
ANNIVERSARIES: For those whose anniversaries occur about this time - Robert Cox, Helen Zoellner, John Carmichael, Tony Ryan, John Malone, dec’d members of Malone & Gleeson families, Dec’d members of Carroll & Howe families, Tim Jones, Angelo Zalunardo, Glen Samken, Neil Horrocks, Brian Shaw & Lindsay Byron. 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: Sr Timothy Monaghan, Marian Doyle (Qld), Kim Rowles, Minnie Maggs, Victoria Tams, Cathy Dawe, Rita Drew, Shonaog Van Schotem, Alan Pratt (Qld), Kim Rowles, Minnie Maggs, Victoria Tams, Cathy Dawe, Rita Drew, Shonaog Van Schotem, Alan Pratt (Qld).

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 4 - 5 MAY
SATURDAY: 5.00pm Mass
SUNDAY: 8.30am and 10.30am
8.30am Uranaquinty Mass

WEEKDAY 29 APRIL - 3 MAY
TUES: NO 8am Mass - Kildare Catholic College
WED: 10am Mass in Church
THUR: 11am Mass - Forrest Centre
FRI: 5.45pm Mass

RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 10.30am - 11.30am

BAPTISMS: At any of the weekend Masses or at 12 midday on Sunday.

MARRIAGE: At least six months prior to wedding date

CHORUS: Having a well earned break after the Easter ceremonies.

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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 & Uranaquinty Public Schools.

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY
We welcome Nate & Koby Johnson, sons of Daniel & Petrina, who will be baptised this weekend.
Many blessings for your family!

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA STH WAGGA
AND ST PATRICK’S URANQUINTY
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 28 APRIL 2019

The Catholic community of Our Lady of Fatima welcomes all visitors joining us for this Eucharist Celebration.

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish acknowledges and respects the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the Elders past and present and all the Wiradjuri Peoples. May we too be good stewards of this land.

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Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

RESPECTS
RESPONSORIAL PSALM
RESPONSE: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia! Alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!
**Pope Francis** writes to young people - the "now of the Church"

Pope Francis has urged young people to embrace their role as the present and the future of the Catholic Church by building relationships with their community and with God. The Holy Father has issued the apostolic exhortation following last year's Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment. The exhortation, *Christus Vivit* (Christ is Alive), takes the form of a letter to young people and, through them, to the entire People of God.

"In the midst of all the problems in our world and in our Church that cause anxiety and alienation among many young people, the Pope’s exhortation offers young people the hope of Christ", Bishop Macbeth-Green said. “Pope Francis is not afraid to name the problems facing young people in our world, particularly exploitation in all its many forms, but he does not dwell on the negatives. He invites young people to take their place as the ‘now of the Church, work in solidarity to fight evil and live the present.”

Bishop Macbeth-Green said he was particularly heartened by the three “truths” People Francis offers to young people: *God loves you; Christ saves you and Jesus is alive.***

*Christus Vivit* can be downloaded from the ACBC website: [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)

Bishop MacBeth-Green is the current Bishop Delegate for Youth.

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**A HELPING HAND**

This year in recognition of Mothers Day, the Social Justice Committee invites parishioners to **GIVE A HELPING HAND** to women in our community who are dealing with hard times. Could you bring a gift of a personal nature (soaps, toothpaste, face wipes, cosmetics, hand towels, etc). There will be a box at the back of the church. We intend packing them into handbags (would you like to donate one?) and give them to local shelter groups.

**HOME VISITING**

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

**Palms Australia**

Reach Beyond Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years.

Do you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills? You can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family!

**ST MICHAEL’S CATHEDRAL**

**Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Jomer Calma**

11am, Tuesday 7 May

followed by the Mass of Thanksgiving at 5.30pm Wednesday 8 May.

All welcome. Donations of sandwiches, cakes & slices would be appreciated.

The Parish Office is open from 9am - 1pm Tuesday to Friday.

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**Parish Life**

**MON 29 April: 1.30pm Carmelite Ladies Auxiliary meet at The Carmel.**

**SAT 4 May: 2pm Presentation Associates meet at Nagle Terrace.**

**SAT 11 May: 9am Baptism preparation session in the Church.**

**SAT 11/SUN 12 May: Cuppa after all Masses.**

**WED 15 May: 2pm Parish Cuppa & get-together at Bonsai Gardens.**

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

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**Collections This Week**

First Collection $2035 Second $1345

*The Holy Places collection raised $886* Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to contribute to the Parish by on-line Planned Giving, our bank account details are: Name of account: South Wagga Parish Account; BSB: 066 789; Account no: 100004152; Ref: Your name. Planned Giving envelopes are also available.

Thank you for your generosity to our Parish.

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**Have you been to Mass at the new time of 10am on Wednesdays? Come along and stay for a cuppa afterwards.**

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**Roster for 4/5 May 2019**

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**From Fr Paddy**

Many thanks to Catherine Malone, the musicians and choir for their great work over Easter. Thank you to the readers, commentators, servers, eucharistic ministers and collectors.

The bacon and egg breakfast after the Vigil was a success. Thank you to those who provided the food, cooked & cleaned up.

Thank you for supporting Project Compassion. To date, the parish has raised $2,700. If you haven’t already done so, please return your Project Compassion boxes or envelopes to the collection plate or Parish Office.

Please keep the church tidy by neatly replacing your bulletin at the back of the church or take it home.