

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	21 May	Mass: 7am (<i>Convent</i>)
Tuesday	22 May	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm
Wednesday	23 May	Mass: 7am
Thursday	24 May	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass: 5.30pm
Friday	25 May	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday	26 May	Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm
Sunday	27 May	TRINITY SUNDAY Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (<i>Polish</i>)

PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR B

20 MAY 2018

READINGS: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 13:3-7 or Gal 5:16-25;
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15.

Jewish tradition saw Pentecost as the feast of the giving of the Law by God to Moses on Mount Sinai. According to legend, a mighty wind turned to fire and a voice proclaimed the Law. The fire then split into seventy tongues of fire corresponding to the seventy nations of the world. The Law was proclaimed not only to Israel but to all humankind.

St Luke sees a parallel in the coming of the Holy Spirit - a mighty wind and tongues of fire coming upon the group of disciples. Now it is the Good News of the Gospel that is being proclaimed, a proclamation that has undone the sentence of the Tower of Babel and has re-united the scattered nations.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Digger PRIMMER

Anniversaries: Fr Joe GILLIS
Thomas STANIFORTH
Aquilino, Lucas, Demetrio &
Fortuna ESCOBIA
Andrea JAGMOC
James & Pearl McNAMARA
Phyllis & Bob McNAMARA
Bill & Olive HOUGHTON

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP MYANMAR

NECKTIES - bright, jovial, colourful! They will transform your outfit and cheer the dullest day - **only \$8** for yourself or a friend.

All proceeds will go to support Catholic Mission in the provision of education for little children. You will not only look smart, you will help to make the Myanmar children 'smart' too.

On sale after Masses on the weekend of 27 May 2018



ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 26 May	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
	Lawns	Peters Family, Winner Family	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 26 May 6pm Mass		L Milan	V Cleary
Sun 27 May 7am Mass	M Walsh	K Calvert	S Brown
Sun 27 May 9am Mass	R Klaus C Carolan	C Walsh	P Cundy L Klaus
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, A McQueen, M Winner		
Children's Liturgy	K Hertsch, S Walsh		

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League: 2nd Thursday of the month - 10:30am
in 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

USED STAMPS NEEDED FOR MISSIONS IN PERU



Used stamps are used to raise money for the mission work of the Sisters of St Joseph in Peru.

Used stamps can be placed in the box located at the side door of the church. When taking stamps from envelopes, cut around the stamp leaving approx 1cm of the envelope.

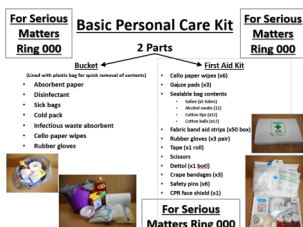
Thank you to all the parishioners who continue to support the wonderful work of the Sisters.

PERSONAL CARE KIT

The Parish Pastoral Council has compiled a basic personal care kit for use in and around our church. It is located in the northern confessional next to the water dispenser. There are a number of information posters (below) about the kit and what it contains situated as follows:

- First left-hand side support pillar when entering side door of church.
- On door of small cupboard on left-hand side of aisle when entering front door of church.
- Door of northern confessional.
- Wall above location of basic personal care kit in northern confessional.

Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the contents of this basic personal care kit and make use of its contents when necessary.



Gospel Reflection

Do not let yourselves be guided by the spirit of self-indulgence.

Look at the legacy self-indulgence produces:

bad temper, fighting, jealousy, cruelty, meanness, revenge, fornication, idolatry and drunkenness.

These are ugly things, and they make life miserable.

Rather, let yourself be guided by the Spirit of God.

Look at the legacy the Spirit brings:

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

These are beautiful things, and make life joyful.

They are a foretaste of the joy of heaven.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.



UNANDERRA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Would you like to contribute more to your parish as a Catholic woman?

Perhaps joining the Catholic Women's League is for you.

Belonging to the Catholic Women's League could mean giving God a little more of your already stretched time.

Being a willing participant in and initiating activities within our parish.

Enhancing your faith in a practical way.

Making new friends, not only in our parish but also in other parishes in the Diocese.

New members are always welcome!

We ask that you give some thought to joining us.

