



AS A PARISH WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR :

RECENTLY DECEASED Albino Da Roit, Trish McInerney, Bob Quigley, Alana McCrea, Pauline Cleary, Sara Roche, Katrina Arundell, Doris Gow, Angelo Calvi, Ron Helyar, Tom Lawlor, Patricia Willis, Tony Grace, Leslie Cooper, Joyce Fairall, Neil Munro and Mary Turner.

ANNIVERSARIES For those whose anniversaries occur about this time - Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, Sr Pauline Galvin RSM, Sr Augustine Ryan RSM, Gezina Kolder. *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: Molly Quinlivan, John Humphreys, Theresa Neill, Joan Corbet, Kate Dunn, Bernadette Church, Barry Malone, Fr Peter Thompson, Nick Tinning, Cassie Thompson, Patrick Barron, Patrick Clark, Cyril Wild, Margaret Corbett, Paul Wilson, Annie Taylor, Craig Buntin, Cyndal Clarke, Jan Michele, Joan Rodd, Ray Byrnes, Jim Lyons, Fr Reece Beltrame, Gracie Goodyer, Barry Heard, Marie Tinning, 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, Brian Baker, Alex MacDonald, Dan Romer, Allan Cross, Garry Crouch, 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, Anne-Maree Bramich, Joan Burgun, 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 3/4 FEB
SATURDAY: 5.00pm Mass
6.15pm Devotion to Our Lady & Benediction
SUNDAY: 8.30am and 10.30am Mass

WEEKDAY 29 JAN - 2 FEB
MON: 6pm Mass
WED: 10am Mass
6pm Mass (Syro-Malabar)
THUR: 11am Forrest Centre Mass
6pm Mass (Syro-Malabar)
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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 28 JANUARY 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 Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem. After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing

happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil. In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. And yet possession by evil spirits also happens, then and now. When Jesus ordered the legion of demons to enter the pigs, they charged into the lake and were drowned. This was not merely a physical illness. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-

century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



We welcome Cooper and Darci Brearley, children of Anthony & Carly-Maree who will be baptised this weekend. Many blessings for your family.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

5th Sunday on Ordinary Time
First: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Second: 1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mk 1:29-39

THOUGHT

*Listen and Silent
are both spelt
with the same
letters.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death **Alleluia!**

The Greatest Treasure of All



What gives us true freedom, true salvation, and true happiness is the compassion, tenderness, and solidarity of his love. Christ's poverty, which enriches us, is his taking flesh and bearing our weaknesses and sins as an expression of God's infinite mercy to us.

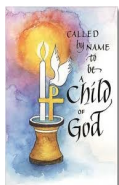
Christ's poverty is the greatest treasure of all: Jesus' wealth is that of his boundless confidence in God the Father, his constant trust, his desire always and only to do the Father's will and give glory to him.

Reflection: *Our real riches are found in our trust in God. Take some time to evaluate where your level of trust is with him. Fully entrust yourself to him once more, or even for the first time.*

If you are interested in an App for Bible & Catechism, you might find this one useful.



The next baptism preparation session will be held at 9am Saturday, 10 February in the church.



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

Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking.



Saturday Fatima Devotions and Benediction

Every Saturday evening at 6.15pm after the Vigil Mass.

All welcome.

Some pews do not have kneelers. You are not expected to kneel if you are sitting in a pew without a kneeler. You may remain seated when others may be kneeling.

Hospitality will now be held on the second weekend of each month. For 2024, our first weekend for cuppas after Mass will be on the 10th/11th February.



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.

Your financial support is very much appreciated.

PARISH LIFE

Sat Feb 3: 9.30am Rosary for peace in families

Sat Feb 10: 9am Baptism Preparation in the Church (contact office to make a booking)

Sat Feb 10/11: Hospitality after Masses

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

HOME VISITING

Our Parish offers home visits, hospital visits and care facility visits. If you would like a visit, please let Fr Thomas know and someone will contact you. Spread the word.

New Church for Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Most people would be aware that we are in the initial stages of planning to build a new church. Any donations would be gratefully accepted into the following account:

Account name: Fatima Church Fund

BSB: 066 789

Account No: 100005771

Ref: your name or donation

Your financial support is very much appreciated.

Smile

This is your pilot speaking. I'm working from home today



Returning Blessed Palms

Now is the time to collect all your old palms from your home or car and bring them to our church. You can put them on the collection plate. They will be burned to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday.

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.

Car Park Construction

Please be aware that access to the Presbytery and Parish Office may be difficult while construction of the new school car park takes place. We apologise for any inconvenience.

ROSTER 3/4 February 2024

	LECTOR	COMMENTATOR	HOLY COMMUNION ASSISTANCE
5pm	P Cattell	K Thomas	Help Needed
8.30am	A Dennis	K Grimson	J Dennis
10.30am	Help Needed	B Malone	L Quinlivan