



**AS A PARISH WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR :**

**RECENTLY DECEASED** *Cecily Crawford, Leo Langtry, Steven Baulch, John Moore, Yvonne Neice, Shane Phillips, Tom Hughes, Sr Kathleen Cudmore, Sr Pauline Pervan LCM, Joyce Barker, Beverley Crouch, Richard Glover, Brian Stormonth, Joan Pratt, Bob Parker, Dennis Hitchens, Sr Jacinta Dolan RSM, Col Nicholls, Fr Doug Rheinberger, Jack Grant, Peter Cluff, Bill Matthews, Betty Seaman, John Stout & Pat Hassall.*

**ANNIVERSARIES** For those whose anniversaries occur about this time - *Laurie Hyland, Forrest families, John McInnes, Robert (Bob) Larkins, Mary & Terence Ryan, Therese Heffernan, Lena Saboisky, deceased members of the O'Connor & Saboisky families, Ros Wild, Pat & Paul Sydenham, deceased members of the Reberger family, Peter Weidemann & Bill Collins. 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: Margaret Matthews, Bette Fitzpatrick, Pauline Cleary, Phil McCarron, Margaret Matthews, Mervyn Bootes, Bernie Conway, Colin Weise, Anne-Maree Bramich, Joan Burgun, Marie Jones, Brian Tingle, Vince Murphy, Judy Dempsey, Pat Connors, Alan Stott, Noelene Bartlett, Robert Dodwell, Mick Mullins, Danny McIntyre, Poss Hamilton, Darryl Kennedy, Mary Lamb, Denise Goonan, Kim Meredith, Lola Goddard, Yvonne Colhurn, Jim & Helen Tregoea, Christopher Collins, Minnie Maggs, Victoria Tamis, Shonagh Van Schotem, Alison Graham, Sue McAlpin, Paddy Barnes, Marlene Ballard, Carmel (Dore) Alchin, Allison Byrne, Jim & Bernadette Hargrave, John Connell, Liz Pertzelt, Joan Higham, Jaye Roberts, Christine Smith, Denis Bishop, Barbara Booth, Irene Schonenberg, Alice Carroll, Yuri Dobinson, Graham McMullen, Jim Crofton, Marisha Petzel, Jane Larson, Anthony Moore, Michaela Phillips, 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.

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 8/9 AUGUST**

**SATURDAY:** 5.00pm Mass  
6.30pm First Eucharist Mass  
**SUNDAY:** 8.30am and 10.30am Masses  
8.30am Uranquinty Mass  
3pm First Eucharist Mass  
5.30 Syro-Malabar Mass only

**WEEKDAY 3 - 7 AUGUST**

**TUES:** 8am Kildare Mass  
10am Mass OLOF  
**WEDNESDAY:** 10am Mass OLOF, cuppa afterwards  
**THUR:** 11am Forrest Centre Mass  
5.30pm Syro-Malabar Mass  
**FRIDAY:** 5.45pm Mass

**RECONCILIATION**

10.30am - 11.30am Saturday

**BAPTISMS**

Sundays with a maximum of 90 people  
Please contact the Parish Office to arrange your child's baptism.

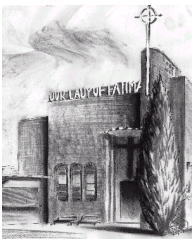
**MARRIAGE**

Please contact the Parish Office

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

**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 2 AUGUST 2020**

The Catholic community of Our Lady of Fatima, in line with government regulations, can now celebrate Mass with a limit of 90 people.



