

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 12 Nov No Mass

Tuesday 13 Nov Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm
Mass: 5.30pm

Wednesday 14 Nov **Anniversary of Dedication of our Parish Church (1992)**
Mass: 7am

Thursday 15 Nov **St Albert the Great**
Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm
(Reconciliation Available)
Mass: 5.30pm

Friday 16 Nov **St Gertrude the Great**
Mass: 9.30am

Saturday 17 Nov **St Elizabeth of Hungary**
7.15am: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
7.30am: Mass
Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm
Vigil Mass: 6pm

Sunday 18 Nov **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
World Day of the Poor
Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish)



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

to intercede for more priests
Every Saturday morning up to and including Saturday 22 December

7.15am: Novena Prayers
7.30am: Mass

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR B

11 NOVEMBER 2018

READINGS: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

In Biblical times, widows were among the poorest of the poor. Although a non-Jew, the widow in the **FIRST READING** shares her last nourishment with a visiting prophet, and she with a son to support. She is rewarded with a never-ending supply of food. She represents those who, despite poverty and oppression, place all their trust in God.

In the **GOSPEL** the widow's true piety contrasts sharply with the counterfeit piety of the Scribes. She lets go every shred of security and commits herself totally to God.

Whatever we give to God will be given back to us with interest.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Ron MASCORD
(father of Bishop Brian)

Anniversaries

Madeleine HEFFERNAN
Josie NEWMAN
Leo HAYWOOD
Teresa LEGGETT



ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

November	Church Washing	Barbara Faraway	
Sat 17 Nov	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
	Lawns	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 17 Nov 6pm Mass	A Carlotto	L Milan	Volunteer
Sun 18 Nov 7am Mass	A Michielin	C Walsh	S Brown
Sun 18 Nov 9am Mass	N Dwyer, C Carolan	A Kelly	P Cundy, V Cleary
Counters	A Gunning, M Cauduro, C Garrett		
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 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

Gospel Reflection

You give but little when you give of your possessions.

It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

There are those who give little of the much which they have, and they give it for recognition, and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome.

And there are those who have little and give it all.

These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their offer is never empty.

Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth.

(Kahlil Gibran)



VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS



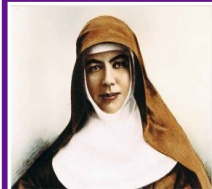
The Unanderra Conference of St Vincent de Paul will start selling their Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars next weekend after each Mass.

Christmas Cards are \$6.00 for a pack of 10.

The 2019 Columban Calendar is \$9.00.

WIZARD OF ID by Brant Parker





***"We must teach more by
example than by word."***

St Mary of the Cross — 1867

ST LUKE - EVANGELIST OF THE HOSPITALITY OF GOD

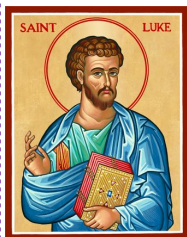
with Fr Brendan Granc ofm

Wednesday 5 December, 7.30pm—9.30pm

Xavier Conference Centre

38 Harbour Street Wollongong

The presentation will discuss the overall vision of St Luke — the great storyteller of the New Testament — and discuss scenes from the Gospel that illustrate Jesus' quest to recall humanity to the Hospitable Home of the Father. This will be an engaging and informative presentation by one of Australia's foremost scripture scholars and assist us in preparing to reflect upon Luke's Gospel during the liturgical year of 2019.



A VOCATION VIEW



"Master grant that I may see." The values we were blind to in our youth, now become clear. Blindness gives way to vision through faith in Jesus. As children of God, we are called to do good things, and to witness God's love.

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

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM — AIRS SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018 —

This week on The Journey, Monsignor Graham Schmitzer reflects on the Gospel of Mark; Sr Hilda Scott shares her Wisdom from the Abbey; Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, shares his piece on 'The Journey of Conversation'; and Francine Pirola gets us thinking in her God spot 'When Desires Don't Match'. Our music reflects our passion and drive for the Journey Catholic Radio program, where faith hope, love and life come together.



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CHURCH MINISTRIES FOR 2019



Have you considered being involved in one of the various ministries of our parish?

Over the next few weeks you will have the opportunity to volunteer for 2019.

Please give careful consideration to participating in one or more of the following ministries:

**Acolytes, Lectors, Children's Liturgy, Welcomers, Church Cleaners, Counters,
Church Lawns and Gardens, Church Washing, Ministers of Holy Communion
to Aged Care, Choir, Altar Servers, Catechists and Sacramental Team Leaders.**

New Volunteers will have the opportunity to work with those who have experience.

Please indicate your availability to help by putting your name on the relevant sheets,
which are located on the middle pew in the church. Your assistance will be appreciated!

My dear people,

The widow in Sidon and the widow in the Temple gave of their livelihood to total strangers. It's the kind of selflessness that inspires people to enter religious life, or to dedicate their lives to working with and for others who are not a part of their own family. For over two thousand years people have been hearing of the widow who shared her last bit of food with Elijah, and for two thousand years we have known of the widow's mite. Each age, each congregation must hear the stories in the light of their own times. The same Scripture accounts inspire different responses as they are heard differently.

The time was when today's Gospel provided the preacher with a marvellous opportunity for a great rousing sermon on raising money for the parish. Perhaps inappropriate today (not that we don't need it!). Today's Gospel is a challenge to give of our resources to those in greater need.



There are many kinds of hunger in our world. Hunger for food, for education, for faith, for freedom, hunger for the right to live in the dignity that belongs to being human.

Today's readings do challenge us to want to do something. Hunger, malnutrition, and starvation are as old as the human race — people have died in every generation simply because they did not have the food that lands in our garbage cans every day.

A suggestion. Each year a certain number of collections are foisted on us. Sometimes we complain, sometimes we don't. Some of the collections are worthwhile, some we're a little suspicious of. Sometimes they catch us shorthanded, sometimes they don't. Certainly we all should be giving part of our income to the poor. My suggestion is that we decide to set aside a certain percentage of our income each week. In one year it would certainly amount to something. Then there will always be a source from which to draw when a worthy cause comes along. Or we may decide on a certain cause and give our contribution half-yearly or yearly, and so on.

Choose your cause wisely. One of the first great public appeals I can remember as a young priest was the Darwin Disaster. It touched many hearts. But I was appalled to learn that ten years after, there was still money in the bank that had not been distributed. (Did you know that the greatest single donor to that appeal was Pope St Paul VI?). And I was dismayed to read in the Herald a week ago that two agencies for Drought Relief are being investigated. One fund used one-third of donations for wages for personnel, and one-third of that was for the Executive Officer. You might remember that I encouraged you to support the St Vincent de Paul appeal because they are present in almost every town in New South Wales, and are aware of the situation first-hand.

There are certainly plenty of worthy causes — St Vincent de Paul helping needy cases in our own suburb; the missions of Mother Teresa; Catholic Mission, a Pontifical Society, overseen by the Pope; Caritas, the Catholic Church's own relief agency, present in most countries.

Our contribution may not be earth-shattering, but our religion demands it. After all, the widow's mite only added up to less than one penny, but it did not escape Our Lord's notice.

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