



AS A PARISH WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR :

RECENTLY DECEASED Cindy Williams, Malcolm Campbell, Angela Matsos, Jim Molan, Renee Geyer, Bruce Tingle, Muffie Wilson, Des O'Connell, Lisa Marie Presley, Don Phillips, Jeff Beck, Cardinal George Pell, Catherine O'Dwyer, Fred Horsely, Janette Collins, Joan Sydney, Sue Gooden, Pat Adams, Don Phillips, Les Weston, Ray Supple, Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, Michael Buckley, Sr Pauline Galvin RSM, Sr Augustine Ryan RSM & Vivienne Westwood.

ANNIVERSARIES For those whose anniversaries occur about this time - Leonie Supple, Bernadette & Jim Hargrave, Justin O'Neill, Frankie & Reg O'Neill, Brian Mansell, Jack & Lucy Mansell, Doreen Taylor, Neville Levett, Brendan Levett, Kevin Barclay, Reg & Pat Turner and Pat Mason. **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: Paul Wilson, Cyril Wild, Margaret Corbett, Paul Wilson, Annie Taylor, Lawrence Blake, Margaret Adams, Craig Buntin, Cyndal Clarke, Greg Adams, Lorna Hann, Jan Michele, Joan Rodd, Ray Byrnes, Jim Lyons, Fr Reece Beltrame, Gracie Goodyer, Barry Heard, Maree Miller, Judith Mueller, Marie Tinning, Keith Pattison, Helen Byron, Nicole Shaw, Carolyn Shaw, Sr Marie McAlister, Genevieve Power, Harper O'Rourke, Lee Dority, Margaret & Raymond Barron, Tony Cantwell, Abby Chamberlain, Lester Crouch, Sam Jones, Margie O'Donnell, Maureen Zarb, Michael Lipscombe, Nicola Harling, Jan Lawler, Elizabeth & Eddie Morales, David Vassalo, Brian Baker, Eve Marzol, Donna Blythe, 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 11/12 FEB

SATURDAY: 5.00pm Mass

**SUNDAY: 8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass**

NO 8.30am Uranquinty Mass

WEEKDAY 6 - 10 FEB

WED: 10am Mass

THUR: 11am Mass - Forrest Centre

FRI: 5.30pm Mass

RECONCILIATION

10.30am - 11.30AM Saturdays

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office

MARRIAGE

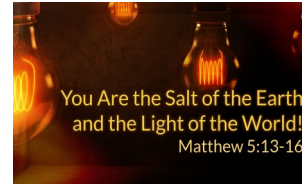
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THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA STH WAGGA AND ST PATRICK'S URANQUINTY

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 5 FEBRUARY 2023



With the whole Church, God's Family all over the world, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish welcomes you all here today, especially those who are searching; we are delighted to have you with us. It is God who is calling you and who wants to speak to your heart in this Mass. As one family we pray for each other and for all people, especially those in greatest need among our indigenous and migrant families, among the poor, and those who suffer in hidden ways. In our prayer and in the Church may we experience the presence of Jesus who said, "Behold I am with you always."



**You Are the Salt of the Earth
and the Light of the World!**
Matthew 5:13-16

widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Following upon the teaching of the [Beatitudes](#), Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavouring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's

Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual [Works of Mercy](#). When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

The Anointing Mass will be held in the Henschke Hall on Tuesday 28th February at 10.30am. All welcome.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First: Sir 15:15-20

Second: 1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel: Mt 5:17-37

THOUGHT

Apparently exercise helps with decision making. It's true. I went for a run this morning and decided I'm never going again.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: A light rises in the darkness for the upright

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. **Alleluia!**

THE LORD IS WITH US



Jesus remains present and active in the affairs of human history through the power and the gifts of his Spirit; his is beside each of us: Even if we do not see him with our eyes, he is there! He accompanies us, he guides us, he takes us by the hand, and he lifts us up when we fall down.

The risen Jesus is close to persecuted and discriminated Christians; he is close to every man and woman who suffers. He is close to us all... The Lord is with us! Do you believe this? Then let's say it together: the Lord is with us!