*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 we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point. Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the

disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagreness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children. Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meagre provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the

mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven. We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

The next baptism preparation session will be held at 9am Saturday 8 August in the Church. **Families seeking to have their children baptised must attend a session beforehand.**



Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**First Eucharist weekend: 8/9 August 2020**



**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
First: 1 King 19:9, 11-13  
Second: Rom 9:1-5  
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

**THOUGHT**

*God has no phone but I still talk to him. He has no Facebook but he is still my friend. He doesn't have twitter but I still follow him.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**RESPONSE:** The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Alleluia!**

## Ultimate Thanksgiving



Jesus' gesture at the Last Supper is the ultimate thanksgiving to the Father for his love, for his mercy. "Thanksgiving," in Greek, is expressed as "eucharist." And that is why the Sacrament is called the Eucharist: it is the supreme thanksgiving to the Father, who so loved us that he gave his only Son out of love. This is why the term Eucharist includes the whole of that act, which is the act of God and man together, the act of Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

**Reflection:** *In the Eucharist, we are able to encounter God's mercy in the flesh. Right now, thank God for this great gift. Ask him to open your heart wider to receive the Eucharist with a more grateful heart.*

## CONSIDER THE CROWS

written by Fr Justin Darlow is a general history of the last 100 years of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga.  
*Copies are \$25 each and are available after Mass.*

## COVID-19 UPDATE

In order to comply with the COVID-19 restrictions, parishioners are **not** allowed to sing any hymns during Mass. We can only have an organist and a cantor.



*Gluten free hosts are now available. Please let Fr Paddy know **prior** to Mass if you would like to receive one.*

## NEW PROTOCOLS FOR ATTENDING MASS

- ◆ The Bishops of Australia have dispensed with the obligation of Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays. You can satisfy the current requirements by attending weekday Mass, watching Mass for you at home, or saying the rosary.
- ◆ A welcomer will greet you on arrival to answer any questions you might have.
- ◆ Please record your details on the form at the front of the Church before **each** Mass.
- ◆ Hand sanitiser to be used when entering the Church after signing in.
- ◆ **Please sit at the end of the pews, or in the middle.**
- ◆ Social distancing to be practised within the Church and also when lining up to receive Holy Communion.
- ◆ There will be **no** singing of hymns during Mass.
- ◆ Holy Communion will only be received in the hand, **not** on the tongue. The Precious Blood will **not** be offered.
- ◆ **PARISHIONERS WHO ARE NOT FEELING WELL ARE ASKED NOT TO COME TO MASS.**
- ◆ Collection plates will not be passed around the Church. Collection buckets will be available at the front of the Church.

It is wonderful to be able to celebrate week-end Masses again. We can have 90 people in the Church and have had an average of 50 for each Mass last weekend. There is still room for more.



*Tap and Go* is available at Our Lady of Fatima Church. There are two donation points if you would like to make a \$10 contribution to support the Parish.

## First Eucharist

*Reconciliation for First Eucharist candidates will be at 9am - 4th, 5th & 6th August in the Church. Please continue to pray for the children.*



## PARISH LIFE

*We have decided to continue to post our Sunday Masses on-line until further notice. An average of 440 people have viewed our on-line Masses each week. The Mass is available through Facebook - OLOF South Wagga and [www.olf.waggamatters.com](http://www.olf.waggamatters.com)*

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

**Saturday 15 August**  
*Mass will be held at 9am in Our Lady of Fatima Church*

## COLLECTIONS

*Thank you for supporting the Parish.* 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

## ROSTER FOR 8/9 AUGUST 2020

	LECTOR	COMMENTATOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ROSARY STATUE
5.00pm	Sr C Byrne	C Walker	Not required	Not during the
8.30am	B Esler	A Dennis	at present	COVID-19 times
10.30am	M Graham	C Ingram		

## FACEBOOK



Presently, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I go down the street and tell the passer-by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before and what I will do after. I give them pictures of my wife, daughter, my dog and me gardening and spending time in my pool. I also listen to their conversations and I tell them I love them. And it works! I already have 3 persons following me.....2 police and a psychiatrist.

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

## PLANNED GIVING

If you would like a receipt for your planned giving, please email or call the Parish Office.

## No Collections at Mass

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions we are not able to take up collections at Mass. If you would like to support our Parish financially please choose one of the following options:

1. Online by Direct Debit (please put your name as the reference).
2. Planned Giving envelopes.
3. Tap and Go.
4. Putting cash in the collection buckets.

*Please note that receipts will only be issued for options 1 and 2 for those who require them.*