What's On In Our Diocesan

Weekend Retreat Jamberoo Abbey
The Jamberoo Abbey invites all people to come and join in a face-to-face retreat at the Abbey this September 2024, titled "Encountering God in Lectio Divina". The retreat will be co-ordinated by local author Sr Antonia Curtis, who has put together an amazing weekend of prayer, learning and reflection. The retreat will make use of the new resource written by Sr Antonia. There is also the option of staying on at the Abbey for private reflection after the retreat ends on Sunday afternoon 28 September 2024. Please note that cottage accommodation must be vacated by Monday morning at 9am. For more information, please visit **jamberooabbey.org.au**

Catechist Retreat 2024: *Known and Loved* 9:30am – 2:30pm
All who support the Catechist ministry, including SRE Teachers, Helpers, Prayer Partners, and Spouses are invited to attend what will be an excellent Catechist Retreat, *Known and Loved*. **Facilitated by Katherine Stone MGL**, the retreat will help us to gain a greater understanding of who Jesus is and who we are in the light of Jesus.
Macarthur-Highlands Retreat Friday 20 September 2024
Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, 80 Demetrius Rd, Rosemeadow
Illawarra-Shoalhaven Retreat Monday 23 September 2024
St Mary Star of the Sea Church, 166 Fern St, Gerringong
Registration is essential. Please register: dow.sh/KnownLoved2024
For more information please email support@ccdwollongong.com

Ignite Conference 2024: Rise Up! (Sydney) 26-29 September 2024
A conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God's people united with one heart. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Join with young people from our Diocese and over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church.
The Diocese of Wollongong is taking a group 30 young people to the conference at a subsidised cost.
There a few spots left, if you would like to join us, know someone who would, or would like to sponsor someone to attend, please contact Arnie Hurdoyal, Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader,
arnie.hurdoyal@dow. org.au or 0431 611 128.

Growing Good Men Father and Teenage Son Weekend Experience 25–27 October 2024 Cataract Activity Centre, Appin
One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world. Don't miss this life-changing father and son weekend! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons aged between 12 and 17 years. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE.
Register online: https://dow.sh/ggm24

Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekend 13 – 15 September 2024 at Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale
Join with families of all ages and stages to celebrate the incredible gift of family life.
Cost: $30 per adult or $70 per family (regardless of size).
Camping & Bunk Room Options: You may like to pitch a tent, stay in a caravan, camper or swag. There are also male and female dormitory rooms with bunk beds. These will be allocated during registration on a first-come-first-served basis and will require strict supervision of children by parents/guardians. Come and join in the fun with other awesome people from around the Diocese.
To register: https://dow.sh/cfwsept24

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
18 August 2024

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

This gospel passage continues the 'Bread of Life' discourse that we have been following through the Gospel of John for a few weeks now. It overlaps with the reading from last week with Jesus announcing that his flesh is the 'bread of life'. Not surprisingly, the Jewish audience is horrified by the idea of eating human flesh. Jesus drives his point home further with his audience by also referring to the drinking of blood. In Jewish tradition, even to touch blood made a person ritually unclean. Any meat that was to be eaten had to be drained of blood, according to kosher rules. The words used by Jesus in this passage are so confronting that they cannot possibly be taken literally. It is a complete overstatement of the image to try to make sure that a literal interpretation is impossible.

When the gospel writer has Jesus speaking about eating his flesh and drinking his blood he is drawing on a very old image of eating and drinking as representing 'absorbing'; or 'comprehending'; or 'understanding' the message of the speaker. In this ancient understanding, to 'eat the flesh' of Jesus is to take into yourself and accept everything that Jesus stands for; everything that Jesus teaches; everything that Jesus believes. It is an act of faith. When we received Christ in the Eucharist, is this the depth of significance and purpose with which we take communion? Unmistakably, this passage points us to the Christian sacrament of Eucharist. The practice of sharing Eucharist as a memorial of Jesus was already well established in the Christian communities by the time this gospel was written and throughout this extended discourse on the 'Bread of Life' the author provides a direct link between the practice of Eucharist and the teachings of Jesus.

