



AS A PARISH WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR :

RECENTLY DECEASED *Barbara Simpson, Marie O'Dwyer, Marie Tinning, Veronica Wilkinson, Zita Denholm, John Watson, Erskine Bray, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Eileen Sellwood, Tony Crimmins, Garry Crouch, Patricia Doran, Joseph Painting, Marie Mullins and Denis Wiggins.*

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 20/21 APRIL

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

WEEKDAY 15 - 19 APRIL

MON: 6pm Mass
TUES: 11am nan Roberts 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

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THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA STH WAGGA AND ST PATRICK'S URANQUINTY THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, 14 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.



On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel. Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace

is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses. Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to

joy and amazement. As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper. Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

We welcome Bishop Mark Edwards OMI to all Masses at Our Lady of Fatima this weekend.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

4th Sunday of Easter

First: Acts 4:8-12
Second: 1 Jn 3:1-2
Gospel: Jn 10:11-18

Safeguarding for our parish and diocese



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: Lord, let your face shine on us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

DO WE WELCOME SINNERS?



The Lord wants us to belong to a Church that knows how to open her arms and welcome everyone, that is not a house for the few, but a house for everyone, where all can be renewed, transformed, sanctified by his love, the strongest and the weakest, sinners, the indifferent, those who feel discouraged or lost....

Are we a Church that calls and welcomes sinners with open arms, that gives courage and hope, or are we a Church closed in on herself? Are we a Church where the love of God dwells, where one cares for the other, where one prays for the others?

Reflection: Consider the questions Pope Francis asks of us. Make a practical resolution to answer the call to be a more welcoming and merciful Church.

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima



O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. *Amen.*

The latest edition of **Catholic Weekly** is now available at the back of the church.

Hospitality After Mass

There will be hospitality after all Masses this weekend.
We are looking for helpers and donations of food, especially after the 10.30am Mass.
Please help if you can.

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.

Calling for all Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to be returned ASAP. Thank you for your generosity and support of this important fundraising initiative.



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/SUN April 13/14: Hospitality after Mass
SAT/SUN April 20/21: Special collection for Vianney College (Vocation/Good Shepherd Sunday)
TUES April 23: 10.30am Anointing Mass in the Hall

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

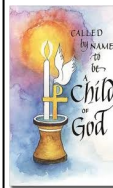
Envelopes for Mass Intentions are at the back of the Church. We also have special envelopes for visitors who wish to donate to Our Lady of Fatima.



The Anointing Mass will be held in the Henschke Hall on Tuesday 23rd April at 10.30am.
All welcome.

Come along to the 10am Mass on Wednesdays. There is a cuppa afterwards when Mass is held in the Church.

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

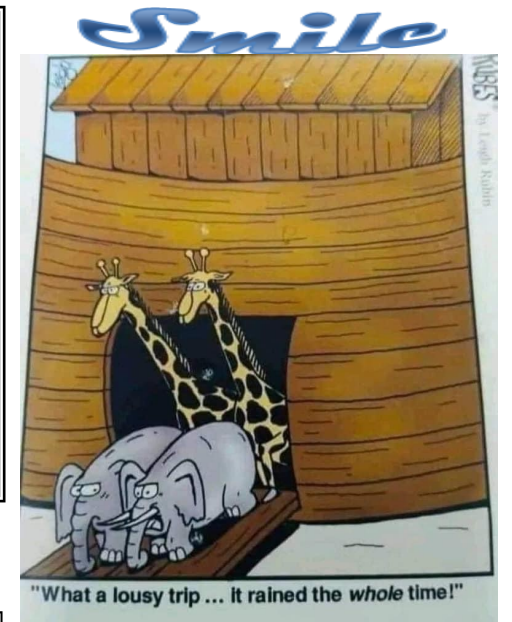


Families seeking to have their children baptised must attend a session beforehand.

Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking.

ROSTER 20/21 APRIL 2024

	LECTOR	COMMENTATOR	HOLY COMMUNION ASSISTANCE
5pm	P Horan	K Thomas	Br Joseph
8.30am	D Goonan	A Dennis	M Esler
10.30am	C Chalker	M Emery	Help needed



Adoration, The 12-1hour on Fridays, has been filled, but there are vacancies still available for other hours please contact John Evans 0410026796 if you would like to spend an hour with Our Lord.



Saturday Fatima Devotions and Benediction

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

MEN SING

A concert featuring the Wagga City Rugby Male Choir and the Arcadians Lamplighters Choir will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Koorngal on **Saturday 20th April at 1.00pm**. Tickets are available at the Civic Theatre for \$30 (\$25 Concession).
All welcome.