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| **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~**  ***Immaculate Conception Parish***  P O BOX 600 Tumut  Catholic Community  Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~  ~ PARISH NEWS ~ |

The Gospel narrative today is again not a Resurrection appearance of Jesus, but rather part of John’s Gospel memory of the short hours just at the end of the Last Supper. John seems to presume that we know the supper details (bread, wine, blessing) and supplies to us instead a memory of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. After the example of foot-washing was explained as a metaphor for mutual service, he proceeded to teach and explain. These dozen verses show Jesus trying to encourage and support the Eleven and whoever is with them by first assuring them of “a place for you” in the kingdom. Thomas, famous a few days later for his skepticism about Jesus’ Resurrection, admited the fearful but private worry in each of them with “We do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Philip too was a disciple willing to risk embarrassment by suggesting that they have not really “seen” the Father but that they are willing to be shown. Jesus made significant use of metaphor as he provided them a glimpse of the profound mystery of the Divine Presence, of his Christological importance, and of the hope he had tried to instil in them. Jesus’ “I am the way, the truth, and the life...” was a huge summary of the reality of God’s Presence and of his essential oneness with God. “... no one comes to the Father except through me” seems addressed somewhat narrowly to those in the room with him. Thus, the “no one” becomes more strictly “on one among you” because they have already been given access to God, whether or not they appreciate it. Seemingly, Philip fails to the test of appreciation, at least that night. That line “no one comes to the Father except through me” has too often been used by literalist Christians to assert exclusion of non-Christians and even other Christians from eternal salvation. Jesus was more reasonably addressing only and principally that small group of the Eleven plus a small number more of disciples. He had no real reason to be talking explicitly to us today or against non-believers though history over the centuries. After all, he had just said that in his Father’s house there are many (!) dwelling places. Why would he assert the greatest hope only moments later to restrict that to the self-righteous? Logic should always paint Jesus as Savior in the business of successfully saving every one and excluding no one! Let God be the judge! Let us be the best examples possible of the community love of others just as we profess and hope for his generosity and love for ourselves! *An excerpt from The Franciscans-Saint Anthony’s Guild*



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**‘WEEKEND MASS TIMES’**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

**Sunday: 10am**

**Talbingo Sunday: 8.00am**

**‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Friday: 8am**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight - Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy**

**Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

**‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am**

**Exposition at 8.30am (1st Sat of month)**

**‘RECONCILIATION’**

**Saturday at 5.15pm**

**‘LITURGY MEETING’**

**Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

**‘PRAYER GROUP’ Wednesday: 2pm in Chapel**

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**5th Sunday of Easter Year A**

**May 14th 2017**

***Gospel Acclamation***

*Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!*

***Responsorial Psalm***

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

***Entrance Antiphon***

*O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 13th & 14th May | | | |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm | Sunday 10am | |
| Acolyte | Barry Madigan | Robyn Hogan | |
| Reader | Anne Huebner | Pat Spannagle | |
| Commentator | Shirley Kenny | John Power | |
| Children’s Liturgy | ---------- | Kerrin Henderson | |
| Musicians | Maureen Norman | Patricia & Monica | |
| Altar Servers | Jessica & Emily Kelly | Jack Stewart & TBL | |
| Church Care  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  LINEN Bev Piper | Group 5: Sandra, Maria & Margaret Dean | | |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 20th & 21st May | | | |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | | 10am |
| Acolyte | Christine Kelly | | Trish Matthews |
| Reader | Anita Mason | | Kirsty Beavan |
| Commentator | Maureen Cook | | Liz Boxall |
| Children’s Liturgy | ---------- | | Pat Spannagle |
| Musicians | Maureen Norman | | Anna Quinn |
| Altar Servers | Abby Crampton & Olivia Dean | | Dana Parry & Jessie Raftery |
| Church Care | Group 1: Claire, Anne Hickson, Maureen, Teresa & Bev | | |

R O S T E R S

A BLESSING AND PRAYER TRIBUTE TO ALL MOTHERS Blessed be all mothers, who have come into our lives, whose kindness care and loving, remains with us to guide. Your inspiration in us made us strive in every way, especially to remember helping others makes our day. Mothers this little tribute flows directly from my heart, you are so loved and cherished, invaluable, one and all, you are. *~ Susan Kramer .*

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO OUR WONDERFUL MUMS

**~PARISH NEWS~ CLERGY ASSEMBLY IN GALONG** Fr. Sijo and Fr. Luke will both be attending this gathering from Monday 15th May to Thursday 18th May so there will be no weekday Masses on these days. **NATIONAL CHURCH SURVEY REPORT-2016 SUMMARY** please read our Tumut results on notice board in church foyer or go to www.2016ncls.org.au and enter profile number TAC049 to view all results. **PARISH STREET STALL** is on Friday 26th May 2017, helpers are needed, if you can assist with the selling of tickets please write your name on the roster in the church foyer or ring Cathy on 69449159. Saleable items and home baking will be welcomed and appreciated. We would like a nice load of wood for the raffle, could someone please donate a load. **SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE RIVERVIEW** ‘Expressions of Interest’ come and chat with us about boarding options, our education program and more 2-4pm Friday 26th May 2017 at Club Tumut. **BAPTISM** we welcome into our community this weekend Frankie Maria Whiting daughter of David and Lauren. We pray for baptism families. **REMINDER** please bring in your project compassion boxes before 31st May 2017. **MANY THANKS** to our faithful volunteer this weekend ~ ROBYN HOGAN ~

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Pauline Shedden**

**MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Bob & Sheila Wortes, Robert & Gertrude Tuncks, Ron & Pauline Hamilton, Noel Cook, Hassel McGrath, John Hourigan, Brian Gee, Filomena & Rudi Comai, Alan & Angela Guthrie, Artie & Dulcie Piper ,Tom Kevin Ruben & Harriett Arentz, Kevin Hawthorn, Kevin Marie & Ray Cowan, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Ken Gee, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, Tom & Sam Sturt, Harvey Evans, Chris Ballard, Anna Do, Col Fuller, Emily Fuller, Linda Mulvihill, Stan Kenny, Gus & Kath Clout, Ina Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Leo Elvie Holt, Terease Lionel Holt, Hugh Oliver, Andrew Jansen, Imelda, Frank & Harriet McInerney, Mick Bristow, Keith Higgins, Kitch Shedden, Arch French, Tom & Dorothy French, Kay & Andy Bulman and James Kelly.

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