are 116,427 people in Australia who are homeless ... That number includes not only people who are on the streets or sleeping rough, but also those who are ‘couch surfing’, living in boarding houses or emergency accommodation, or staying in severely overcrowded dwellings. The people we see on the streets are just the tip of the iceberg.” (*Social Justice Statement 2018-2019, p.6*).

Homelessness can often be a hidden problem and it is not confined to our major cities. There are many factors that can lead to homelessness, but ultimately it is a result of poverty. Find out what the housing issues are in your local area from research bodies such as:

- CatholicCare: [catholiccare.dow.org.au](http://catholiccare.dow.org.au)
- St Vincent de Paul Society: [dow.sh/SvDPWoll](http://dow.sh/SvDPWoll)
- Homelessness NSW: [homelessnessnsw.org.au](http://homelessnessnsw.org.au)
- Shelter NSW: [sheltersnsw.org.au](http://sheltersnsw.org.au)
- NSW Family & Community Services Specialist Homelessness Services: [dow.sh/FACsHomeless](http://dow.sh/FACsHomeless)



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM — AIRS SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER 2018 —

This week on *The Journey*, we reflect on the Gospel of St Mark; Sr Hilda shares her *Wisdom from the Abbey* with “the unexpected gift”; the *Peaceful Parent*, Marilyn Rodrigues, reminds us to have “realistic expectations of ourselves”; and we are encouraged by Bruce Downes, *The Catholic Guy*, of the importance of “deeper prayer”. Our music this week is a great reminder of the amazing Christian music artists we are lucky to have on our program.



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[www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au)

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

## POSITION VACANT - ORAN PARK

The Parish Priest of St Mary MacKillop Parish (Oran Park) is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced Parish Office Co-ordinator to provide administrative and secretarial support to this large and growing parish. This role is a part-time position (26 hours per week).



A position description and further information about this role is available at [www.marymackillopparish.org.au](http://www.marymackillopparish.org.au) (Applications close 5pm Friday 26 October 2018).

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Every Catholic parish in Australia is now involved in responding to the request of the Australian Catholic Bishops to respond to three questions:



1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

As individuals and parish communities, there are some simple but important things you can do right now to participate:

Visit the website [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) which provides great resources that will enable individuals and groups to learn more, pray for guidance, commence dialogue and subscribe for regular updates.

You can submit your responses online. You can also respond using one of the forms in the *Feedback Book* located at the side door of the church. These can be completed at home and returned at your convenience. You can also participate in a group discussion organised by your parish (see Listening Session times in this bulletin). Responses can be anonymous.

We have until March 2019 to respond. The Australian bishops are keen to hear from as many people as possible. We urge you to pass on the invitation to friends and relations, whether they attend Church or not.

## MISSION SUNDAY

**“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet  
of the messenger who announces peace, who  
brings good news ...” Isaiah 52:7**

Next weekend (20/21 October) our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to help to heal a nation through education in Myanmar. Led by Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Church is developing an alternative system of quality education, with comprehensive teacher training programs and the establishment of new schools, especially in remote areas. It has been called an “education revolution”, and the potential impact is far-reaching. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously to this important work. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar.

**Freecall: 1800 257 296**

[www.catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar)



My dear people,

Also being canonised today is my favourite Pope — Paul VI. He was elected in 1963, my second year in the seminary, following the death of “Good Pope John” XXIII. In many ways, I consider Paul the greater man. John had faithfully heeded the prompting of the Holy Spirit, and surprised the world by announcing an Ecumenical Council, but it was Paul who continued it and lived out the consequences.

Giovanni Battista Montini was born in Brescia on 26 September 1897 (this date is to be his future Feast Day). He was ordained a priest on 29 May 1920. He completed degrees in philosophy and civil law in Rome, and in canon law in Milan. He was appointed attaché at the Apostolic Nunciature in Warsaw in 1923, and in 1924 he returned to Rome to serve in the Secretariat of State. Throughout the 1920s and 1930s he made many religious and cultural visits within Italy and beyond. This was the prelude of what was to come.

