

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 17 June *No Mass*

Tuesday 18 June Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm
Mass: 5.30pm

Wednesday 19 June **St Romuald**
Mass: 7am

Thursday 20 June Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm
(Reconciliation Available)
Mass: 5.30pm

Friday 21 June **St Aloysius Gonzaga**
Mass: 9.30am

Saturday 22 June **Sts John Fisher & Thomas More**
Mass: 7.30am
Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm
Vigil Mass: 6pm

Sunday 23 June **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**
Masses: 7am, 9am (*No Polish Mass*)

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

TRINITY SUNDAY — YEAR C

16 JUNE 2019

READINGS: Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

In biblical times it was common for wisdom to be personified. The Book of Proverbs looks to the role of Lady Wisdom in creation. This speculation about wisdom can be seen as a groping towards the revelation of the mystery of the Trinity. The **SECOND READING** and the **GOSPEL** are chosen because they specifically mention the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity, and the role of each Person in our salvation.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Recently Deceased

Thelma INNES

Anniversaries

Michael EDWARDS

Tamara BARRON

Marie BISHOP

LIVING FAITH

July — September

Two Versions: Adults and Children

\$4



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 22 June	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, S Walsh	
	Lawns	Fernandez Family, M Walsh	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 22 June 6pm Mass	G Attard	V Cleary	V Cleary
Sun 23 June 7am Mass	M Walsh	P Gunning	Volunteer
Sun 23 June 9am Mass	R Klaus, C Carolan	M Rodwell	P Cundy, F Fernandez
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		
Children's Liturgy	K Calvert, M Matos		

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
(except September due to being Father's Day)

Gospel Reflection

Nowadays, thanks to the security camera, we are often being watched – watched by a cold, dispassionate eye, intent on only catching us in wrongdoing.

The feeling that someone is watching us is not a pleasant feeling.

But the feeling that someone is watching over us is a lovely feeling.

God is not watching us.

God is watching over us.

The conviction that God is watching over us gives us comfort in times of sadness, strength in times of weakness, and hope in times of despair.



MGR GRAHAM'S GOLDEN JUBILEE / RETIREMENT

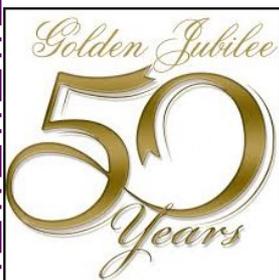
FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2019

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: Please see Sue Briscoe at the Parish Office to purchase tickets – **Thursdays & Fridays ONLY, 9am-3pm** — Cash Sales — **SEATING IS LIMITED.**
All money collected and final numbers are to be submitted to the club before 31 July 2019.

** Seating at the Reception will be organised in tables of 10 people. Single and double tickets are available, however if you would like to arrange a group of people (up to 10 per table): it would be appreciated if you could please organise for one person to gather together all of the names, contact details, any dietary requirements and the money. **

For all 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.



***“Let me humbly place myself
in the presence of my God,
of my God who created me,
my God who redeemed me,
my God who sanctified me.”***
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1877)

DAY RETREAT — JAMBEROO

Centring Prayer and Lectio Divina

DATE: Saturday 22 June 2019

VENUE: Benedictine Abbey

695 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo

All talks are given in the conference room
situated at the retreat cottages.

TIME: 10am-3pm

(with the option of Mass at 9am and Vespers at 5pm)

PRESENTER: Sr Magdalen Mather osb

COST: \$30.00

Morning and afternoon tea provided.

Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee available.

BOOKINGS: 02 4236 0533 (10am– 4.30pm)

Email: cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

National Theme for Discernment #1 –

*How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church
that is Missionary and Evangelising?*



Plenary Council 2020

‘Listen to what the Spirit is saying...’ REV 27

This National Theme
for Discernment is
inspired by the
voices of the
People of God who
shared a passion for
participating in the
missionary nature of
the Church and desire

stronger support, involvement and formation among all
the baptised who make up the Church.

Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

We are pleased to announce that our
parish raised \$2,249.40 for the
Propagation of the Faith Appeal
the other weekend — thank you
for your generous donations!



