

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	2 April	EASTER MONDAY Mass: 7.30am, 10.45am (Polish)
Tuesday	3 April	EASTER TUESDAY Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm
Wednesday	4 April	EASTER WEDNESDAY Mass: 7am
Thursday	5 April	EASTER THURSDAY Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass: 5.30pm
Friday	6 April	EASTER FRIDAY <u>First Friday</u> Mass: 9.30am
Saturday	7 April	EASTER SATURDAY <u>First Saturday</u> Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm—5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm
Sunday	8 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish)

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1ST APRIL 2018

READINGS: Acts 10:34, 37—43; Col 3:1—4; Jn 20:1—9

The FIRST READING recounts part of an early sermon of St Peter. St Paul teaches that through Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ (SECOND READING).

On discovering the empty tomb, the disciples begin to grasp the meaning of Scripture (GOSPEL).



God has raised up His Son, a blessing unto you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Panfilo BOF

Anniversaries: Rita ZANPA
Mary GALVIN
Peter SPEELMAN
Michael LAVELLE

*“Whenever a heart,
overcoming selfishness,
violence and hate
turns into a gesture of love
towards someone in need.
There Christ rises again today.”*

JOHN PAUL II

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Church Washing	Jackie Allen		
Sat 7 Apr	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
	Lawns		
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 7 Apr 6pm Mass	A Carlotto	A Kelly	D Gelfius
Sun 8 Apr 7am Mass	L Burns	A Browne	A Browne
Sun 8 Apr 9am Mass	N Dwyer, C Carolan	C Walsh	P Cundy
Counters	A Gunning, M Cauduro, C Garrett		
Children's Liturgy	K Hertsch, S Walsh		

MEN'S WEEKEND

5-6 May 2018, Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St Wollongong

Local Illawarra Parish organisers are currently recruiting for the regional menALIVE weekend being held at the Xavier Centre in Wollongong on May 5-6. You or someone you love could benefit, just like over 20,000 catholic men around Australia have, from this weekend that features dynamic talks, opportunities for discussion, time for reflection and tools for living life to the full.

Go to www.menalive.org.au to book or for more information contact Ian Boorman, 0427 006 021.

CATHFAMILY

The home is the heart of the Church. CATHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website cathfamily.org. Don't miss CathKids, weekly interactive experience with a two-minute animated reflection on the Sunday reading, questions to stimulate discussion, a simple activity and prayer. Families in the Diocese of Wollongong are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with kids.

<http://cathfamily.org/praise-flags/>



PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Catholic Women's League:** 2nd Thursday of the month - 10:30am
St Joseph's room
New members welcome!
Contact: Barbara 4271 1584
or Margaret 4271 5804
- St Vincent de Paul Conference:** Tues 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 the 9am Mass on 1st weekend of the month

Gospel Reflection

As we go through life we all experience little deaths. We get a foretaste of death when we live in bitterness, loneliness, sadness and despair. In times like these the world closes in on us, and we seem to have one foot in the grave. But we also experience little resurrections. When we know love, acceptance and forgiveness; when we open our hearts to others and to life, the world opens up and we emerge from the tomb. Lord, may the splendour of your resurrection scatter the shadows of death, and enable us to walk in radiant hope towards the kingdom where there are no more shattered hopes or broken dreams.

*To be really alive,
To be holy,
One needs discipline,
Artistry,
And a little Foolishness.*

NEED HELP AT HOME OR KNOW SOMEBODY WHO DOES?

CatholicCare offers practical in-home aged care services, so you or someone you love can continue living a happy and healthy life in the comfort of their own home.

For more information please call 4254 9342 or visit www.catholiccare.dow.org.au

SOCIAL JUSTICE FOOD FOR THOUGHT

At this time of year, we are invited to think deeply about the culmination of Christ's life on earth – his final journey to suffering, death and resurrection. The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council has just published an important paper by Peter Arndt who has taken a profound interest in the sufferings of the people of West Papua, and his journey has given him a perhaps unexpected perspective on the mission and suffering of Our Lord.

Go to <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au> for this challenging account about how we should respond as Christians to their pain.



***"All will be right with time
and a little patience."***

St Mary of the Cross — 1873

CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS

A great range of excellent quality religious gifts are available from Cathedral Books and Gifts. A beautiful selection of bibles, books, missals, rosaries, plaques, crucifixes, medals, statues and greeting cards, candles, etc — perfect to commemorate Confirmation, Communion and Baptism. Enter the store via Crown Street, Xavier Centre, Wollongong. Enquiries phone 4222 2484.

VOCATIONS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL — Once we embrace Jesus Christ as the Lord of our life, the next question is to ask what is God calling us to be and do?

