

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	15 July	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	16 July	<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	17 July	Mass: 7am (Convent)
<b>Thursday</b>	18 July	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass: 5.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	19 July	Mass: 9.30am
<b>Saturday</b>	20 July	Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm
<b>Sunday</b>	21 July	<b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish)

## 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C — 14 JULY 2019

**READINGS:** Deut 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

The FIRST READING is part of Moses' farewell speech to the Israelites in the desert before he dies. He exhorts them to keep the commandments – not as something imposed on them from outside but, rather, springing from their hearts.

Jesus reduced the commandments to two (GOSPEL). When asked by the lawyer, "Who is my neighbour?", Jesus answered that our neighbour is anyone - regardless of class, colour, creed, or race - who needs our help.



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Recently Deceased

Eunice MANNIX  
Nicholas ROODE

### Anniversaries

Sheila DWYER  
Irene HANNAN  
Rudy & Mary STUBBS  
Arthur WILLIAMS  
Peter DEN  
Peter CHUNG  
Maria TRANG



## NOTICE FOR THE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Enrolment for the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist will take place at all the Masses on:  
**20-21 July — Saturday 6pm/Sunday 7am & 9am**  
**27-28 July — Saturday 6pm/Sunday 7am & 9am**

### Sacramental Preparation



Lessons will commence  
on  
Mon 12 Aug 2019

For further information,  
please contact Sr Joan  
phone 4272 9980  
or email  
joan.goodwin@sosj.org.au

## ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

July	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 20 July	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
	Lawns	Winner Family, P Briscoe, A Gollop	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 20 July 6pm Mass	A Carlotto	M Gillis	Volunteer
Sun 21 July 7am Mass	A Michielin	D Ferrer	L Harper
Sun 21 July 9am Mass	N Dwyer, C Carolan	J De Battista	P De Battista
Counters	A Gunning, M Cauduro, C Garrett		
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		



## 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 it being Father's Day)

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

**National Theme for Discernment #5** – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus. Find out more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### Position Vacant |Plenary Council Discernment & Writing Group Chairs & Members:

As we move into the Listening and Discernment stage of our preparation for the Plenary Council 2020, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council is seeking people who are willing to be leaders and partners in the process of discernment. Opportunities are available to apply to be the Chair, or to be a member, of one of six Discernment and Writing Groups.

For more information, visit the

Office for Employment Relations website:

[www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au](http://www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au)

or Ms Olivia Lee on (02) 9919 7822

or [olivia.lee@catholic.org.au](mailto:olivia.lee@catholic.org.au)

Applications close on Monday 22 July 2019



# Gospel Reflection

*The Good Samaritan was someone who cared.*

*Blessed are those who care:  
they will let people know they are loved.*

*Blessed are those who are gentle:  
they will help people to grow.*

*Blessed are those who listen:  
they will lighten many a burden.*

*Blessed are those who know how to let go:  
they will have the joy of seeing  
people find themselves.*

*Blessed are those who, when nothing can be  
done or said, do not walk away,  
but remain to provide a comforting  
and supportive presence.*

*They will help the sufferer to  
bear the unbearable.*

*Blessed are those who recognise  
their own need to receive:  
they will be able to give all the better.*

*And blessed are those who give  
without hope of return:  
they will give people an experience of God.*



## WOLLONGONG LAY CARMELITES



The Wollongong Lay Carmelites meet once a month and gather in prayer, community, and for the service of Christ. If you would like to develop these three elements which are at the heart of the Carmelite charism, feel free to try out a session.

**Our next meeting will be on Saturday 20 July 2019**

**For more details contact 0415 926 132**



**“True charitable humility is open.  
It is generous in its motives.  
It troubles not about either  
the esteem or censure of people.”**

*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1870)*

## NATIONAL EVANGELISATION TEAMS (‘NET’)

**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. (See ‘NET’ flyer on noticeboard).

## VOCATIONS

**HOW GREAT IS THE HOPE TO WHICH WE ARE CALLED?**

Have you ever stopped to ask why can’t things be different? God has called you to make a difference, to be a witness for hope in our world. Not sure where to start?

