



AS A PARISH WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR :

RECENTLY DECEASED *Helen Campbell, Margaret Robertson, Peter Allen, Shirley Blomfield, Jack Munday, Fr Bert Fulbrook, Barbara Pitt, Greg Grounds, Marie Byrne-Malone, Ruth Glover, Darby O'Dwyer, Shirley McRae, Jim Carroll, Gerard Sullivan, Joan McLaurin, June Halley, Eola De Bortoli, Ron Cairns, Joan O'Mahoney, Ray Rootes, Joan Colvin, Margaret Higgins, Mary Lonsdale, Sr Eymard McNamara LCM & Marie Joyce.*

ANNIVERSARIES For those whose anniversaries occur about this time - *Max Sykes, Ron Ducie, Francis Chiriyankandath, Debbie Dempsey, Nell Horrocks, McGinn & Mullins families, Michael McGinn, deceased members of the Forrest, Hyland & Sullivan families, Lindsay Byron, Brian Shaw, Benjamin Thompson, Doris & Frederick Helyar, Monica, Percy, Richard & Geoffrey Hale, Katherine & Bill O'Neill, Bill Graham & John Carmichael.* **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: Kate Dengate, Brian Tingle, Vince Murphy, George Sykes, Fr Wif Plunkett, Fr Mick Burgess, Judy Dempsey, Tim Moloney, Mick Fanning, Lynne Greentree, Pat Connors, Alan Stott, Noelene Bartlett, Robert Dodwell, Mick Mullins, Don, Thea & Shane Phillips, Danny McIntyre, Poss Hamilton, Darryl Kennedy, Mary Lamb, Denise Goonan, Kim Meredith, Lola Goddard, Yvonne Colhurn, Jim & Helen Tregaea, Christopher Collins, Minnie Maggs, Victoria Tamis, Shonagh Van Schotem, Alison Graham, Sue McAlpin, Parker Johnson, Tim Thorpe, Paddy Barnes, Marlene Ballard, Carmel (Dore) Alchin, Allison Byrne, Jim & Bernadette Hargrave, John Connell, Pat Hassall, Liz Pertz, Joan Higham, Jaye Roberts, Christine Smith, Denis Bishop, Barbara Booth, Myree Cabarles, Irene Schonenberg, Alice Carroll, Yuri Dobinson, Graham McMullen, Jim Crofton, Marisha Petzel, Jane Larson, Anthony Moore, Michaela Phillips, Cindy Soward, Chris Johnson, Natalie Quinlivan, 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, The Haven, RSL Life Care Remembrance Village, Kildare Catholic College, Henschke Primary School and provides catechism classes at Turvey Park, Red Hill & Uranquinty Public Schools.

Fr Paddy will be sending out a Pastoral Letter regarding the latest changes to Our Lady of Fatima Church services.

RECONCILIATION

Will resume at the usual time
10.30am - 11.30am Saturday

BAPTISMS

Sundays with a maximum of 10 people

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA STH WAGGA AND ST PATRICK'S URANQUINTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 17 MAY 2020



The Catholic community of Our Lady of Fatima, in line with government regulations, will not be celebrating public Masses until further notice.

*Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish acknowledge the Wiradjuri people, the traditional custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.
May we too be good stewards of this land.*



Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus. Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to de-

scribe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defence for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father. In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20). Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

The Ascension of the Lord
First: Acts 1:1-11
Second: Eph 1:17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

THOUGHT

All problems are stuck between 'Mind' and 'Matter'. If your don't 'Mind', it doesn't 'Matter'.

We need to finalise 2020 Project

Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box/envelopes, could you please return them to the Parish office as soon as possible.



We Are Completely in God's Hands



Jesus predicts that his disciples will have to suffer painful trials and persecution for his sake. He reassures them, however, saying: "Not a hair of your head will perish" (Lk 21:18). This reminds us that we are completely in God's hands! The trials we encounter for our faith and our commitment to the Gospel are occasions to give witness; we must not distance ourselves from the Lord, but instead abandon ourselves even more to him, to the power of his Spirit and his grace.

Reflection: *What trials and persecutions are you facing right now? Ask the Lord to draw near to you in your suffering. Ask him to help you remember his suffering and his mercy in these times.*

DO YOU WANT YOUR PALMS?

The blessed palms from Palm Sunday will be available in a basket at the front door of the presbytery to be collected at your convenience.

CAN YOU HELP?

We have a number of children's bicycles requiring minor repairs before we give them to refugee families. Please call the parish office if you are able to help.

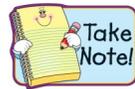


Parish Office Hours Have Returned to Normal

The Parish office is open from 9am - 1pm
Tuesday to Friday.
Please call during these times.

Prayer

God of the ordinary people,
we long to hear your voice.
May we welcome your voice in the health professionals, political leaders and community agencies.
May we welcome your voice in the homeless, jobless and fearful.
May we welcome your voice in our families, our schools, our friendships. We do not always welcome the voices of prophets because they make us uncomfortable with the way things are and the way things could be. This is our God, whose people we are. Amen.



Don't forget to have your Flu Shot!

Please be aware that you will not be allowed to enter a hospital or a nursing home if you haven't had your flu shot.

The Catholic Weekly on-line

The Catholic Weekly is available for free via The Catholic Weekly website at this link:
<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/>

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES

Cath News - <https://cathnews.com>

Diocese of Wollongong Resources - www.dow.org.au

Liturgy Brisbane website at <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/>

Daily Prayer - <https://www.pray.com.au>

Mass for you at home - channel 10 Sunday morning 6am (free to air TV)

PARISH LIFE

To access Masses said by Fr Paddy please like our new Facebook page *OLOF South Wagga*. If you are having difficulties finding our Facebook page, please contact the parish office. Please share this page with your family and friends.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

We understand that these are difficult financial times for everyone. As Sunday Masses have been cancelled, the Parish has suffered a major loss of cash-flow. Parishes, like all businesses, will need to pay their bills and priests need to be supported. I encourage you, if possible, to continue supporting your priests & our Parish. Thank you to those parishioners who have made donations during this difficult time.

You may like to make a direct debit online using the information below. **Thank you!**

FIRST COLLECTION: *(for the support of priests)*
Account name: South Wagga Presbytery
BSB: 066 789 Acc. no: 100004151

SECOND COLLECTION *(Planned Giving which covers the Parish expenses.)*
Name of account: South Wagga Parish Account.
BSB 066 789 Account no: 100004152
Ref: Your name

Sacraments to home-bound

Please notify priests when a member of your family or a parishioner is in hospital or in need of the sacraments, especially the Anointing of the Sick or Communion in hospital.

I saw a man going up a hill with a trolley full of horseshoes, four leaf clovers and rabbits feet....
I thought, "Well he's pushing his luck!"

Smile

An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman walk into a bar....
Those were the days!

My mate just asked me, "If you were stuck on a desert island, and you could have three records, what would they be?"
I said, "The long distance swimming one would be handy!"

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone who is?

If you would like to learn more about our faith and ask questions, please see Fr Paddy or ring the Parish Office.

The Catholic Bishops have a website available to assist with resources for prayer at home.

Visit: catholic.org.au/prayathome

If you know of anyone who would like to receive the newsletter, please send us their email address.

Also, please let us know if there are elderly, or shut-in parishioners, who may need a friendly call from their Parish Priest.

COVIDSafe APP.

The Prime Minister has promised that we will be able to return to having Masses, marriages, and funerals if enough Australians download the COVIDSafe App. Please encourage all members of your family to download the app.

