

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

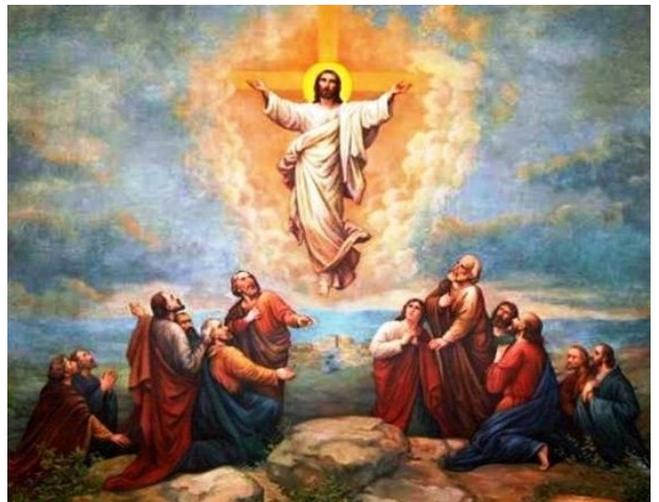
- Monday** 3 June **The African Martyrs**
Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm
Mass: 5.30pm
- Tuesday** 4 June Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm
Mass: 5.30pm
- Wednesday** 5 June **St Boniface**
Mass: 7am
- Thursday** 6 June **St Norbert**
Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm
(Reconciliation Available)
Mass: 5.30pm
- Friday** 7 June **First Friday**
Mass: 9.30am
- Saturday** 8 June Mass: 7.30am
Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm
Vigil Mass: 6pm
- Sunday** 9 June **Pentecost Sunday**
Masses: 7am, 9am (No Polish Mass)

*** Fr Jerzy is away until 18 July 2019 ***

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD — YEAR C 2 JUNE 2019

READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

In his GOSPEL, St Luke has shown that 'the time of Israel' has yielded to 'the time of Christ'. Now 'the time of Christ' is to yield to 'the time of the Church'. The Word of salvation will go forth from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Luke tells us about this in his second book, the Acts of the Apostles. The Ascension is seen as the culmination of Jesus' earth life and the start of the Church's mission.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Recently Deceased

Giovanni AMBROSI

Anniversaries

Antonio NATE Snr
Ethel Margaret FIEN

Anthony POTTS
Katrina MEEHAN
Brielle FALZONE



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 8 June	Church Cleaning	P & A Browne, W & S Brown	
	Lawns	Winner Family, P Briscoe, A Gollop	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 8 June	G Attard	R Baxendale	C Dean
Sun 9 June 7am Mass	M Walsh	D Ferrer	Walsh Family
Sun 9 June 9am Mass	R Klaus, C Carolan	A Kelly	V Cleary
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 on 1st weekend of the month

Gospel Reflection

— **A Prayer for the Spirit** —
Come, Holy Spirit.
Come with strength for the weak,
courage for the fearful,
light for those in darkness,
comfort for the sorrowful,
healing for the sick and injured,
guidance for those who are lost,
faith for those who are in doubt,
hope for those who have no hope,
and love for those who have no love.
Come, Holy Spirit, kindle in us
the fire of your love,
and we shall renew
the face of the earth.



MGR GRAHAM'S GOLDEN JUBILEE / RETIREMENT

FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2019

6pm – Mass at Immaculate Conception Church
7.30pm – Reception at Wests Illawarra Leagues Club
\$45 per head (plus drinks to order)
– Adults only to attend the Reception, please –

TICKET SALES: Tickets will be available for sale (CASH ONLY) for the next two weekends (8-9 & 15-16 June) – the Golden Jubilee Organising Committee members will be located in **St Joseph's Room after 6pm Vigil Mass, after 7am Mass and before 9am Mass** each weekend to sell tickets.

** Seating at the Reception will be organised in tables of 10 people. Single tickets are available, however if you would like to arrange a **table of 10:** please organise for one person to gather the 10 people's names and their contact details, any dietary requirements and the money (\$450). **

Any enquiries regarding the celebrations, please contact one of the members of the Golden Jubilee Organising Committee: Barbara Farraway, Gloria Simmonite, Fiona Fernandez, Alan Davis or Sue Briscoe.





“Value your crosses as the most precious presents from a good and loving God.”

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1890)

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN 2020?

HOW ABOUT LIVING YOUR LIFE ON PURPOSE?

National Evangelisation Teams Australia (NET) do incredible work in Australia and around our Diocese, bringing other young people to an encounter with God’s love. They are currently recruiting.

If you are aged between 18-30 you are invited to save Friday 11 October 2019 and join the NET team at the Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour Street Wollongong.

Find out all about NET, why NETTERS are so happy, and why you should consider being part of their work in 2019.

So, for a really good day, great company, interesting discussion, amazing worship, food for your belly, adoration and all the info you need on what NET is all about, then you should come to this Live Your Life On Purpose Retreat. You will leave with tools for discernment and enjoy a day well spent.

Call the Wollongong NET Team on 0433 007 282

to book your spot or to have your questions answered.

2019 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord

at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

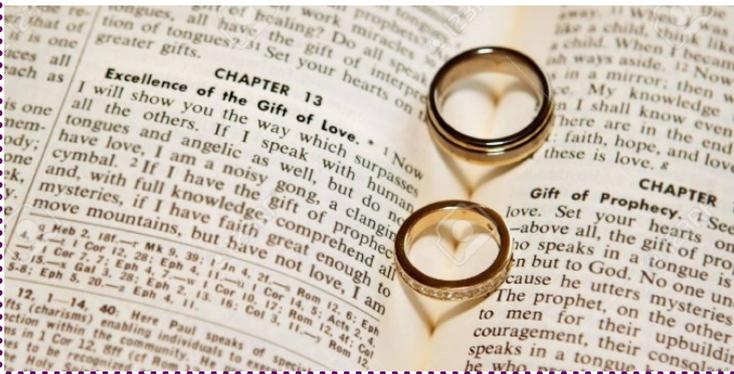
Sunday 4 August 2019 — 2pm

Then please contact Helen Bennett via phone on:

4222 2403 or via email at: helen.bennett@dow.org.au

at the Office of the Bishop by **Friday 13 July 2019**

and an invitation will be sent to you.



