

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	8 July	Adoration:	4.30pm-5.30pm
		Mass:	5.30pm

Tuesday	9 July	Mass:	7am

Wednesday	10 July	No Mass	

Thursday	11 July	St Benedict	
		Adoration:	4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available)
		Mass:	5.30pm

Friday	12 July	Mass:	9.30am

Saturday	13 July	Mass:	7.30am
		Reconciliation:	5pm-5.30pm
		Vigil Mass:	6pm

Sunday	14 July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		Masses: 7am, 9am (No Polish Mass)	

* Fr Jerzy is away until 18 July 2019 *

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C — 7 JULY 2019

READINGS: Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12,17-20

The FIRST READING is part of a poem written after the Jews had returned from exile in Babylon. Jerusalem is likened to a mother who lovingly nurses her children. The blessings God will bestow on His people are a foreshadowing of the coming of Christ.

All the Gospels record Jesus sending out the 12 Apostles. Only Luke records the sending out a further 72 disciples – explained by the size of the harvest, and the fact that time is short and that Jesus cannot do it all by Himself (gospel). By our baptism and the anointing at Confirmation, you and I have also been sent into the world as disciples.



NOTICE FOR THE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Enrolment for the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist will take place at all the Masses on:
20-21 July — Saturday 6pm/Sunday 7am & 9am
27-28 July — Saturday 6pm/Sunday 7am & 9am

*Sacramental
Preparation*



Lessons will commence on
Mon 12 Aug 2019

For further information,
please contact Sr Joan
phone 4272 9980
or email
joan.goodwin@sosj.org.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Gerard MOWBRAY

Nelson MEEZS
(Groundsman at St Pius X)

Anniversaries

Andre VAN DER LINDEN

Jason MOU

Jacob SMITH

Hans LAMBERT



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

July	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 13 July	Church Cleaning	P & A Browne, W & S Brown	
	Lawns		
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 13 July 6pm Mass	G Attard	A Kelly	C Dean
Sun 14 July 7am Mass	M Walsh	S Walsh	Walsh Family
Sun 14 July 9am Mass	R Klaus, C Carolan	C Walsh	S Michielin, V Cleary
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		

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)

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

National Theme for Discernment #4 – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Humble, Healing and Merciful?

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia.

Find out more at
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



Plenary Council 2020

'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV 2:7

Gospel Reflection

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred,
let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek to be consoled, as to console;

to be understood, as to understand;

to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St Francis of Assisi



PARISH NOVENA

Hello Parish Prayers,

The penultimate rosary novena for a parish priest
for our parish begins Monday 8 July 2019.

Only one more novena to go after
this one, so keep up the praying;
our Lord is sure to bless our effort
and persistent asking.

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





“The love of Jesus is too strong for me not to cling to.”

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1873)

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 7 JULY 2019 –

This week on the Journey, Fr Mike Delaney breaks open our Sunday Gospel from St Luke. We are so lucky to have some amazing contributors to the Journey Catholic Radio Programme with some names and voices that you have come to love over the years. This week we hear from the regulars on the show plus Trish McCarthy and Sam Clear, as well as all of the great music you are used to.

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SCARF HIGH TEA SUNDAY

Sunday 21 July 2019 — 3pm
Thirroul Railway Institute Hall
14 Railway Parade Thirroul

SCARF [Strategic Community Assistance to Refugee Families] helps refugee entrants to build a sense of belonging and navigate the practical and personal challenges of starting a new life in Australia. People from refugee backgrounds have often experienced trauma, significant upheaval, loss and months or years of uncertainty before arrival in Australia. Once settled in a host country, refugee entrants are finally safe. But settlement isn't an immediate 'happily ever after.' By creating connections and generating opportunities, SCARF helps individuals and families to establish a sense of belonging, experience social and economic inclusion and access the tools for self-empowerment and independence. Please come along or support this initiative. Tickets \$30. 0405 027 250.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Vinnies Unanderra Conference is holding its annual Winter Appeal bucket collection after each Mass this weekend, **6—7 July 2019**.



Envelopes will also be available for those requiring a receipt and/or credit card payment. All money raised is used by the Unanderra Conference to support local families in need.

The Unanderra Conference receives on average more than ten requests for food, rent assistance or help with electricity every week. When you give to Vinnies, you're helping our volunteers rebuild lives this winter.

