

Come To The Water

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Mass Times

Tues 16: 5.30pm Mass

Wed 17: 8:40am Rosary  
9am Mass

Thurs 18: 9am Mass

Fri 19: 9am Stations of the Cross  
9.15am Mass

Sat 20: 5.30pm Adoration  
9am Mass/Rosary  
5pm Reconciliation  
6pm Vigil Mass

Sun 21: 9am Mass  
5pm Mass

Sacristans

6pm: T. Craddy &  
B. Carmody

9am: A. Scicluna &  
R. Bemelman

5pm: D. & B. McCormack

ROSTERS 20/21 JULY

Church Cleaning:

R & K Ison (22-26)

Welcomers

6pm C Brownlie

9am C Connell

5pm M de Smet

Readers

6pm M Bridges, M Weatherall

9am B Basevi, J Basevi

5pm S Klarica, M Klarica

Commentator

6pm M O'Neill

9am N Beatty

5pm K O'Sullivan

Extraordinary Ministers

6pm J & N O'Neill, J Wain, H Blake

9am L Stevens, C Schor, K Corbin, M Trojkovic

5pm B McCormack, J O'Sullivan

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am T Jackson

Children's Liturgy

Holidays

Morning Tea:

R & D Aquilina

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus presents three philosophies of life concerning relationship with neighbors:

The philosophy of the thieves who robbed the Jewish traveler-Greed: "What is yours is mine; I will take it by force." This has been the philosophy of Marxism and other revolutionary movements and of modern terrorist groups. In accepting this philosophy of life, the thieves, like their modern counterparts, terrorized others and exploited them, ignoring human rights and having selfish gain as their chief motive. In Jesus' day, the steep, winding, country road from Jerusalem to Jericho was the haven for such bandit groups. No wonder, the Jewish traveler was robbed, stripped, beaten and left for dead on the Jericho Road! Some Bible scholars estimate there were at least 12,000 "thieves" in that Judean wilderness surrounding Jerusalem. These thugs roamed the countryside like packs of wild dogs, attacking innocent victims.

The philosophy of life of the Jewish Priest and the Levite-Legalism: "What is mine is mine; I won't part with it." The priests were powerful upper-class authorities governing the Temple cult. The Levites were the priests' associates, who provided music, incense, sacred bread, Temple curtains and adornments. Their duties also included "kosher meatpacking" and banking. In the parable, the representatives of these classes did not pay any attention to the wounded man because of their utter selfishness. Misplaced zeal for their religious duty gave them a couple of lame excuses: a) "If the man is dead and we touch him we will be unclean for seven days (Numbers 19:11) and disqualified from Temple service." Thus, they saw the wounded man on the road, not as a person needing help, but a possible source of ritual impurity. b) "This may be a trap set for us, by hiding bandits." [This excuse has some validity, as bandits sometimes did use a "wounded" member to decoy a prospective victim into stopping, thus setting himself up for robbery.]

The philosophy of the Samaritan-Love: "What is mine is yours as well. I shall share it with you." The Samaritan was generous enough to see the wounded Jew as a neighbor. He ignored the long history of enmity between his people and the Jews. He took risk, since the robbers who had assaulted the traveler might still be nearby. Nevertheless, he gave first aid to the wounded Jew, took him to a nearby inn and decided for his food and accommodation by giving the innkeeper two denarii. Two denarii was a lot of money—enough, in fact, to pay for more than three weeks' board and lodging. The Samaritan also assured the innkeeper of further payment for any additional medical requirements of the wounded man.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho passes through every home, parish, school, workplace and neighborhood. The Jericho Road is any place where people are being robbed of their dignity, their material goods or their value as human beings. It is any place where there is suffering and oppression or where people are "wounded" by bitter words, scathing criticism or other, more blatant forms of verbal, emotional or physical abuse.

Also, the image of a neighbor goes beyond blood line, sharing of fence and block, colleagues and tribal affinity. It includes everyone who needs help and our support. Everyone including those of other faith and orientation. What made this Samaritan so special was not the color of his skin, but the compassion in his heart. No law could make the priest, or the Levite stop, but love could make the Samaritan stop. Mark Twain once wrote that, "Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can read.

Fr Martins

NAIDOC WEEK 2019

This weekend NAIDOC Week wraps up its celebrations around the country. It was a week full of activities celebrating the history, culture and contributions of our Indigenous community members with the theme of Voice, Treaty, Truth. The celebrations may be over

But this year's theme invites us to work together for a shared future.

Weekly Events:

Singalong: Every Monday at 1pm in the Church.

