



AS A PARISH WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR :

RECENTLY DECEASED *Grace Enyioko, Margaret Keane, Frank Fondacaro, Boyd Cummins, Lillias Wilson, Sr Marie de Porres Goode RSJ, Barbara Simpson, Marie O'Dwyer, Marie Tinning, Veronica Wilkinson, Zita Denholm, John Watson, Erskine Bray, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Eileen Sellwood and Tony Crimmins.*

ANNIVERSARIES For those whose anniversaries occur about this time - *Jack & Alice Mason, Julia G Capistrano, Michael McGinn, Jack McGinn, McGinn & Mullins family members, Andrew & Judy Dempsey and Marj McDermott. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the Perpetual Light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OR IN NEED *Names will normally only be published in the bulletin with an individual or family member's permission: Donna Harper, Grace Fellows, Molly Quinlivan, John Humphreys, Theresa Neill, Joan Corbet, Kate Dunn, Bernadette Church, Barry Malone, Fr Peter Thompson, Cassie Thompson, Patrick Barron, Patrick Clark, Cyril Wild, Margaret Corbett, Paul Wilson, Annie Taylor, Cyndal Clarke, Jan Michele, Joan Rodd, Ray Byrnes, Jim Lyons, Fr Reece Beltrame, Gracie Goodyer, Barry Heard, Keith Pattison, Helen Byron, Nicole Shaw, Sr Marie McAlister, Genevieve Power, Harper O'Rourke, Lee Dority, Margaret & Raymond Barron, Abby Chamberlain, Lester Crouch, Margie O'Donnell, Maureen Zarb, Michael Lipscombe, Nicola Harling, Jan Lawler, Elizabeth & Eddie Morales, David Vassalo, Alex MacDonald, Dan Romer, Allan Cross, Thea Phillips, Leila Hale, Emily Patterson, Isaac Cather, Brad Fewson, Jake Precians, Bobby Weeden, Kaitlyn Kerr, Kay Ryan, Scott Lyons, Myree Cabarles, Garry McGrath, Val Dolan, Marilyn Winters, Alan Stott, Darryl Kennedy, Denise Goonan, as well as those in hospitals and nursing homes in Wagga and those not able to come to Mass.*

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA

provides pastoral and sacramental support to The Forrest Centre, Catholic Health Care - The Haven, RSL Life Care Remembrance Village, Community Aged Care, Henschke Catholic Primary School and provides catechism classes at Turvey Park, Red Hill & Uranquinty Public Schools.

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 4/5 MAY

SATURDAY: 5pm Mass
SUNDAY: 8.30am and 10.30am Mass

WEEKDAY 29 APRIL - 3 MAY

MON: 6pm Mass
TUES: 6pm Mass
WED: 10am Mass
THUR: 11am Forrest Centre Mass
FRI: 6pm Mass

RECONCILIATION

10.30am - 11.30am Saturdays

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA STH WAGGA AND ST PATRICK'S URANQUINTY

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 28 APRIL 2024



Welcome to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish for our Sunday Eucharist.

An ancient hymn describes the Eucharist in this way: *O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.* In the Mass, Jesus unites us with the whole Church on earth and in heaven in giving perfect praise to the Father and bringing God's grace into the world. May the Holy Spirit help us pray the Mass well and draw many more people to this greatest prayer.



Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section Jesus' farewell discourse or Jesus' "Priestly Prayer". In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the Gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper dis-

course concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples. Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the

Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began. Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus, the living Word of God, through the Scriptures. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name. We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his Name.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6th Sunday of Easter

First: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Second: 1 Jn 4:7-10

Gospel: Jn 15:9-17

Safeguarding for our parish and diocese



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia, alleluia!

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU



Many times we trust a doctor: it is good, because the doctor is there to cure us; we trust in a person: brothers and sisters can help us. It is good to have this human trust among ourselves.

But we forget about trust in the Lord: this is the key to success in life. Trust in the Lord, let us trust in the Lord! "Lord, look at my life: I'm in the dark, I have this struggle, I have this sin..."; everything we have: "Look at this: I trust in you!" And this is a risk we must take: to trust in him, and he never disappoints.