The next meeting for the CWL will be held on:

Thursday, 14 June 2018 at 10.30am (St Joseph's Room)

If you'd like to know more about joining the CWL, please contact:

Barbara on 4271 1584 or Margaret on 4271 5804 or Cathy on 4271 1441



RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to all those who kindly donated prizes for the Mother's Day raffle, as well as to everyone who purchased tickets from both our church and school communities. Sr Joan will now be able to purchase the books needed for her new library. The winners were:

1st Trudy Zalewski

2nd Lorraine Klaus

3rd Sheila Adam (school community)

4th Sophie Tarlington (school community)

5th De Browne





***"God is stronger than the world
which opposes God's teachings."***

St Mary of the Cross — 1874

HONOURING MARY THE MOTHER OF ALL CREATION THROUGHOUT MAY



"Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world laid waste by human power. Completely transfigured, she now lives with Jesus, and all creatures sing of her fairness. She is the Woman, 'clothed in the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars' (Rev 12:1).

Carried up into heaven, she is the Mother and Queen of all creation. In her glorified body, together with the Risen Christ, part of creation has reached the fullness of its beauty. She treasures the entire life of Jesus in her heart (cf. Lk 2:19,51), and now understands the meaning of all things. Hence, we can ask her to enable us to look at this world with eyes of wisdom". Laudato si Praised be him: An Encyclical on Care for our Common Home, Pope Francis §241.

A VOCATION VIEW

Be guided by the Holy Spirit, because with the Spirit comes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.

With God's help, come forward to proclaim to those who are searching for meaning in life. As the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

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



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying!

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question:

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" - Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website:

Plenary Council 2020

'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV21

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS SUNDAY 20 MAY 2018 –

On this Pentecost weekend, we are filled once again with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and this week on the Journey Catholic Radio our readings and God spots reflect just this. Trish McCarthy talks us to us about the Gifts of The Holy Spirit and Fr Dave Callaghan reminds us that Christianity isn't a spectator sport. Huge thank you to the amazing musicians that support our show and help us to create a show about faith, hope, love and life.

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and subscribe to weekly
shows by email.



FRIDAY, FAITH & SUPPER

"Where Will The Church Be In 2050?"

Guest Speaker: Fr Ken Cafe OFM

Friday 25 May 2018 - 7pm

At our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 193 St Andrews Road, Varroville
"We are believers who are attempting to establish a forum for conversation within the Catholic Church in Australia. Our aim is to prompt open exchanges among the community of believers, mindful of the diversity of expression of faith in contemporary Australia."

(For more info: Please see flyer near the side door of church).

All enquiries - please contact the Parish Office on 9603 7373

CORPUS CHRISTI MASS AND PROCESSION

Sunday 3 June 2018 - 8.45am

All are welcome to attend the Corpus Christi Mass and Procession at St Mary of the Rosary Berkeley.



Corpus Christi Mass at 8.45am will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord.

The Corpus Christi Procession to the St Mary's Nursing Home will be following the Mass.

Morning Tea will be provided after the procession.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Wollongong Spirituality in the Pub invites you to a conversation on

Tuesday, 29 May 2018

at the Woonona Bulli RSL Club, from 7.30pm to 9pm

The guest speaker is Rev Dr Patrick McNerney, Director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations, who will speak on Where Inter-Faith Practice Might Be in 2050.

All welcome!

Enquiries: Ann - 0427 235 955 or wollsip@gmail.com



My dear people,

The story of the Tower of Babel in the Old Testament is a symbol of man's attempts to create on earth a paradise without any recourse to God. After they had eaten the forbidden fruit, God sent forth the man and the woman from Paradise. But what did they do? They undertook to build a Paradise of their own, from which they endeavoured to banish God. But what kind of Paradise was it? The end result was a complete breakdown of communication. The effort is still going on. We have massive highways, supersonic jets, nuclear power stations, manned space flights. Yet we cannot live at peace with each other.

Pentecost is pictured by St Luke as a reversal of what happened at Babel. Gathered in Jerusalem there is a small group of people, ordinary people with little faith in their own abilities, but great faith in God. They set out to build a 'tower' of a different kind. This 'tower' took the form of a new community which would become a spiritual stairway to heaven.

On Pentecost Sunday the apostles set out to build his new community. They spoke a new language - the language of love and co-operation, a language all people of good will understand. Today is the anniversary of this great happening. It is the birthday of the Church, the community of the followers of Jesus. On this day, thanks to the coming of the Holy Spirit, the infant Church took its first steps. It is made up not of saints but of sinners. Down the ages it has had its share of problems and setbacks. It is still being built. Part of is assembled here in Unanderra. We assemble at the Eucharist each week not as rivals but as friends. Factors which normally divide people - such as class, colour, age, wealth - count for nothing here. Here we are only family under God.

At Pentecost, God reversed the disaster of Babel which divided and confused the unity of the human family. The Holy Spirit makes known to all peoples the one true God, and so creates from the many languages of people one voice to profess one faith. This is the wonderful thing that began on Pentecost Sunday. We not only find shelter in this tower - we are also builders of it.



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