

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b> 5 Aug <u>Novena</u>	<b>Dedication of St Mary Major</b> Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 Aug <u>Novena</u>	<b>The Transfiguration</b> Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b> 7 Aug <u>Novena</u>	<b>St Sixtus and Companions</b> Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm
<b>Thursday</b> 8 Aug <u>Novena</u>	<b>St Mary of the Cross</b> Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass: 5.30pm
<b>Friday</b> 9 Aug <u>Novena</u>	<b>St Teresa Benedicta</b> Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm
<b>Saturday</b> 10 Aug <u>Novena</u>	Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-6pm (Reconciliation Available) Vigil Mass: 6pm
<b>Sunday</b> 11 Aug <u>Novena</u>	<b>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish) Adoration: 4pm-5pm with Benediction

## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C — 4 AUGUST 2019

**READINGS:** Eccl 1:2,2:21-23; Col 3:1-5.9-11; Lk 12:13-21

The author of the FIRST READING makes the point that the things that are supposed to satisfy human beings do not satisfy them. In the GOSPEL, Jesus refuses to get involved in a family dispute.

Instead, He focuses on the cause of the dispute – greed for possessions. His parable stresses the foolishness of depending on material things for one's security rather than on God. The rich man is truly a 'fool' – he did not know how to use wisely the wealth he had.

St Paul continues to teach the implications of Baptism (SECOND READING).



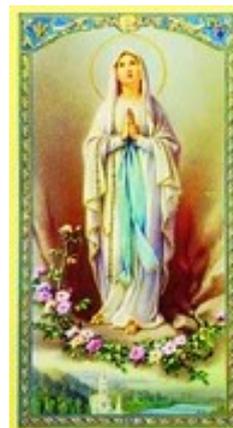
## PARISH NOVENA FOR A PARISH PRIEST

Hello Parish Prayers,

This coming **Thursday 8 August 2019**, we start the ninth and last rosary novena for a parish priest for our parish.

Like Our Lady at the wedding feast at Cana, tell Our Lord what the needs of our parish are and implore his help through this novena; make this last novena count.

For further details, please contact:  
**Mark Walsh on 0407 604 498**



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Anniversaries

Dulcie and Terry HYNES



## ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

August	Church Washing	Helen Murphy	
Sat 10 Aug	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
	Lawns		
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 10 Aug 6pm Mass	G Attard	A Kelly	C Dean
Sun 11 Aug 7am Mass	M Walsh	C Walsh	Walsh Family
Sun 11 Aug 9am Mass	R Klaus, C Carolan	M Rodwell	V Cleary, S Michielin
Counters	A Gunning, M Cauduro, C Garrett		
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 it being Father's Day)

## VOCATIONS



God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you." The world is in need to see people who are striving to love others with all their hearts. What about you?

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

## RECESS OF HOSPITAL MASSES

The Holy Masses in Private and Public Hospitals will be in recess from August to December 2019.

**It will resume in January 2020.**

Kindly contact 0475 815 506 for your hospital spiritual needs.

# Gospel Reflection

*While out for an evening walk  
I emerged from an area where  
the streets were lit by bright lamps,  
and came into an open, dark area.  
It was only then that I discovered  
that the sky was full of stars.  
And I thought to myself:  
how easily and effectively the  
earthly lights extinguish the heavenly ones.  
Lord, help us to seek the things  
that make us rich in Your sight,  
and grant that the glitter of this world  
may not dim our hopes of heavenly glory.*



## INVITATION TO ALL CATECHISTS AND PARISHIONERS

The following days of Faith Formation are part of the Catechist Diploma Course, however all are welcome to attend.

Held at:

**Xavier Centre Wollongong**

**On the following Fridays:**

**August: 16, 23**

**September: 6, 13, 20, 27**

9.30am—2pm - *BYO lunch*

Topics include: Creation, Morality, Reconciliation, Catechesis, Communion and Church.