Reflection: *When Jesus appeared to St Faustina, he gave her a simple phrase to respond to Jesus' mercy. The phrase is: "Jesus, I trust in you." Think of all your current struggles and challenges, then, repeat: "Jesus, I trust in you! Jesus, I trust in you! Jesus, I trust in you!"*

**PRESENTATION SISTERS
WAGGA WAGGA SESQUICENTENARY**

You are invited to join in celebrating 150 years of the Presentation Sisters in Wagga Wagga.

Saturday June 1: 1 - 5pm Open Afternoon for all

Formalities, prayer ritual and blessing of commemorative plaque to be placed in chapel. Visits to Mt Erin Chapel, Heritage Centre and Erin Earth Gardens. Afternoon tea in the boarding school dining room and old convent dining room.

For catering arrangements, would you please register your name and number of guests no later than Friday 10th May to sesquicentenary1874@gmail.com

Saturday Fatima Devotions and Benediction



Every Saturday evening at 6.15pm after the Vigil Mass.
All welcome.

The Parish would like to acknowledge any significant special events occurring in your family life. Please let us know and we will include them in the newsletter.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is fitted with an audio loop. It is accessible in all seating areas by using the T-switch on your hearing aid.



Contributing to the Church

If you would like to contribute to the Church, you may do so by any of the following ways:

- Direct deposit into our bank account. Please contact the parish office during office hours if you would like any assistance with this.

PLANNED GIVING WHICH COVERS OUR PARISH MAINTENANCE & MISSION: (Church A/c collection)
Account name: South Wagga Parish
BSB: 066 789 Account no: 100004152
Ref: Your name

SUPPORTS OUR PRIEST & THE PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE: (Presbytery A/c collection)
Account name: South Wagga Presbytery
BSB: 066 789 Acc. no: 100004151

- Tap & Go donation of \$10. There are two donation points in the Church.
- Cash donations which can be placed on the collection plates or in the tubs near the front doors.

New Church for Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Account name: Fatima Church Fund
BSB: 066 789
Account No: 100005771
Ref: your name or donation

Your financial support is very much appreciated.

PARISH LIFE

SAT May 4: 9.30am Rosary for peace in families

SAT May 11: 9am Baptism Preparation

SAT/SUN May 11/12: Hospitality after Mass

Remember to check the bench and the notice board at the back of the church for current events and information.

Wagga Esencia Life Centre Fundraiser

Mother's Day Floral Arranging Workshop

Sat 11th May 2-4pm, please call Clare 0400877616 for more information and to book in.

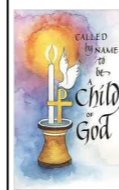
Bookings essential

The Presentation Associates meet 2pm Saturday 4th May at Nagle Terrace.

For more information please contact:

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All are very welcome

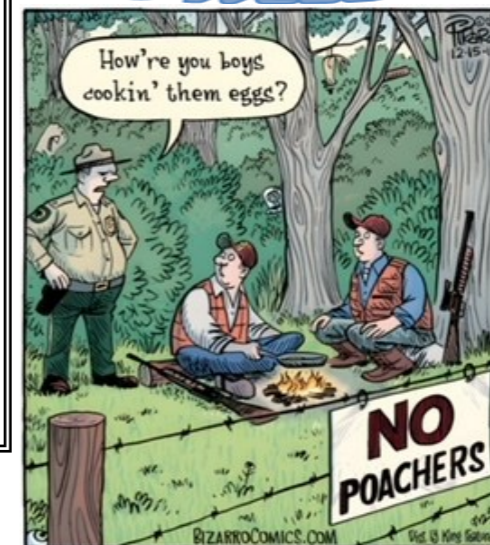
The next baptism preparation session will be held at 9am Saturday, 11 May in the church.



Families seeking to have their children baptised must attend a session beforehand.

Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking.

Smile



Anointing Mass

The anointing Mass will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month Feb - Nov in the Henschke Hall at 10.30am.

The next anointing Mass will be on Tuesday May 28 in the hall.

Adoration

We are seeking someone to take the **3pm to 4pm hour on Tuesdays** where we have no-one currently attending. Please contact John Evans 0410026796 if you would like to spend an hour with Our Lord.

ROSTER 4/5 MAY 2024

	LECTOR	COMMENTATOR	HOLY COMMUNION ASSISTANCE
5pm	E Harrison	S Harvey	Sr C Byrne
8.30am	J Madden	C Haining	Hung kee Laug Tu
10.30am	G Robertson	V Harling	Help needed