PARISH FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, VARROVILLE

Sunday 14 July 2019

The activities include a Novena of Masses commencing on Friday 5 July at 7.30am.

Feast Day Mass at 10am
with Bishop Brian Mascord,
followed by a procession
carrying Our Lady's statue.

Then a multicultural fiesta
including food stalls,
children's activities and
an outdoor concert.

All are most welcome to join us.



MGR GRAHAM'S GOLDEN JUBILEE / RETIREMENT

FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2019

6pm – Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

7.30pm – Reception at Wests Illawarra Leagues Club

\$45 per head (plus drinks to order)

– Adults only to attend the Reception, please –

TICKET SALES: Please see Sue Briscoe at the Parish Office to purchase tickets (cash only please) — **Thursdays/Fridays ONLY, 9am-3pm (Final numbers/payment need to be submitted to the club by 31 July).**

For any enquiries regarding the celebrations, please contact one of the members of the Golden Jubilee Organising Committee: Barbara Farraway, Gloria Simmonite, Fiona Fernandez, Alan Davis or Sue Briscoe; or call Sue Briscoe, Parish Secretary, on 4271 1068 on Thursdays/Fridays only, 9am-3pm.

PASTORAL LETTER OF THE AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

We share a common human nature regardless of our ethnic background. We share fundamental needs. This includes the desire to belong, to be happy, to find fulfilment, to be safe, to be appreciated.

Suicide is often the last straw in a build up of unhappiness and pain. There is often a desire for the pain to go and often not focusing on the permanent consequences of taking one's life.

Our Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have suffered dispossession, displacement, violence of various types and much more. So often others have determined for them what they considered to be the best for them. The challenges facing communities are multifold.

The whole of Australian society is going through massive change. The present rate of change is possibly unprecedented in human history ever. It is effecting all of us in many ways. Many think that you cannot be sure of anything anymore. This has many implications in our search for meaning in life and values.

This massive rate of change is also of course effecting our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters. When this is combined with the practical challenges that they face, the effect can be very far reaching.

As spiritual beings we need spiritual nourishment. When we are not nourished spiritually we can become spiritually sick. Australian society as a whole is challenged of how to nourish ourselves spiritually.

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people recognize that this challenge also applies to them, all be it often in somewhat different ways.

As Catholics we know that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. Our Christian faith gives us energy and good reasons for living.

There is such a vast history of deep spirituality in our First Nations People in Australia.

Pope John Paul II in his famous message which he gave in the Australian heartland when he addressed the Aboriginal peoples, stated that the Catholic Church will be lacking in its full expression if it does not embrace the spirituality of our Aboriginal people.

The embracing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander spirituality within the wider Catholic spirituality is deeply enriching.

We need to walk alongside our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as they reach for ways of deepening their spiritual life. All can benefit with such walking together.

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a deep faith. We can all learn from them. Like all of us they are often challenged as to how to pass on their traditions to the younger generations. Many are deeply concerned about the challenges which their young people face.

The tragedy of the large number of suicides among our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, especially the young, calls us to action! This is a sad and unacceptable reality.

There are many groups working with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. These include various layers of government, community and Church organisations, and others. We need to avoid the trap of trying to 'resolve' issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people! We must safeguard the principle of self-determination.

We can walk alongside in loving support but avoid any temptation to come in with quick solutions imposed from outside.

A few basic principles can be helpful so as to move forward in the improvement of support to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including the support so as to eradicate suicide.

1. All the various organisations supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people need to work together so as to maximize positive results. All need consistent reviews about effectivity.
2. The principle of self-determination must be truly respected.
3. The common good must be at the heart of all endeavours, i.e. the good of the individual, the good of a group and the good of all groups.
4. All must be motivated by respect and without self-interest.
5. Prevention as well as 'cure' are both necessary.

Young people often feel alienated and young people in cross cultures can often feel more alienated. Respect must be present at all levels, including respect for young people by those who are older. Respect is always 'two way'.

For Christians, Jesus came to bring life to the fullest. He is calling us to work together with love and respect, and to never give up trying to find the best way forward away from this tragic and unnecessary ending of life. While there has been many disproportionate numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people taking their lives, no society is immune from this sad reality. We all need to remember that Jesus who laughs and cries with us is 'The Way, the Truth and THE LIFE'.