**Please contact the Vocations Team at  
priesthood@dow.org.au**



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 14 JULY 2019 –

This week we hear of the well-loved Gospel reading of the Good Samaritan as told in Luke 10:25-37. We have some amazing contributors to the Journey Catholic Radio Programme, including Mother Hilda encouraging us to Stare at God; more of your favourites like The Catholic Guy; and Sam Clear with his inspirational words.

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## FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES — HEART OF MISSION

**Saturday 31 August 2019 — 10am-3.30pm**

Xavier Conference Centre - 38 Harbour St Wollongong

A workshop on joyfully sharing your faith with others and journeying with them into the life of a disciple. Over the past couple of years, a number of parishes in the diocese have successfully embarked on the process of forming intentional disciples. The result has been a renewed enthusiasm in living discipleship and the life of the parish community. How did they do it and how can other parishes take the first steps in becoming parishes of intentional disciples?

Parish Pastoral Councils throughout the diocese are invited to attend this special one-off workshop with Sherry Weddell, international best-selling author of *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*.

Participants are encouraged to purchase and read the book in preparation. Registration only \$30.

Book: *Forming Intentional Disciples* plus registration \$60 (to take up this offer register by 9 August) RSVP 26 August to [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) (02) 4222 2403

## 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 Thursdays/Fridays ONLY 9am-3pm — (cash only please) (\*\*The final day for ticket sales is Friday 26 July 2019, so you’d better be quick!\*\*)

For 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; or call Sue Briscoe, Parish Secretary, on 4271 1068 on Thursdays/Fridays only, 9am-3pm.

My Dear People,

I want to introduce you to a beautiful woman who recently passed away. THELMA INNES (née Rial) was born in 1922 at West Wyalong. When Thelma was seven, the family moved to the Wagga Wagga area where her father continued to work on farming properties.

Thelma had a happy childhood, and easily made friends. She began her schooling at St Mary's Primary School in Wagga, and went on to Secondary at Mount Erin Convent. With financial help from the nuns, Thelma pursued her love of music. She would spend many hours in the nuns' chapel, joining them in choir. At the age of 14, and with her family's blessing, Thelma told the nuns she wanted to become a Catholic. She never lost the Faith.



Between 1936 and 1939, Thelma completed her AMEB singing and piano exams with wonderful results. She began taking students while working at the local telephone exchange. In 1941, Thelma moved to Wollongong, and lived with her aunt who managed the Sorrento Guesthouse in Smith Street. She began to teach music at St Mary's College in Harbour Street.

During the war years, Thelma joined the Illawarra Variety Entertainers where she became a "fascinating and delightful" pianist. She travelled to Sydney each week to continue studies at the Conservatorium of Music. There in 1947 she was awarded a Performers Diploma for singing from Trinity College of Music in London.

Thelma married Jack Innes in December 1946 at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. She continued to teach at St Mary's until the birth of their first daughter, Jill, in 1954. (Jill would later marry Chris Dowdell, a brother of Father Bernie). In 1960, Thelma and Jack purchased a home in Church Street. It was to be the family home for 59 years.

In 1964, when Colleen, their second daughter, started school, Thelma began teaching choirs at our own St Pius X school. She continued for 14 years with outstanding eisteddfod success.

During the 1960s and '70s, Thelma was a pianist on the club scene. She spent many years at the Illawarra Master Builders Club accompanying guest artists. She also taught Scripture in the state schools for many years.

Jack died in 2000, and in 2005 Thelma suffered a heart attack. She would survive another 14 years.

Having developed macular degeneration, Thelma had to surrender her driver's licence, but continued to visit her friends, and nursing homes, by foot, bus and taxi. Deemed legally blind, she was given a white cane, but rarely used it for fear it might get dirty.

Thelma's final year was spent in our parish at Uniting Care in Waples Road.

Thelma died on Pentecost Sunday. May she rest in peace.



The Diocesan website – [www.dow.org.au/about-us/](http://www.dow.org.au/about-us/) – now contains a three-minute video clip narrated by Bishop Brian, showcasing the people and works of our Diocese.

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**Parish Priest**