



# Immaculate Conception Parish of Tumut



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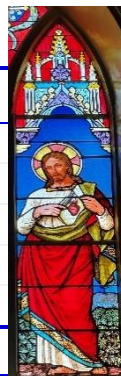
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – 25 February 2024**

**Immaculate Conception Parish acknowledges the Wiradjuri people of Tumut, being the traditional owners of the land on which we gather and worship**

Tumut Mission		Tumut - Mass Times	Country Mass Times
Tumut, Gundagai, Adelong, Batlow, and Talbingo.		<b>Sunday</b> Rosary    9.30am Mass    10am Confession 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday    8-9.45am	Gundagai    Friday 12noon Saturday 6pm Batlow    8am Confession 8.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 5pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Adelong    8am Confession 8.30am 1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Talbingo    8.00am 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Blakeney Lodge Mass 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Uniting Care    Mass 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday
Fr Joseph Neonbasu Mobile: 0497 783 924 Email: yoseph.neonbasu@cg.org.au		<b>Tuesday</b> (Chapel) Eucharistic Adoration    5pm Mass    6pm	
Tumut Mission Secretary – Sue Hall Tumut Office Hours – Tue, Thu & Fri 9-2pm Email: tumut@cg.org.au Ph. 6947 4599 Parish web page: cg.org.au/Tumut Facebook: Immaculate Conception Tumut Parish		<b>Wednesday</b> School Mass    10.15am	
		<b>Thursday</b> (Chapel) Mass    8am	
		<b>Saturday</b> (Chapel) Eucharistic Adoration    8am Rosary    8.30am Mass    9am Confession    9.30am	

Roster	25 February	3 March
Acolyte	Trish Matthews	Sue Bulger
Reader	Mary Kelly & Peter Meli	Felicity McCabe & Sarah McDonald
Music	Marty	Francis & Prince
Linen	Maria Cobden	Sue
Church Care	Pannell Family	Felicity & Patrick McCabe




**PRAYER REQUEST:** the Mass Offerings are offered at/during Weekday Masses

Recently Deceased	Mass Offering	The Sick
<i>We pray for the souls of the recently deceased</i>  Jean Downing John Casey Shirley McGrath Avalon Cunningham Jean Downing Dorothy Tutty Sr Barbara Fogarty Brian O'Neill,	Russell Roberts, Carmel Fraser, Ray (Dossie) Carr, Denise Bousfield, Bede & Bill Roache, Rita Stanfield, Trevor Howell, Gary Laws, Michael Webb, Andrew Sturt, Rev.Fr. Peter Quirk, Baby Madeleine Louise, Mick Bristow, Dot Marzol, Martin Farrell & Ede Lynch, Angela & Alan Guthrie, Ted & Kath O'Sullivan, Marie & Jim McInerney, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Lenny McInerney, Imelda & Francis McInerney, Maureen & Joseph Hetherington, Lenny McInerney	 Sylvia Flynn Stephen Dean Bruce Wallace, Catherine Parker and her family, Cathy McKelvie, Evelyn Bare, Jim McCaig, Evelyn Heffernan, Claire Gordon,


Parish Pastoral Council	Parish Finance Council
Tony Butler (Chair), Fr Joseph Neonbasu, Eamonn Moore, Trish Matthews, Barry Jeffries, Francis Moreno, Anita Mason, Patrick McCabe, James McDonald, Evelyn Cisneros	Mark Hogan, Eamonn Moore, Sue Bulger & Fr Joseph Neonbasu

Banking / Planned Giving (for envelopes, contact Parish Secretary)	Collection Plate
Immaculate Conception Tumut    BSB 062 786    A/C 000015049	\$938.65

Sacraments	
Confession    9.30am Saturday & 4th Sunday at 8-9.45 (Tumut) Marriage & Baptism    By appointment These forms are on the Parish Website. For appointments please call or email office.	 Last weekend we celebrated the Baptism of Oliver Hugh Martin, son of Jessica and Samuel. Congratulations to you all. We pray that God will surround you with his love, blessing and keep you all safe.

**Church Morning Tea is on 10 March – if you can help by bringing a plate of food to share, that would be great**

## Prayer for the Parish Mission

O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit,  
 look kindly on us as we implore  
 Your powerful intercession.  
 O Most Holy Mother, receive  
 our prayers as we present them to God.  
 O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother,  
 you intercede for us with your Son.  
 O Mary conceived without sin,  
 pray for us who have recourse to thee.  
 Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception,  
 Pray for us.

## Cursillo Retreat, 12-14 April, St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong

A Cursillo retreat which is led by an experienced local team offers you the opportunity to deepen and enrich your faith through a program of talks, meditations, discussion and prayer. Contact Irma and Joe at [irmandjoe@gmail.com](mailto:irmandjoe@gmail.com). Info: <https://bit.ly/cursillo24>  
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**midday on Thursday** each week for the bulletin.

## Special Dates leading up to Easter 2024

3 March	- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	10 March - 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	17 March - 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
24 March	- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Holy Week		
28 March	- Holy Thursday	29 March	- Good Friday
30 March	- Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil	31 March	- Easter Sunday
7 April	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday	8 April	- The Annunciation of the Lord



The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land – the ‘ancient stones’ of our Christian heritage and the ‘living stones’ of our present and future Christians. The friars minister across several nations in conjunction with the Latin Patriarchate and other jurisdictions including the Greco-Melkite, Coptic, Maronite, Syrian, Chaldean and Armenian churches. It is vital that we all care for the Christians living in the Holy Land in order to maintain a Christian presence in a land that is filled with a majority Islamic and Jewish population. Over the next weeks I will share with you some of the areas the money raised for Good Friday appeal goes to and the people it helps.

**Prayer and Praise** - We have been invited to join with your brothers and sisters in Christ to praise God and pray for our communities on 25<sup>th</sup> February at the Tumut Community Church, 72 Fairway Drive – at 7-8pm

## What is prayer?

Prayer, as we know, is communication with God the creator, the author of life and the strength of the journey. As growing up, my mother and father led us praying rosary every night. From this tradition, I understood that prayer is praying Rosary. However, in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Church teaches “Prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy (CCC 2558). Rosary is one of the ways or prayers. It is a request, a wonder, an awe, listening and there are many more ways of prayer. As Mother Theresa of Calcutta once said, “Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at this disposition, and listening to his voice in the depths of our hearts.”

The Gospel for this second Sunday of Lent, we hear, Jesus taught three of his disciples; Peter, James and John to pray. He took them and led them up to a high mountain. At that moment prayer, they experience the wonder of God; Jesus was transfigured. Because of this beatific experience, Peter interceded to stay in that moment of the glory of God. But, there was the voice of God, “This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him.” The Father was requesting the disciples to listen to His Son. As St. John of the Cross once said: “We know that God loves us first. As in prayer, God prays first. Every morning, when we wake up from sleep, God, the Father begs us to receive His Son and make Him our friend that day.” As we walk this Lenten journey, let us allow ourselves with a humble heart listening to the voice of God through Jesus, His Beloved Son.



**PROJECT COMPASSION** Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines. Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines. Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment, even with the arrival of her second child. After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family. “I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself,” she said. “I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you.” Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.