RCIA Process/Faith Formation: Every Wed 7pm,

Rosary: Every Wednesday at 8:40am, Church

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 9am in the

Adoration/Vespers: Every Friday at 5:30pm

Craft: Every Thursday 10–12pm Meeting Room

Wrap with Love: 2nd Tuesday & last Wednesday of the month in Church

Men Alive: Every 1st & 3rd Wed in Church

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 5pm in Church

Cenacle Prayer: Every Tues at 4.45pm in Church

Monthly Events

First Saturday: 9am Mass

Opal Mass: Every 1st Wed at 10:30am

Glen Mass: Every 3rd Thurs at 10:30am

Maranatha Mass: Every 4th Wed at 2pm

Baptism Preparation: Last Wed at 6.30pm

Mass of the Sick: Every 1st Tue at 5.30pm

Weddings and Funerals by arrangement

Upcoming Events: JULY

Saturday 20th Mens Breakfast 8am Parish Meeting Room

Thursday 25th Parish PPC—Parish Meeting Room

NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY-18th JULY

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Nelson Mandela, the General Assembly of the United Nations decided to convene a high-level plenary meeting, to be known as the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit, focusing on global peace.

The Summit took place in September 2018, attended by nearly 100 heads of state and government, ministers, member states and representatives of civil society. Mr Mandela is remembered as one of humanity's great leaders who was a profound influence for peace and democracy. He helped broker the Arusha Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in Burundi and was known as a champion for peace, forgiveness, humility, compassion, dignity and human rights.

With human rights under growing pressure around the world, we can reflect on the example he set. To face the forces that threaten us with wisdom, courage and fortitude, so we can build a just, peaceful and prosperous world as envisioned in the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR VISITING HOLIDAY MAKERS TO OUR BEAUTIFUL TOWN AND TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY. MAY YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY AND THANK YOU FOR FELLOWSHIPPING WITH US. WALLAWANI

SAVE THE DATE: The Archbishop's Annual Pilgrimage to Eden will be on Saturday August 10th. Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the Pambula Catholic Parish welcome everyone to come on a pilgrimage to Eden Mary MacKillop Centre. Midday Mass will be held and lunch is provided. For further information please contact: pambula@cg.org.au or 02 645 1880.

JULY MENS BREAKFAST: With the Winter Solstice now behind us the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday July 20th will be themed "Yuletide in July". With a few Winter dishes to enjoy (as well as our normal fare) and a morning of exploring the traditions and links between Yule and Christmas. Don't miss out and bring a friend who has not been before, all are welcome. 7:45 for 8 am in the Parish meeting room. Still only \$5. For more information contact: Terry Jackson 0488 052 147 or Tony Priest 0423 361 083.

PARISH KEYS: We are currently updating the key register for the parish. If anyone has keys could they please let the office know so we can update our records. Thank you.

REPLACEMENT OF CHURCH OVERHEAD PROJECTORS: Thank you to all of you who have generously given donations to replace the church overhead projectors. We are still short of the target amount needed, which is \$8000. Further donations will be gratefully accepted. Please see the Parish Office for more information

SUNDAY BULLETIN: Thank you all for the use of the Parish Bulletin. To encourage environmental protection we have resolved to send them out electronically, with less copies being printed for the purpose of participation at the parish weekend masses. Your feedback is welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S HOUSE, BATEHAVEN: 2019 Retreats

Retreat in Daily Life: 21 July-11 August Retreat in Daily Life.

Applications have closed for this.

Sr Carmel would like participants to meet on Sunday 21st at 4.00 pm at St Joseph's House. Please bring your diary to arrange appointment times. Thank you Sr Carmel (0409 813 533)

WOMEN FOR THE WORLD

Bookings can still be made for the 2019 Sydney Women for the World Lunch to be held in Sydney on Friday 13th September. For information or to book contact Caritas Australia on 1800 024 413 or wftw@caritas.org.au. Cost : \$180 per person or \$1650 for a table of 10.

DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE: A one day retreat will be held on Sunday 28th at the Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby. A day of praise and worship, the Way of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Mass will be celebrated. Phone 0468 486 782 or drcsydney@gmail.com for further information.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FORUM: An Archdiocesan Catholic Women's Forum will be held on 20th July between 10am-3pm at Garrett Building, Daramalan College in Canberra. The forum aims to establish an Archdiocesan Women's Network and would love your input. Registration can be made at catholicwomen.org.au or you can contact Andrea Dean for further information.

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We Remember the Sick: Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, James Lee, John Dillon, George Fitzgerald, Declan Holmes, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Timothy Gerrard, Patricia McLennan, Bill Giust, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Judy Betts, Ken Evendon, Ronan Bremner and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital.

Rest In Peace: Robyn Albert, Gregory Parsons, Mila Bandur, Maria Golak, Dawn Rash, Rowland Heycox, Maria Syne, Ivan Pintar, Kelvin Fleming, Bernie Wakeling and Sr Anne Derwin

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention

JULY

The Integrity of Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

Parish Coffee Club

All are welcome to join the Parish Coffee Club on Thursday after the 9am mass. Venue: Corrigans Cove Resort, Beach Road

Coffee, Connect and Chat

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