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2019 –

This week on The Journey, you’ll hear a great short
reflection on the Gospel for this Sunday; and Mother
Hilda Scott will inspire us with her Wisdom from the
Abbey. We will also hear from Bruce Downes, the
Catholic Guy, and Byron and Francine Pirola. Go to
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WEEKEND RETREAT

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE

247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

‘A Spiritual Potpourri’

5 - 7 July 2019

Presenter: Bishop Peter Ingham

Cost: \$300 (concessions available)

*A Potpourri is a mixture of
flowers, herbs and spices in
a sachet or bowl to provide
a gentle natural scent.
Here it will be an unusual/
interesting mixture of things
of the Spirit so that we create
a good impression after us.*



*Each of you is writing a Gospel, a chapter every day,
by the deeds that you do and the words that you say.*

People read what you write, be it faithless or true.

Hey, what is the Gospel according to you?

**Contact: Mrs Carla Walker on 02 8795 3400 or
email: retreats@carmelite.com or
go to: www.carmeliteretreats.com.au**

A VOCATION VIEW

“I WILL FOLLOW YOU WHEREVER YOU MAY GO”

Jesus Christ is our inspiration.

Explore what priesthood has to offer.

Please contact the Vocations Team at:

priesthood@dow.org.au

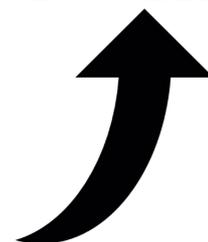


ASCEND CATHOLIC YOUTH

Looking forward to seeing you
all after 6pm Mass on
Saturday 22 June 2019

For more info:

ascendcatholicyouth@gmail.com



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

When we speak of the Most Holy Trinity we are dealing with mystery. If we say we understand the Trinity we are in heresy, and that is not a bad starting point. It is impossible to explain God. He cannot be rounded off in our puerile words, nor reduced to our familiar proportions. He is infinite and we are terribly finite.

The old Breton fisherman used to pray:

Protect me, O Lord;
My boat is so small,
And your sea is so big.

A humble admittance of our dependence on an almighty God.

But even if we cannot explain the Trinity — three Persons in one God — we can and we must try to see and understand its relevance to our living. No area of existence can endure without the Presence of God. All life is God-centred. He is everywhere, in everything, always inspiring, comforting, supporting, forgiving, guiding and admonishing. To put God out of any area of our lives is like ripping out our hearts and then expecting our life-giving blood to continue to course through our arteries and veins. Without the heart, the body is dead; without God, there isn't much point in living.

Let us consider briefly what the Scriptures tell us of the Three Persons of the Trinity. God the Father is the Creator, the 'giver of life', both born and unborn. We gain some idea of His power and beauty in the world around us — the sea, the mountains, the beauty of nature and its cycles of death and rebirth, the sky, the stars, the universe. Above all, we see Him in the other human beings amongst whom we live.

And we know a great deal about Him, also, from what His Son has told us. It would be a great mistake, Jesus teaches, to think of Him merely as a Person of awesome majesty and power, the final Judge, distant and to be feared. More than anything else He is for us the Father of the Prodigal Son — a person of great gentleness and forgiveness, waiting for the return of the sinner, merciful and rewarding. His love is unwavering, nothing can turn it aside. Saint and sinner, we are all His children. He is the kind of Father in whose presence we can never be afraid. With Jesus we can call Him ABBA or DADDA.

God the Son is the Redeemer, Our Lord Jesus Christ, God born at a specific time, in a specific place into the history of the world. We feel more affinity with Him as our Brother, and we know all about Him from the Gospels. He loved us so much that He died to redeem us and to ensure us of eternal happiness in the life to come. He is the Good Shepherd, the Friend of the poor and sick and needy, the forgiver of the adulterous woman and the Thief on the cross, the miracle worker, the One who raised Lazarus and the widow's son from the dead, the One who has left us Himself present in the Tabernacles of the world so that we might have His Body and Blood for our spiritual strength. It is in His love that we discover the true meaning of human love — all love must give itself.

God the Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier, the source of knowledge, the giver of life. He may appear, at times to be the forgotten Person of the Trinity, but He is not. He came to us, on a one-to-one basis in Baptism and Confirmation, bringing us His gifts, imbuing us with His power and His courage, and filling us with His love. He is the guiding and teaching Spirit of the Church, and every prayer we pray is at His prompting.

Especially for today's world, surely the message of the Trinity is the message of love. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit love each other so much that they are one divine Being, the model of all our relationships on earth. We see this particularly in the vocation of the Christian family. Father and mother loving each other and their love becoming human in the person of their child.

No wonder St John could write: "God is love." We, as believers in God, must put that love into practice and the challenge is not to wait until we are loved first. As the old saying goes: "If you want to be loved, then love!"



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