Speakers include: Fr Bernard Gordon, Fr Mark De Battista and Sr Rosie Drum MGL

**RSVP Cindy Oliver on 4640 8550 or [cindy.oliver@dow.org.au](mailto:cindy.oliver@dow.org.au)**



**“Keep up your courage,  
it is for God and not for  
creatures you are working.”**

*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1892)*

## MENALIVE WEEKENDS

**menALIVE SHOALHAVEN REGIONAL WEEKEND:  
7-8 September 2019 — Milton Parish**

Real men don't do church? Wrong! But living out your faith can be pretty tough, and most of us need help.

If you are a bloke over 18, consider this:

On 7-8 September, experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running a regional menALIVE weekend hosted by Milton Parish, Corks Lane.

Come along and be inspired, encouraged, and rediscover God's purpose for your life.

Bookings and enquiries, please contact:

Jude Hennessy 4222-2407 / Stuart Brady 0447 093 044  
or [www.menalive.dow.org.au](http://www.menalive.dow.org.au)

**menALIVE HIGHLANDS REGIONAL WEEKEND:  
21-22 September 2019 — Bowral Parish**

On the 21-22 September, experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running a regional menALIVE weekend hosted by Bowral Parish.

Come along and be inspired, encouraged, and rediscover God's purpose for your life.

Bookings and enquiries, please contact:

Jude Hennessy 4222-2407 / Ian Boorman 0427 006 021  
or [www.menalive.dow.org.au](http://www.menalive.dow.org.au)

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

**10-11 August 2019**

**at St John Bosco Parish, Engadine**

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship! The new format of this weekend is a "Live Out" weekend.

*Worldwide Marriage Encounter*

**Book online at [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au)**

**Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan:  
on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)**



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

— AIRS SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 2019 —

This week on the Journey, we break open the Sunday Gospel, and there is a great piece from Mother Hilda Scott and Bruce Downes, the Catholic Guy. We've got some great music on this show which is all about faith, hope love and life.

Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) to make sure you never miss a show, with it sent to you each week as a podcast via email — for free!

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## MUSIC MINISTRY

THE JOY AND BEAUTY OF SUNDAY PART II 10.30AM – 2:30PM

**Saturday 9 November 2019**

**Sts Peter & Paul Parish Church, Kiama**

Led by Paul Mason and members of the Diocesan Liturgical Council, this workshop reviews the key principles in choosing music for consistently joyful and beautiful Sunday Masses. It addresses critical questions such as - how much singing? What are the priorities and why? What music is suitable for which parts of the liturgy? What are the performance issues to be considered in selecting music? Examples of music suitable to the various genres and parts of the Mass will be reviewed, focusing particularly on the most popular Mass Settings in current use around Australia and new on-line resources for praise songs.

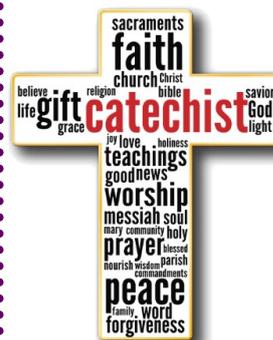
Participants will receive a handy easy-to-use guideline, a sample pack of resources, an updated music scholarship program for 2020, a new Diocesan copyright licensing subsidy program (in addition to OneLicense), and a new parish music funding assistance program.

*Target Audience: Clergy, Divine Renovation Pastoral Teams, Liturgy Committees, Directors of Music, Music Mass Coordinators, musicians and singers.*

**For further info visit [www.liturgy.dow.org.au](http://www.liturgy.dow.org.au) or  
contact Paul Mason [liturgy@dow.org.au](mailto:liturgy@dow.org.au) on 4222 2462  
Registration essential to Anthony Rewak 4222 2465  
or [anthony.rewak@dow.org.au](mailto:anthony.rewak@dow.org.au)**

## CATECHISTS NEEDED

**Have you ever considered being a Catechist?**



We have over 150 Catholic children in the four state schools within our parish. The lessons are only 30 minutes each week, however the benefits to both Catechists and children are enormous. Full support and training is provided to carry out this important apostolic work.

