

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 15th—Sunday 21st September

Monday 15th:	NO MASS
Tuesday 16th:	Mass 5pm
Wednesday 17th:	Mass 9am
Thursday 18th:	Mass 9am
Friday 19th:	Mass 9am
Saturday 20th:	Mass 5pm
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30	
Sunday 21st:	Mass 9am

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Come and join our Conference members **after the 9 am Mass Sunday September 21** and enjoy a cuppa, good conversation and something to eat. Look forward to seeing you there.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Wido Melis, Suzanne Hughes, Ena Noronha, Eva Cabardo Arado, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Judy Spruce, Zora Domitrovic, Rod Sanders, Colin Platt, Indy Roth, Pope Francis, Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell,

Amen.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Year C

First Reading Numbers 21:4-9
A reading from the book of Numbers
When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.’ At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, ‘We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.’ Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, ‘Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.’ So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7
(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!
1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past.
2. When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock,

God the Most High their redeemer.
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant.
4. Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage.
(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!
Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 3:13-17
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
The Son of Man must be lifted up.

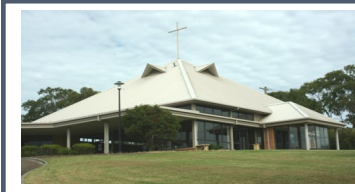
Jesus said to Nicodemus: ‘No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.’
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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THE FEAST of the EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS
Year C



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
Second & Fourth Mondays 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays
after Mass

“Good News” Wednesdays after Mass
to discuss reading for the following Sunday. CMR

RCIA Thursdays 5.30pm
Church Meeting Room

Parish Sacramental Program 2025
First Eucharist Celebration Mass
Sunday 14th September 9am

Wrap with Love
Wednesday 24th September 1-3pm CMR

Craft Group 10am Thursdays
Church Meeting Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after 9am Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation.

We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

Welcome!

It’s the First Holy Communion for about 15 kids today (Sunday), congratulations to you and to your families for undertaking this challenge. And don’t get me wrong, this is indeed a challenge. The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. It is both the highest point and the journey. The Eucharist, Holy Communion; eating from the single source of the body of Jesus Christ, in community truly is one of the most uniting, together actions that Christians can make. As Jesus says, *where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them* (Matthew 18:20) and *do this in memory of me*- we quite literally relive Jesus’ final early hours and actions every Sunday.

The readings today shout evangelisation, a return to God. There really is no better time to do this than now, receiving the Blessed Sacrament. The first reading represents the first part of this journey- our fickle nature as humans- and our willingness to create our own gods- our social media, sports, other commitments, distractions and addictions that take us away and consume our minds and our time. The Israelites turned away from God at the first sign of struggle. The Psalm says *sin is always before me*- in our moments of weakness, the evil one takes us in split second. We only must resist for a second, it’s time to put down the phone. It’s time to come back to our families and to our God. *For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.*

The Parable of the Lost Son, from the extended reading for this Sunday, speaks of the father’s (not God the Father, but the symbolism is obvious) willingness and joy at welcoming back his son at the first sight of repenting. I often think of my family and friends who are not believers... Paul too; reminds us that Christ comes for sinners- not just the virtuous, to bring peace, not to condemn. Our lost family members and friends may not yet be lost- Christ’s mercy knows no bounds.

Paul was among the worst of sinners- actively persecuting followers of Jesus, yet through conversion was not only able to turn his life around, but change the course of history through his evangelising words and catechesis.

Our ultimate job as Christians is to love God, love one another and evangelise. It doesn’t always have to be the grandiose mass-conversions or preaching in the streets that we see from other Christian sects, nor from various American TV cults. Evangelisation starts in our own home, with our own brothers, sisters, children, partners and parents. Continue to (in the words of Paul) *fight the good fight, finish the race*, give our unbelieving brothers and sisters the look in. *There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.*

Give them a shot at eternity. Pray, pray, pray.

Finally, whether this is your first Mass in a long time, you’re a Sunday or Saturday night regular or somewhere in between. We’re so happy to see you here brother or sister. We hope to see you next week too.

Josh Whiteford