

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	11 Feb	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	12 Feb	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	13 Feb	Mass: 7am
<b>Thursday</b>	14 Feb	<b>Sts Cyril and Methodius</b> Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass: 5.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	15 Feb	Mass: 9.30am
<b>Saturday</b>	16 Feb	Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm
<b>Sunday</b>	17 Feb	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)</b> Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish Mass)

*\*NB: Ash Wednesday is around the corner. Could you please return your palms and olives from last year.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C 10 FEBRUARY 2019

**READINGS:** Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

The **FIRST READING** tells of the call of Isaiah to the ministry of prophecy. Despite a sense of his own sinfulness he responds without hesitation to the divine call. This prepares us for the **GOSPEL**, which deals with the call of the first disciples. Here again we see that it is God who takes the initiative and who provides the power for the response He requires.

Do I hear God asking “Whom shall I send?”. Am I prepared to answer “Here I am. Send me!”?

The **SECOND READING**

stresses the central belief of Christianity — Christ’s resurrection of which Paul is a witness.



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Recently Deceased

Pam CATTERALL  
(Father David’s mother)

Terry McMAHON

### Anniversaries

Brian BROOKS

Pat ROGAN

## CONGRATULATIONS — MARRIAGES —

Congratulations to the following couples:  
**Adam BRYs and Lauren LIBERANTE**  
**Daniel BUFFONI and Amelia META**  
**Gerard MOLONEY and Kirsten TOOMEY**  
**Harrison YATES and Kathryn ROWNEY**  
who were married in this Church last month



## CONGRATULATIONS — BAPTISMS —

Congratulations to:  
**Eloise Clare D’SILVA**  
**Venice Marie GOLFO**  
who were baptised in this Church last month



## ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

February	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 16 Feb	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
	Lawns	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana, R Murphy	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 16 Feb	A Carlotto	R Baxendale	B Farraway
Sun 17 Feb 7am Mass	A Michielin	M Walsh	L Harper
Sun 17 Feb 9am Mass	N Dwyer, C Carolan	G De Battista	P De Battista
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		
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 on 1st weekend of the month

## 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 the Church.

Catechists,

Sacramental and

Children's Liturgy

Leaders —

right side of the

Church.



# Gospel Reflection

*"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate but that we are powerful beyond measure.*

*It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.*

*We ask ourselves 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous?'*

*Actually, who are you not to be?*

*You are a child of God.*

*Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking*

*so that other people won't feel insecure around you.*

*We are born to make manifest the Glory of God that is within us.*

*It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.*

*And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.*

*As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."*

*(From the inaugural speech of Nelson Mandela)*



## 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.





**“Much that is hidden from us is known to God, and many things which we condemn are pleasing to God because God sees the motives and we see only the result.”**

*(from St Mary MacKillop’s Book of Customs)*



## 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

## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

Benedictine Abbey, 695 Mountain Road Jamberoo  
4—7 July 2019

Arrive afternoon of Thursday 4 July

Leave after lunch on Sunday 7 July

Cost is \$300.00 for the talks plus accommodation fees

Bookings — call 02 4236 0533 or email  
[cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au)

Who is this workshop for?

For women of any age and any experience. For women in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title ... in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes, anywhere.



## 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.

## NEXT CWL MEETING

The Catholic Women’s League will hold their first meeting for the year on **Thursday 14 February 2019.**

**Everyone is welcome** to join us for a cuppa and a chat at **10.30am.**

Meeting will follow morning tea.  
*Looking forward to seeing you all.*



My dear people,

Today's GOSPEL is often used in the context of priestly and religious vocations, but the passage has a message for all of us. What is impossible to achieve by human skill can be done by responding to Christ's invitation, for the apostles must have been thinking — Who is a carpenter to be telling professionals how to fish?

“Pay out your net for a catch” says Jesus to Peter. But there are many nets in which we can become entangled:

- \* There is the delusive net the consumer society tries to throw before us. It can catch us in its mesh, convincing us we need more and more, then leaving us with the increasing worry about our ability to pay. Remember the old cliché: we are pressurised into buying things we don't want, with money we don't have, to impress people we don't like!
- \* There is the net of building a successful image of ourselves, but often at the expense of neglecting the needs of others.
- \* There is the net of the drug and alcohol culture, capturing those who have been overlooked or over-pressurised by society and the success syndrome.
- \* There is the net of depression, despair, and suicide for those for whom life has lost its meaning, and living has lost its value.



Like St Peter we are all commissioned in one way or another to be 'fishers of people'. Hopefully, despite our brokenness, we have been caught up into the net of God's love. Somehow we must involve ourselves in spreading this net wider and wider so that others may be 'caught', too. But, who am I to do this? What qualifications do I have?

That would certainly have been uppermost in Peter's mind, as it was in the prophet Isaiah's in the FIRST READING. The prophets were not appointed by human authority, nor were they elected by the people. They were called and

commissioned by God Himself. All felt unworthy for the office. Look at the sequence of events in the passage — God's call, the individual's misgivings, God's reassurance, His commission to a specific task, and then the individual's acceptance of the call.

You and I have been called — it is the meaning of our Baptism and Confirmation. They were not just ceremonies — they were commissions to spread God's net and to bring into it every person we meet by showing them that God's love for them and His forgiveness of them is unconditional. This is our vocation and duty as Christians. We can do it because Christ has called us. We can't do it, however, if we are even partially trapped in one of the other nets.

We are reading from St Luke's Gospel. Relating the same incident, St John tells us that Peter and his friends netted 153 fish. Commentators tell us that in Christ's time zoologists believed there were 153 species of fish. The point is clear — every type of fish (big, small, beautiful, ugly) was taken into the net. It is a beautiful symbol of the Church — all are welcome.

Let us give a thought today, as is traditional when reading this Gospel, to priestly vocations — that we will always have bishops and priests who, with vision and love, will guide us into the ways of God's love.

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