



AS A PARISH WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR :

RECENTLY DECEASED *Frances Wade, Bernie Quinn, Noel O'Leary, Beryl Shaw, Sr Jane White LCM, Mervyn Bowyer, Kevin Ritzau, Peter Koth, John Steele, James Banner, Kevin Donoghue, Joyce Greene, Garry McCabe, Carol Furrer, Kay Beh, Jeannie Little, Jonathon Sacks, Sean Connery, Philomena Weir, Margaret Howe & Epphem Nguyen.*

ANNIVERSARIES For those whose anniversaries occur about this time - *Deceased Legionaries - Our Lady, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, Judy Wholohan, Kevin Barclay, Neville Levett, Janet Millard, Ray & Kevin Horrocks, John Stapleton, Joyce & Digger Roohan, Marguerite Sloane, Gary Button & Margaret Sykes.* **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: Scott Lyons, Ann Levitt, Maree Cabarles, Diane Sykes, Patty Nolan, Garry McGrath, Arthur Wicks, Dick Hargreaves, Gracie Goodyer, Sr Carmel Clancy PBVM, Val Dolan, Zoe Nikolin, Marilyn Winters, Fr Paul Hart, Marie Simkin, Flo Gibbons, Ann Morton (Temora), Pat Fyfe, Pauline Cleary, Mervyn Bootes, Anne-Maree Bramich, Joan Burgun, Marie Jones, Brian Tingle, Vince Murphy, Judy Dempsey, Pat Connors, Alan Stott, Noelene Bartlett, Robert Dodwell, Danny McIntyre, Poss Hamilton, Darryl Kennedy, Denise Goonan, Kim Meredith, Lola Goddard, Yvonne Colhurn, Jim & Helen Tregae, 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 Pertz, Joan Higham, Jaye Roberts, Christine Smith, Barbara Booth, Irene Schonenberg, Marisha Petzel, 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 12/13 DECEMBER

SATURDAY: 5.00pm Mass
SUNDAY: 8.30am and 10.30am Masses
8.30am Uranquinty Mass
5.30 Syro-Malabar Mass

WEEKDAY 7 - 11 DECEMBER

MON - FRI: 8am Calvary Chapel Mass
TUES: 8am Kildare Mass
10am Mass OLOF
11am RSL Village Mass
WEDNESDAY: 10am Mass OLOF cuppa afterwards
THUR: 11am Forrest Centre Mass
5.30pm Syro-Malabar Mass
FRIDAY: NO 5.45pm Mass due to Ordinations

RECONCILIATION

10.30am - 11.30am Saturday

BAPTISMS

Sundays with a maximum of 180 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 6 DECEMBER 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's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark

does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us. Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in

the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John. Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four

Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him. In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

From Monday 7 December 2020 seating capacity allowed goes from 90 to 180!!



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Third Sunday of Advent

First: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
Second: 1 Thess 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

THOUGHT

*God is like oxygen.
You can't see him, but
you can't live without
him.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

In the first reading, the prophet reports this command. In the sorrows of life, who does not long for comfort? Yet, what is comfort?



When we want it, sometimes what we want is just what the good shepherd gives his lost sheep - we want God to carry us. But a child that is carried all the time will never learn to walk, to leap and run. That child, weak enough already to be carried, will get only weaker as the carrying goes on. And, comfort isn't a matter of giving weakness. It's a matter of giving strength - strength for walking, even over very rough roads.

In fact, the "fort" in "comfort" comes from the Latin word for "strong". The "com" in "comfort" is from the Latin word for "with". To give comfort to someone is to lend him some of your strength. He is more able to stand on his own feet and walk because you are with him.

But what is the comfort of God? Where is it? How do we find it?

The Gospel says that Christ baptises his own with the Holy Spirit. Because of this Baptism, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within each person who comes to Christ. And so, anyone who comes to Christ and receives his Baptism will not walk the wild and rocky road of life alone. God is so much with him that, in the person of the Holy Spirit, God is within him.

Taken from Adore (Dr Eleonore Stump)

Total Donations for Sept & Oct. 2020

SEPT: Presbytery: \$5,656 Church: \$7,590
OCT: Presbytery: \$5,363 Church: \$6,252

Your support is greatly appreciated.

ADVENT is the beginning of the new Liturgical Year: Sunday cycle B, weekday cycle 1.

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.
- ◆ **Please be aware of social distancing as you are leaving the Church at the end of Mass.**
- ◆ If you pick up a bulletin, please take it home. Due to current restrictions we cannot re-use them.
- ◆ We encourage parishioners to wear a mask during Mass to keep in line with health advice from NSW Government.

Volunteers are needed to help the residents in nursing homes make rosary beads. If you have an hour to spare each week, call Denise 69223193 for more information.



Seats need to be wiped at the end of each service.

PARISH LIFE

Friday 11 Dec: Ordination to diaconate of Connell Perry and priesthood of Cyprian Onuorah. NO 5.45pm Mass that day.

Sat 12 Dec: 9am Baptism Preparation in the Church.

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

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

Christmas Masses 2020

Due to government COVID regulations the following arrangements have been made for Fatima.

1. 7pm Christmas Eve outdoor Mass on Henschke oval requires **NO** booking but on arrival you will need to scan/sign-in, hand sanitisation and observe 2 square metre per family spacing.
2. 8.30 & 10.30am Christmas Day Masses in Henschke Hall will require prior booking at <https://compasstix.com/e/dr1n0eud64>, scan/sign-in on arrival, hand sanitisation and 2 square metre per family spacing.
3. At all Masses there will be Tap & Go facilities and plastic tubs marked clearly 1st & special collections.
4. There will be **NO** Christmas Day Mass at St Patrick's Uranquinty.



An officer came to my house and asked me where I was between 5 and 6. I replied, "Kindergarten."

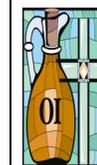
To my children: Don't make fun of me for asking about my mobile phone. I once taught you how to use a spoon!

Q: Why did Shakespeare only write in pen?
 A: Pencils confused him: 2B or not 2B.

SHARE THE Dignity

This charity supports women experiencing homelessness, fleeing domestic violence or poverty. They are asking community members to donate a handbag/toiletry bag filled with essential hygiene products for women. Bunnings will be accepting donations until Sunday 29 November or you can leave donations in the basket at the back of the Church. For more information please go to www.sharethedignity.org.au

The next baptism preparation session will be held at 9am Saturday 12 December 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 12/13 DECEMBER 2020

	LECTOR	COMMENTATOR	EUCARIST MINISTER	ROSARY STATUE
5.00pm	C Griffiths	Sr Timothy	not required	Not during the COVID-19 times
8.30am	D Goonan	C Haining	during COVID-19 times.	COVID-19 times
10.30am	B Malone	C Chalker		