During his service of the Holy See he was much appreciated by Pope Pius XI and Pope Pius XII. On 13 December 1937 he was appointed Substitute of the Secretariat of State. In these years of diplomatic service he made every effort to engage directly in pastoral ministry and the care of souls. He did charitable activity in the Roman suburbs and was involved with the Conferences of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

During World War II he oversaw the Vatican Information Office (a great help in finding missing persons internationally), and was engaged in helping refugees and Jews (he would have been well aware of Pius XII’s secret direction to Rome’s convents and monasteries to open their doors to Jews). He took a deep interest in the development of new political movements of Catholics (the Christian Democrat Party) and strengthened the first steps of international organisations of the laity.

On 1 November 1954 he was appointed Archbishop of Milan. In that enormous and complex diocese he employed new methods of evangelisation to deal with growing immigration and to help overcome materialism and Marxist ideology, above all in the workplace. He made trips to the USA, Brazil, and to various Milanese missions in Africa. On 15 December 1958 he was elevated to the College of Cardinals by John XXIII with whom he had been friends since 1925. He was very much involved in the preparatory work of the Second Vatican Council.

On 21 June 1963 he was elected Pope and took the name, surprisingly, of Paul VI, “out of devotion to the Apostle Paul, the first theologian of Christ who took the Gospel to the world of his time.” And so he initiated the practice of Apostolic Journeys, travelling to every continent, starting with the Holy Land — he was the first Pope to return to Jerusalem since St Peter himself! That was awesome in itself. There his historic meeting with the Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras took place — the first meeting of East and West in 1,000 years!

Paul was the first Pope to address the United Nations. He did so during the Second Vatican Council, and before the entire world made his heart-warming appeal: “No more war!”. He was the first Pope to visit Fatima, attending its Golden Jubilee and meeting with Sister Lucia. He visited Turkey, Columbia, Geneva, Uganda and the Far East. He was, of course, the first Pope to set foot on Australian soil, arriving here in November 1970 for the celebration of the Captain Cook Bicentenary. (I was in the crowd to welcome him at the airport — Jeff ‘Muttonchops’ Bates obtained tickets for the priests of the Diocese). Two days later I was in St Mary’s Cathedral where Paul gave an address to the priests of Australia and New Zealand. He then stood, faced the altar, and intoned the words of the Creed in Latin. 3,000 male voices took up the Creed, and I had the greatest sensation of the unity and the history of the Church.

Many would forget he survived an assassination attempt in Manila on his way here. Knowing he was being listened to by members of many faiths, he cried out: “To you Christians I repeat His Name, to everyone I proclaim Him: Jesus Christ! He is the beginning and the end, He is our constant preaching; it is His Name that we proclaim to the ends of the earth, and throughout all ages!”.

Paul’s Encyclical Letters were groundbreaking, and for this he will be named in history Paul the Great! His first, *Ecclesiam Suam* (1964), gave rise to the method of “the dialogue of salvation” within the Church and with the entire world. Others were *Mysterium fidei* (on the Eucharist), *Populorum progressio* (‘on the Development of Peoples’), *Sacerdotalis caelibatus* (on Priestly Celibacy), and *Humanae Vitae* (‘on the Transmission of Human Life’) which contained one of the best definitions of marriage ever composed. His *Marialis Cultus* will forever remain a basic text on Devotion to Our Lady. *Evangelium Nuntiandi* (which some say John Paul II helped write) will always be the basic text for preaching the Gospel in the modern world. Paul wrote his now-famous saying, “Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses”. In the Year of Faith 1967-68, commemorating the 19th centenary of the martyrdom of Sts Peter and Paul, Pope Paul composed “the Credo of the People of God”, a summary of the basic teachings of the Faith.

His character was reserved, humble and kindly. He possessed an exceptional human sensitivity. He was a man of profound spirituality, based on the Scriptures, the great mystics, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and devotion to Our Lady. Paul died on the Feast of the Transfiguration, 6 August 1978, having been Pope for fifteen years.



**Mgr Graham Schmitzer**  
Parish Priest

He wrote in his Last Will and Testament (and I used it as the theme of my Silver Jubilee), “I praise Him for His crazy kindness by which He made a sick man His chosen one.” It was Paul who, at the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, gave Our Lady a new title “Mother of the Church”. Pope St Paul VI’s Feast Day is to be 26 September.

