

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday** 4 Feb *No Mass*

**Tuesday** 5 Feb **St Agatha**

Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm  
Mass: 5.30pm

**Wednesday** 6 Feb **The Japanese Martyrs**

Mass: 7am

**Thursday** 7 Feb Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm  
(Reconciliation Available)  
Mass: 5.30pm

**Friday** 8 Feb **St Josephine Bakhita**  
Mass: 9.30am

**Saturday** 9 Feb **11am: Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes with anointing of the sick (followed by lunch)**  
Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm  
Vigil Mass: 6pm

**Sunday** 10 Feb **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**  
Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish Mass)

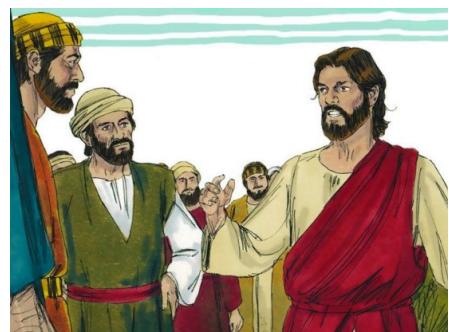
## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

**3 FEBRUARY 2019**

**READINGS:** Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

The **FIRST READING** tells of the call and commissioning of the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah never wanted to be a prophet, and was overwhelmed by the sheer burden of it. He stands out as a lonely figure whose mission seems to have failed. He is the supreme example, until Jesus Himself, of the triumph of failure.

The **GOSPEL** continues from last Sunday. Having heard Jesus preach in their synagogue, the people of Nazareth can't believe that Isaiah's prophecy could apply to Him. They rise up in fury and try to do away with Jesus immediately. But His hour has not yet come.



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Recently Deceased

Cecilia ASLANOVIC

Peter Lewis COMENSOLI

Tristram ASTILL

Elizabeth JACKSON  
(mother of Fr Michael Williams)

Anna NGUYEN THI THANH  
(mother of Fr Francis Tran)



### Anniversaries

Laila ASTILL

Lina TARTASO

Godfrey ZAMPA

## ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

February	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 9 Feb	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, A Gollop, S Chavez	
	Lawns	J Lonard, F Timpano, S Carrigan	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 9 Feb	G Attard	M Gillis	C Dean
Sun 10 Feb 7am Mass	M Walsh	A Browne	Walsh Family
Sun 10 Feb 9am Mass	R Klaus, C Carolan	C Walsh	S Michielin
Counters	M Murphy (FT), A Kelly, S Alessi		
Children's Liturgy	L Galea, V Cleary		

## PARISH ACTIVITIES



Catholic Women's League:	2nd Thursday of the month - 10.30am in St Joseph's room <b>New members always welcome!</b> 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	

## PARISH MORNING TEA

A reminder that morning tea will be provided **after 9am Mass on Sunday 3 Feb** in St Joseph's room.



## CATECHISTS' MEETING

The first meeting for 2019 will be on **Monday 4 February at 7pm** in the Convent. Parking will be available in the Church grounds.



## Gospel Reflection

Jesus fulfilled the ideal of love  
St Paul speaks about.

He was never in a hurry,  
and was always kindness itself.

He never envied anybody,  
and never boasted about Himself.

He was never shobbish, or rude, or selfish.

He did not take offence easily,  
nor did He keep on talking about the  
wrong things other people did.

He preferred to remember the  
good things and to rejoice in them.

He was tough - He could face anything.  
And He never lost trust in God, or in people.

He never lost hope; He never gave in.

He never stopped loving.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Mass to celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Sick (Our Lady of Lourdes) will be on **Sat 9 Feb 2019 at 11am** with anointing of the sick — Mass will be followed by lunch.



## CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The Children's Library will be opened after the 9am Mass. The Library caters for children from 3 years of age to teenagers. New members welcome. Available this year will be religious DVDs on the Saints, Life of Jesus, Sacraments and many interesting titles. Parents, encourage your children to be members of the Library and help them grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus and their Catholic faith.





**"God will provide  
for the future."**

*St Mary of the Cross — 1907*

## SOLEMN DEDICATION OF ROSEMEADOW CHURCH

The consecration of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Church, Demetrios Road, Rosemeadow, by Bishop Brian Mascord DD, Bishop of Wollongong, will take place on **Friday 8 March 2019 at 7.30pm**. A general invitation is



extended by Fr Christopher Sarkis and the Parish Community to all who would like to attend, but especially to past Rosemeadow parishioners.

An indication of your attendance would be greatly appreciated to help with catering following the Mass. Please RSVP to the Parish Office 4628 1385 or [rosemeadow@dow.org.au](mailto:rosemeadow@dow.org.au)

## OUR PARISH NOVENA

Hello Parish Prayers,  
Just a reminder that **Friday 8 February** is the start day for the next rosary novena praying for a parish priest for our parish. Although we have been blessed with the arrival of Fr Jerzy, he will surely enjoy the company and assistance of another priest assigned to our parish. Please keep up the prayers we've committed to – they never go astray.



For further details contact Mark Walsh on 0407 604 498.

