

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	4 June	Mass: 7am
Tuesday	5 June	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm
Wednesday	6 June	Mass: 7am
Thursday	7 June	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass: 5.30pm
Friday	8 June	Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass: 9.30am Polish Mass: 11am
Saturday	9 June	Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm
Sunday	10 June	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish)

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) — YEAR B

3 JUNE 2018

READINGS: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

The theme of covenant dominates all the three Readings today. The First Reading from the book of Exodus describes the ratification of the covenant on Mount Sinai between God and Israel. The covenant was sealed with the blood of animals, blood being a symbol of life which belongs exclusively to God. The sprinkling of the people with blood symbolises the fact that God is sharing His life with them.



Jesus has established a new covenant, of which the former one was only a symbol. Like the old covenant it, too, was sealed with blood, but now it is the Precious Blood of Jesus. Jesus institutes a new rite, the Eucharist, which will be a perpetual reminder of the intimate bond that exists between God and us. In the Eucharist Jesus shares His very life with us.

THANK YOU — FATHER LEN HELM



The parishioners of Immaculate Conception parish would like to thank Fr Len Helm MSC for looking after our parish for the past six weeks while Fr Graham Schmitzer has been on leave - and we welcome back Fr Graham who returns this week.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Maria NARDI
Graziella (Grace) BERLANDA
Anniversaries: Peter GALLACHER
Ken CAMPBELL
Carmen VELLA

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Parishioners are invited to attend the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our Convent Chapel today (Sunday) 2pm to 5pm. All are welcome to visit the Chapel and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. The Convent is located at 3 Grace Street, and entrance to the Chapel is via the side door on the front verandah.



Sr Joan and Sr Margaret

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 9 June	Church Cleaning	M Lloyd, J Allen, J Haywood	
	Lawns	Fernandez Family, M Walsh	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 9 June 6pm Mass	P Jones	M Gillis	V Cleary
Sun 10 June 7am Mass	M Walsh	D Ferrer	Walsh Family
Sun 10 June 9am Mass	R Klaus C Carolan	R Green	Y Brunero S Michielin
Counters	B & P Walker, A Kelly		
Children's Liturgy	M Rodwell, S Michielin		

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

*** Morning Tea Refreshments will not be held during July, August or September ***

Gospel Reflection

A Reflection Before The Blessed Sacrament

*Outside the Church the noisy traffic flows fast.
People rush hither and thither.*

*But I have left that world behind
and I am here before You, Lord.*

I do not exclude my brothers and sisters.

*I bring them with me,
for I know that they are equally dear to You.*

*I have nothing. Yet I know that
because I have You, I have everything.*

*I close my mind and open my heart,
and so I am at peace.*

*Here I experience my true worth
which consists, not in my possessions
or achievements,
but in knowing that I am loved by You.*



PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL



Following David Harrison's talks at our Masses for the Propagation of the Faith Appeal on the weekend of 12-13 May, we have been informed that the parishioners of Immaculate Conception parish raised over \$3,000 — thank you!

MORNING TEA — SUNDAY 3 JUNE

Morning tea will be served in

St Joseph's Room

after 9am Mass this weekend

— Everyone is most welcome! —

Come and join us for a chat

as well as

some refreshments

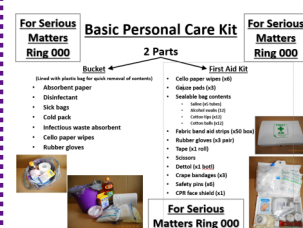
(Helpers - Cathy and Natalie)



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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.

"A HOME IS A RIGHT, NOT A PRIVILEGE"

Business leaders from across the Macarthur, Illawarra, Shoalhaven and Southern Highlands are invited to take a stand against homelessness by spending a winter night outdoors. Participation in the event will make a tangible difference to communities across the region by raising funds for St Vincent de Paul Society's frontline homelessness services, providing accommodation and support to people who need it.

Are you up for the challenge?

St Vincent de Paul Society needs the help of local business leaders to change the perception of homelessness and raise funds for much-needed support services across our region.

The annual CEO Sleepout will be held on **Thursday 21 June** at St Mary Star of the Sea College Wollongong, and will see leaders come together to spend a night in the cold for a worthy cause. Last year, through funds raised from the CEO Sleepout, Vinnies gave assistance to almost two million people in need across the country, providing more than 1.5 million meals and almost 700,000 nights with a bed.

By taking part in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout, you can help shine a light on homelessness and bring some warmth to the longest night of the year — everyone deserves a safe place to call home.

Visit <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/event/wollongong> today to register or donate to the event.