Reflection: *Do you lose sight of God in your sufferings, or do you draw near to him? This week try to pray in moments of distress. Reach out to him in small ways when you are challenged or feel weak. He is there to help you.*

Adoration

The regular adoration roster will resume again on **Monday 6th February at 8am** at St Michael's Cathedral chapel and on **Friday night 10th at 9 pm** at Holy Trinity Ashmont. New adorers are needed to fill some vacancies on the roster, please phone John Evans on 0410 026 796 for details.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

Those parishioners who currently receive gluten free hosts could you please speak to Fr Thomas directly so that he is aware of your needs. We have Catholic Church and Coeliac Association approved low gluten hosts (under 20 parts per million). For more information you may like to read this America Magazine article:

Please scan the QR code for the article.



The parish office will be **closed** this **Wednesday, February 8**, due to a planned power outage.

BISHOP MICHAEL KENNEDY

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Michael Kennedy, who has led the Diocese of Armidale in regional New South Wales since 2012, the new Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle.

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has been without a bishop since the death of Bishop Bill Wright in November 2021, with Fr Greg Barker serving as diocesan administrator in the intervening period.

Bishop Kennedy was born and raised in Wagga Wagga, NSW. After completing tertiary study, he taught at Albury's Xavier Catholic College for three years. He entered Vianney College, the Wagga Wagga diocesan seminary, in 1992 and carried out some of his academic studies in Rome. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga in 1999.

In 2011, he was appointed Bishop of Armidale, and was ordained bishop in February 2012.

The date for Bishop Kennedy's installation as Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle is not yet known. Fr Barker will remain diocesan administrator until that time.

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.

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.)

Account name: South Wagga Parish
BSB: 066 789 Account no: 100004152
Ref: Your name

- 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.

Please contact the parish office during office hours if you would like any further information about this. *Your financial support is very much appreciated.*

PARISH LIFE

WED Feb 8: Parish office closed due to power outage.

SAT Feb 11: 9am Baptism Preparation in the church.

SAT/SUN Feb 18/19: Hospitality after Mass

SUN Feb 19: 10.30am Bishop Mark Edwards attending OLOF for the installation of Fr Thomas Casanova as Parish Priest.

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

OLOF Mass is available through Facebook - OLOF South Wagga and www.olof.waggamatters.com

We wish Carol Harper all the best for her retirement as Catechist at Turvey Park Public School.

Thank you for all your help over the years.



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



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

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

ROSTER FOR 11/12 FEBRUARY 2023

	LECTOR	COMMENTATOR	HOLY COMMUNION ASSISTANCE
5pm	P Horan	S Garrod	S Mellen
8.30am	M Golden	M Weideman	Help needed
10.30am	M Petzel	N Hogan	M Wilson

Smile

A woman moved into a rather run down block of flats that had a row of detached lock-up garages. She decided to clean her garage with her boyfriend's help. By the end of the day they were covered in dust and cobwebs but the garage was clean.

The next day she found a note stuck to her garage door saying "Just wondering if you would mind not parking in front of my garage but I really appreciate you cleaning it."

St Joseph's Catholic Mens Group

Fr Gabriel Murray will be the guest speaker our next talk on Monday, February 20 at the Astor Inn, 104 Edward Street.

This month's topic: Holy Family

Join us for dinner from 6:30pm followed at 7:30 pm by a 30-45 minute talk.

The talk will be available via Zoom for those unable to make it in person.

Please email stjosephscatholicmensgroup@gmail.com and we will send out a zoom link prior to the event.

Monthly Family Rosary Gathering

19/02/2023 at St Michael's Cathedral, 10 Church Street, Wagga Wagga

10:00 am: Mass at The Cathedral **11:30 am:** Lunch in The Cathedral's Parish Hall - bring a plate to share
1:00 - 2:00 pm: Recitation of the Rosary

Men's Recollection on Mon (13/02/23) & Women's Recollection on Tues (14/02/23)

7pm Holy Trinity Church, 5 Bardia Street, Ashmont

Spiritual Reading, Meditation, Examination of Conscience, Talk, Benediction & Confessions available throughout the night