## CATECHISTS, SACRAMENTAL LEADERS, CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS, AND PRIMARY & SECONDARY TEACHERS OF THE PARISH

Our Commitment Ceremony will take place on **Sunday 24 February at the 9am Mass**.

Please mark this date in your calendar.

Reserved seating will be provided:

Teachers — left side of Church.

Catechists, Sacramental and Children's Liturgy Leaders — right side of the Church.



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

*The Journey Catholic Radio is currently on Summer Series. You can catch up on your favourite people such as Sr Hilda from the Abbey, Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy and many more. We will continue to play amazing contemporary music while our writers, contributors and presenters have a well-earned break.*

**Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au)** where you can listen any time and subscribe to weekly shows via email

## ERIC GENUIS — UNANDERRA

**Eric Genuis Concert  
Immaculate Conception Church Unanderra  
Wed 27 Feb 2019 - 7pm**

A rare opportunity to listen to a pianist of exceptional talent who brings with him a world class violinist, cellist and soprano playing in our parish church. The 'Opera House' is coming to our parish!

All original compositions together with powerful testimonies outlining the inspiration behind each piece with true stories of life transformations destined to make a deep impression upon all who hear them. A message of hope for all.

**Tickets: \$30 adult; \$25 pensioner/concession; \$70 family (parents with dependent children under 18).**

Ticket sales are available online at:

[www.ericgenuistour.com](http://www.ericgenuistour.com)

or from Sue Briscoe at the Parish Office (cash only)

A parish event not to be missed. Your support will support our parish.

## ERIC GENUIS



## A VOCATION VIEW

Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him to do. It is never too late to hear the Lord say "Come, follow Me."

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



My dear people,

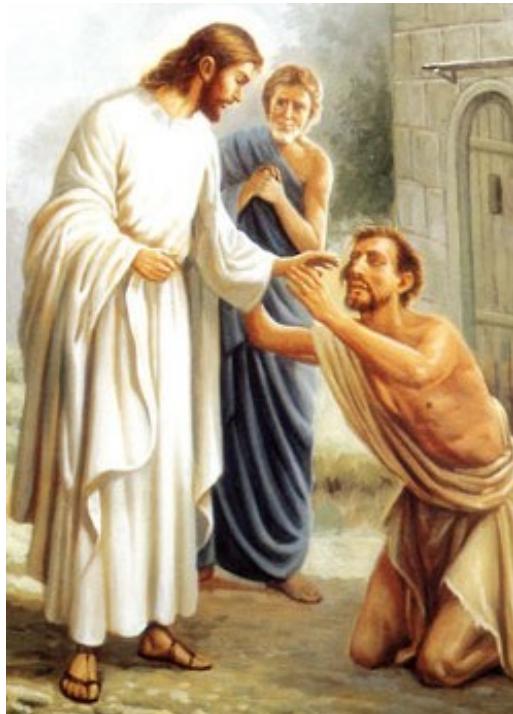
The Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes each year on 11 February was established by Pope St John Paul as a worldwide day of prayer for the sick. In the Catholic mind, Lourdes has always been associated with the sick who have flocked there since Our Lady's apparitions to St Bernadette over 150 years ago. They go, seeking not just a cure but, more importantly, healing. For the main miracles are the many people who receive the grace to bear their sufferings with resignation and patience. Jesus came to show the Father's compassion on suffering humanity, and ordered His apostles to do the same.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was already in evidence in the time of the apostles. St James writes: "*If one of you is ill, he should send for the elders of the church, and they must anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord and pray over him. The prayer of faith will save the sick man and the Lord will raise him up again; and if he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.*" (5:14-15).

This Sacrament has been much misunderstood. We used to call it Extreme Unction (or the 'last anointing'), and people presumed this was the sacrament for the dying. Happily, the Second Vatican Council restored the original intention of the sacrament — a source of comfort and healing for those suffering from serious illness or old age. Thus, the sacrament may be repeated several times during a person's lifetime.

The sacrament for the dying is Viaticum (from the Latin meaning 'Food for the Journey') — Holy Communion.

Because the Sacrament of the Sick involves the forgiveness of sins, only a bishop or a priest may administer it. As noted above, the sickness involved must be something serious and life-threatening. The aged are always eligible for this sacrament.



There will be a Mass here at Immaculate Conception on Saturday 9 February with Anointing of the Sick, followed by a luncheon. This is a Mass not just for the sick, of course. Come and pray for all who are ill within our parish and throughout the Church.

Speaking to the sick and their carers in Naples a few years ago, Pope Francis commented that human illness is a mystery, and can only be approached in a spirit of faith.

We must become accustomed to looking at Christ Crucified, at Him who took all our sickness and limitations upon Himself. Because of this, sickness can never be seen as 'failure'.

The sick are the flesh of Christ, they are Christ Crucified among us, they are the closest among us to Christ. "It is one thing to look at a Crucifix and it is another thing to look at a man, woman, child who is sick, in other words crucified there in their illness: they are the living flesh of Christ."

Pope Francis then asked all of us not to forget the 'protocol' on which we will be judged: "I was sick and you visited me." (cf MT 25:26).



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