***"Be faithful in the least
as well as in the greatest."***

St Mary of the Cross — 1873

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

17–19 August 2018

at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

*Take the time to step back from everyday distractions
and rediscover your relationship!*

Book online at www.wwme.org.au

or contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan

on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com



A VOCATION VIEW

Through the ministry of our ordained priests, we receive Holy Communion.

Through the Body and Blood of Christ, we are made one body:
to become Christ-like ... purified ... ready to serve.

Pray for Vocations.

Please contact Fr Richard Healey

Vocations Director

on 0401 621 591 or priesthood@dow.org.au



CATHFAMILY

CATHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals,
crafts and recipes for free from their website.

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.

<https://cathfamily.org>



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS SUNDAY 3 JUNE 2018 –

This week on the Journey, Gospel of Mark reminds us
of the preparation and celebration of the Passover;
Sr Hilda from The Abbey questions whether we are
"Too Quick to Judge?" with her Wisdom from
The Abbey; and Fr Dave Callaghan asks us to focus on
"What's at our Core?" in his God spot, The Call.
Our music this week is a vibrant selection that will
keep you smiling all day. We bring this all together
to create a show about faith, hope, love and life.

**Go to www.jcr.org.au or
www.itunes.jcr.org.au**

**where you can listen any
time and subscribe to
weekly shows by email.**



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Pentecost Sunday saw the official launch of the
process of listening as the Australian Church
commences a time of preparation and listening on
the way to Plenary Council 2020.

As individuals and Parish communities in the Diocese
of Wollongong, there are some simple but important
things you can do now.

Visit the website **www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au**
which provides great resources that will enable
individuals and groups to:

Pray for guidance,
learn more,
commence
dialogue and
subscribe for
regular updates.



PlenaryCouncil2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

SOCIAL JUSTICE FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Australian Bishops on the Economy

Popes Benedict XVI and Francis have made strong calls for a more
inclusive economic order. Study their Encyclicals, Caritas in
Veritate and Laudato Si'. Access at the Australian Catholic Social
Justice Council: **www.acsjc.org.au/social-teaching/encyclicals**

The United Nations is working with governments, businesses and
civil society to mobilise efforts to achieve the Sustainable
Development Agenda 2030.

Find out about the 17 Sustainable
Development Goals and how
individuals, organisations and
communities can take action:

www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/takeaction



My dear people,

Sometimes it is necessary to be alone, for the soul requires solitude in order to maintain its individuality. But we couldn't live like that all the time - we'd go mad. The fact is that we are remarkably dependent on one another. We need other people in our lives for support, affirmation, encouragement, companionship. They nourish us, and we nourish them.



LORD, may the reception of your blessed sacrament cleanse us from sin and unite us all in you.

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Amen

Today, people are schooled in individualism with the result that they find community difficult. There is a lot of loneliness. Many are crying out for a friend, a companion, a sense of belonging. The word 'companion' is actually a remarkable word. It comes from two words: **cum** which means with, and **panis** which means bread. So a 'companion' literally means someone with whom I share bread. It's not everyone you enjoy a meal with. There has to be a bond. And that bond is deepened by the sharing of food and drink.

When people invite us to their table they offer us more than food. They offer us trust, welcome, and friendship. We feel honoured. The talk is as much a part of the fare as the food. Afterwards we feel nourished, not only in body but also in heart and spirit.

By inviting us to partake of the sacred food of the Eucharist Jesus makes us His companions and friends. And in doing so we ought to become companions and friends to one another. Does this happen? Nowadays a person could come to Mass in a car, and go away afterwards without making contact with any one. We've met God, but have we met our fellow Christians, our neighbours? The two realities are linked - we are in communion with Jesus so that we can be in communion with one another. A person could be broken and no one would know, no one would care. Building community is not that hard. It just takes ordinary friendliness. The first step is to become acquainted.

If we were to go into the room of the Last Supper at the first Mass, we would immediately get the sense of bonding - Jesus and His companions sharing a meal. In our churches people sometimes sit as far apart as possible. Why? There seems to be a reluctance to meet each other. And if we don't meet, we're not actually sharing. We all need Christ - that's obvious. But we also need each other. To be a true believer in today's world can be a lonely business. This is where the community comes in. We are a community of believers whose common faith strengthens the faith of each individual. The first Christians supported each other. They forgave each others offences, shared their possessions, and fostered the spirit of community. It was so obvious that it quickly attracted others to join them. Do our celebrations of Mass make others interested in seeing what we are on about?

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Friday marks the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, a day of special devotion. It is immediately followed by the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for Mary mirrors Christ. Our Diocese was dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Saint John XXIII.

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