**For more details please contact Mary Carolan 0423 385 448**

My Dear People,

St Mary MacKillop's Feast falling this week prompts us to look at the history of the Church in this country and her place in it. Since the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788, the Church's inspiring story is one of heroic sacrifice and courageous endeavour, in the face of hardship and difficulties of all kinds. That same year, when the French explorer Jean-François de la Perouse entered Botany Bay, the first Mass was celebrated on Australian soil. The first resident Catholics were mostly Irish convicts, together with a few marines.

It was not until 1800 that the first priests arrived in Australia, as convicts. Three years later, one of these, Fr James Dixon, who had been involved in the 1798 rising in Ireland, was given permission to say Mass for the Catholics of Sydney, Liverpool and Parramatta, a practice the continued until the Castle Hill rebellion the following year. This so alarmed Governor King that he withdrew Fr Dixon's privileges.

With the arrival in 1820 of Fr John Joseph Therry and Fr Philip Connolly, chaplains appointed by the Government in London, the Catholic Church in Australia could be regarded as formally established. Fr Therry, who came from Cork in Ireland, was responsible for initiating the building of St Mary's Chapel in Sydney, which would later become the magnificent Cathedral we know today.

It was Fr Therry who brought devotion to Our Lady Help of Christians to Australia. He would later become the first Parish Priest of Campbelltown, now in our Diocese. His Registers are still there at the Presbytery.

In the early years there was no Bishop in Australia, and the spiritual needs of the Catholic population were met by priests. In 1834 the Benedictine priest, John Bede Polding, was appointed Vicar Apostolic of New Holland, and in 1842 he became Australia's first Archbishop when Sydney was erected as a Metropolitan See. During the course of the 19th Century the Catholic population grew, the hierarchy was established, priests and religious men and women came mainly from Ireland the other European countries to minister to the faithful and develop schools and other social services.

Among the many heroic people who could be mentioned are two extraordinary women: Caroline Chisholm and Mary MacKillop. Caroline came from Northampton in England. She worked tirelessly to help thousands of migrants, especially homeless girls and poor families during Australia's formative years. In doing so, she had to overcome sectarian suspicion and the lack of material resources. Her human qualities and unconquerable faith helped her to achieve much during the 30 years she devoted to assisting migrants, thus earning her the undying gratitude of the Australian people. Caroline walked in our Diocese, settling families in what is now Shellharbour.

The story of St Mary of the Cross is well known to us. She was beatified here in Sydney by St John Paul II in 1995 and canonised by Benedict XVI in Rome in 2010. Her example of zeal, perseverance and prayer will undoubtedly continue to guide and inspire those who dedicate themselves to the noble task of educating the young, and assisting the most disadvantaged members of society. She was able to forgive those who sought to place obstacles in her way. Even the threat of excommunication did not deter her.

During the 20th Century, particularly after the Second World War, more than a million Catholics from various European nations – such as Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, Germany, Croatia and Hungary – arrived in Australia. Later, many more arrived from Asian countries, including the Philippines, Vietnam, India and from the Pacific region. On their heels came migrants from South America following civil unrest in many countries there. These have brought with them the distinctive ways of living and celebrating their faith.

2014 marked the centenary of the Apostolic Delegation to Australasia. On 15 April 1914, Pope St Pius X established the Apostolic Delegation, with responsibility for Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand. The future Cardinal Cerretti was the first Apostolic Delegate (the Chapel at Manly Seminary was named after him). The presence of the Delegation led in time to the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between Australia and the Holy See. This took place under the Government of Gough Whitlam. In 2012 he wrote to Benedict XVI, describing this as a "memorable and significant initiative". Finally, Mr Tim Fischer became the first resident Ambassador to the Holy See. (One of his initiatives was to resurrect the Vatican Railway!).

Three Popes have visited Australia – Paul VI, John Paul III and Benedict XVI. Mary MacKillop must be one of those rare Saints who have had three Successors of St Peter venerate her tomb.



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