Please contact Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director, on 0401 621 591, priesthood@dow.org.au

FAITH CIRCLES – CONNECT WEEKLY RESOURCE FOR SMALL GROUPS

Want to help transform your Parish into a place where people are known, loved, challenged and supported? Small Groups or 'communities of communities' hold the key. Connect is a weekly small group resource and is available for free download with a Leaders guide, weekly reflection questions for the Sunday Gospel and accompanying prayer points. It is available to download at www.faithcircles.dow.org.au or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.

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EDMUND RICE COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW FOR YEAR 7 - 2019

Applications for enrolment are now being taken and must be returned to the College no later than *Friday, 13 April 2018*. **To book a tour or obtain an enrolment application package contact the College Office on 4228 4344 or visit the website www.edmundricecollege.nsw.edu.au**



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS SUNDAY 1 APRIL 2018 –

On this Easter weekend we are blessed to have our very own Bishop Brian Mascord along with Bishop Bill Wright sharing the Gospel reflection with us. Sr Hilda Scott shares her wisdom from the Abbey with The Never-Ending Story, and Pete Gilmore talks to us with his God spot on Empty Tomb, Busy Life. God Bless and take care of each other on this special Easter weekend. Listen to Journey Catholic Radio where it's all about to faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

THE WOLLONGONG CATHOLIC DINNER CLUB

- together with newly ordained Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD - are delighted to announce a keynote speaker The Hon Timothy Andrew Fischer AC on the topic of "From the Riverina to the Hub of Rome". You are invited to dinner on Friday 13 April 6pm for 6:30pm start at Centro CBD, 28 Stewart Street Wollongong (Opposite Aldi). **For Tickets (\$45 each) please contact Cathedral Office 4228 6511 or mjcambo@gmail.com 0490 022 313 or Jim 4228 6791. RSVP by Friday 6 April.**

WHERE ARE ALL THE MEN? – CAN YOU HELP? –

Under 40% of those who attend Catholic Parishes are male and the figures are getting worse. Our Diocese is connecting strongly with the MenALIVE movement to help Parishes bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church. A non-residential weekend for multiple Illawarra parishes will be run on 5-6 May 2018 in Wollongong. We need 1-2 men from each interested Parish to help get men involved. If you can invite, cook a BBQ and make other men feel welcome, the MenALIVE team will do the rest. Can you help? **Please contact Mr Jude Hennessy on 4222 2407 or jude.hennessy@dow.org.au**

HOLY SPIRIT COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW FOR YEAR 7 - 2019

Applications for enrolment into Year 7, 2019 close on Friday 13 April 2018. Anyone wishing to apply for enrolment into the College must have their application in by this date.

For further information please contact the College Enrolment Officer Mrs Raelene Ware on 4285 2877.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion, the annual awareness raising and fundraising campaign of Caritas Australia is continuing the journey through Lent. This is the time where we listen and respond to the voices of the marginalised and vulnerable. Project Compassion 2018 (PC 2018) continues to work towards and celebrate A Just Future for all in conjunction with the Year of the Youth.

If you have any questions or would like further information on remittance and receipting Project Compassion money please do not hesitate to contact Monica Ward-McCann, Caritas Diocesan Director by email at monica.ward-mccann@caritas.org.au, on 4222 2480 or 0419 553 171. The Caritas Australia website www.caritas.org.au is also a great source of information and resources to support your Project Compassion Journey.





“HE IS RISEN!” By Bishop Brian Mascord

“He is risen!” (Matt 28:6)

Everything that matters in Christianity revolves around this central claim.

Many people attribute great moral teaching to Jesus—his push towards non-violence, turning the other cheek and treating others as we would want ourselves to be treated. Jesus, in many respects, is unrivaled in his attitude towards the outcast, the forgotten and those on the margins of society.

But there is an elephant in the room. He never claimed to be a great moral teacher. What did he claim? He claimed to be the only Son of God and that he would rise from the dead. So, did he?

Well, we know something happened because his cowering followers suddenly found a new bravery. Many went to their death fearlessly and willingly, not to take lives, but offering theirs for the sake of the One who rose from the dead.

For them and for us, Jesus’ resurrection is a moment of redemption. It can redeem our lives from being self-focused, trapped in the day-to-day grind and endlessly searching for meaning in things and people. There is so much more to life than this. We are loved. That is who we are.

Last year I led a pilgrimage to the Holy Land during which I had the opportunity to celebrate in the tomb of Jesus. What struck me most of all was that the tomb was empty. We are people of the empty tomb—for Christ is risen. We are not a people who sit in mourning, but rather, we live life in the light of the Resurrection.

We each bear the Light of Christ. This Easter, igniting the Pascal Candle, we will gather together and become a beacon of hope for all to see. Let us continue to pray, reflect and encounter the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus and allow this mystery to draw us deeper into the great love that God has for us. He is risen, yes, he is risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia. I pray the blessings of the risen Christ be upon you.

Grace and peace to you this holy season.

Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD

Bishop of Wollongong

1 April 2018