ASCEND CATHOLIC YOUTH



Looking forward to seeing you all after 6pm Mass on **Saturday 8 June 2019!**

For more info: ascendcatholicyouth@gmail.com

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2019 –

This week on the Journey, our Gospel is Luke 24:46-53. Mother Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey with a reminder to ‘Make It Easy’; Sam Clear, in his Walking the Walk God Spot, encourages Unity; and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, shares the joy of Sharing Faith.

Our music selection just seems to get better and better every week with amazing Christian music artists worldwide.



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JUNE RETREAT - MT CARMEL

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre

247 St Andrews Road Varroville

The Light of Hope and Peace

14-16 June 2019

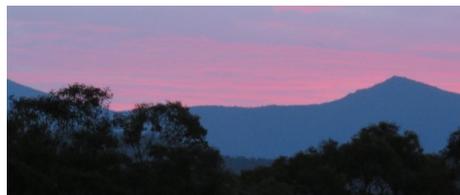
Presenter: John Charadia and artist tutors

Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)

“Flesh and spirit, concealment and revelation, time and eternity, divine glory and vulnerability: these contradictions are all wrapped in the holy gift of Christmas.” Verna Holyhead

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PARISH ROSARY NOVENA

Hello Parish Prayers,

Our next rosary novena for a parish priest for our parish begins **Saturday 8 June 2019.**

This is nearly a week away from when you’re likely to read this notice in the bulletin, so unless you’ve got a good memory, maybe make a note somewhere to begin the novena in about a week’s time.

Thank you for keeping up the persistent praying.

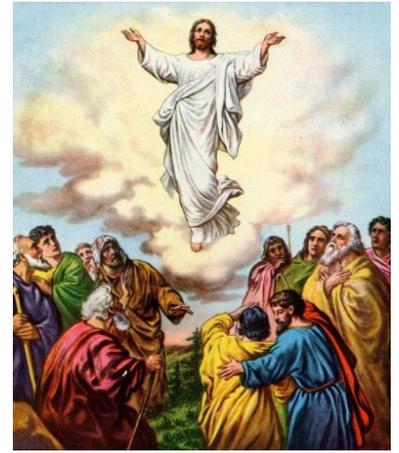
For further details, please contact:

Mark Walsh on 0407 604 498.



My Dear People,

In today's First Reading St Luke gives us a poetic portrayal of Jesus' Ascension. Angels announce that He has gone to heaven and promise, but do not describe, His return. We might be quick to surmise that the return is Jesus' return in glory at the end of time. But the 'return' happens before this. His return would be ten days later at Pentecost when His Spirit would descend upon the apostles.



Christ would no longer be bodily present to the apostles. He would be spiritually present – a deeper presence than face to face. Jesus had to leave the earth bodily – for that restricted Him to one time and place. Now, risen from the dead and seated at the Father's right hand, He is present through the power of the Holy Spirit to all peoples of all times.

So then, the Ascension is not the end of the story at all – it is the beginning! Today's feast merely celebrates the end of Part One of Christ's life on earth – His physical presence – and the beginning of Part Two – His presence in the Sacraments and in His Body, the Church. If the world wishes to find Christ now, it must look to His Church. What an awesome responsibility is ours! Christ's credibility rises or falls on our witness! His Presence in the Sacraments is merely to strengthen His Presence in us. Christ's ascension into Heaven, then, was not to distance Himself from His Church but to be closer to it.

This Feast of the Ascension, and the commissioning of the Church, reminds us of the missionary nature of the Church. The Church cannot keep the joy of salvation to herself – that would be a contradiction in terms. Thank God for the faith and enthusiasm and commitment of missionaries. For two thousand years they have left family and home and country to tell the world that Christ is the answer to life, and that by following Him we become not only more holy but more human.

We can, of course, become missionaries ourselves, or we can support missionaries by prayer and financial support. The Propagation of the Faith Society was begun in the nineteenth century by a French lay woman who believed that by putting away a few pennies each day, ordinary working people could support the work of the missions. Her vision was so successful that the Propagation of the Faith Society is now a Pontifical Society – that is, under the direct jurisdiction of the Pope. Here in Australia, the appeal is conducted in every Church every year. A percentage of the monies collected is kept for our apostolate to the Aboriginal people. The remainder is allocated by the Holy Father as he sees fit. By agreement, this year, emphasis is going to be placed on the Church in Ghana in the ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable. The Marian Sisters of Eucharistic Love welcome children who are at risk of being harmed or killed by their family or community due to perceived abnormalities in their behaviour or appearance.



In the universal Church, today is World Communications Sunday, a day to reflect on our use of the media, and a day to pray for those involved in the media. The media, whether it be the written word or the world of sound and visual arts, plays an important role in our lives. Our lives, in many respects, are moulded by the media. We pray that those responsible will use the means at their disposal as a vehicle for the truth and for the uplifting of the human mind.



In the Southern Hemisphere, today begins the Week of Prayer For Christian Unity. Christ prayed at the Last Supper that all His followers would be one. A divided Church is a scandal to the non-Christian world. Christian unity should be one of the regular themes of our prayers.

Mgr Graham Schmitzer
Parish Priest