© Greg Sunter

Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people.

SERVICE TIMES

Holy Family	Mass	Wed - Fri	9am
		Tue	7pm
		Sat	5pm Vigil
		Sun	9am and 5pm
	Adoration	Tues	7.30pm
	Benediction	First Friday of each month	9.30am
	Reconciliation	Tue Sat	6.30pm - 7pm 9am - 10am
Holy Trinity	*Rosary*	Mon	7pm
	Mass	Wed	6pm
		Sun	8am

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

Mass on **Friday 23 August** will be at **8am.**

All other Mass times remain unchanged.
Thank you for understanding.

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August

17 Church Cleaning - Team "B"
Aboriginal Mass - 10am Holy Trinity Church
18 Monthly Weekend Morning Tea
21 Year 5 and Year 1 attending 9am Mass
28 Year 6 and Year 3 attending 9am Mass

September

4 Year 4 and Year 2 attending 9am Mass
Monthly Morning Tea after 9am Mass
7 Church Cleaning - Team "A"
18 Year 5 and Year 1 attending 9am Mass
21 Church Cleaning - Team "B"
Aboriginal Mass - 10am Holy Trinity Church
23 September Sacrament of Confirmation,
Preparation Session 1 - 6.30pm
25 September Year 6 and Year 3 attending 9am Mass

October

6 Samoan Mass with Fr Feleki - 12noon
14 Sacrament of Confirmation,
Preparation Session 2 - 6.30pm
19 Aboriginal Mass - 10am Holy Trinity Church
20 Feast of the Lord of Miracles

Liturgical Dates

20 August St Bernard, *Abbot and Doctor of the Church*
21 August St Pius X, *Pope*
22 August The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24 August St Bartholomew, *Apostle*
27 August St Monica
28 August St Augustine,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
29 August The Passion of Saint John The Baptist

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 8 September
SVD Foundation Day

Sunday 20 October
Feast of the Lord of Miracles

Saturday 26 October
Holy Family Parish Fair 10am to 3pm

Sunday 10 November
Confirmation

Friday 6 December
Parish Christmas Carols

FRIDAY WITH THE WORD OF GOD

7pm every Friday
in the Parish Meeting Room.

BIBLE READING
Beginning in September

9.45am to 10.45am
Second & Fourth Wednesday of the month in the Church Meeting Room.

LEGION OF MARY

7.30pm every Wednesday
in the Church Meeting Room.

We pray ... For peace and justice amongst all the nations of the earth.
For all the forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory.

For the sick and homebound: For our sick relatives, friends and parishioners and all who have nobody to pray for them; Ofelia Gonzales, Pearl Savage, Frank Cudmore, Tom Cudmore, Richard Valovalo, Hoydee Rios, Joelle Cadoue, Rose Davis, Erwin Andrade, Gina Macalalad, Marie Crotty, David Harrison, Ann Marie Praud;
May the saving power of the risen Lord bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies and send strength to their carers. Amen.

For our recently dearly departed: Alison Bowling, Peter Thinh Duc Nguyen, Bayani Manuel, Horatius Macariola, Gerard Anttilla, Robert Stanley, Alejandro Orat, John Gauci, Amado Ladera, Rodolfo Banaag, Nery Pinzon, Margaret Rose Mellish, Lydia Torre, Irene Ward.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

For those whose death anniversaries occur at this time: For all of our family member and friends; For all children who have passed away; For members of the Hay family; Joy Eagle, V. T. Anthony, Luz U. Lopez, Salvador A Lopez, Edgee LeClerc, Father Peter Caruana, Joaquim Costa, Angelica Azevedo, Bridget Ryan, Adelaide Graca, Phêrô Lê Luong, C. Peter, Gregory Rego, Leon Rego, Victor Montesclaros Sr, Ken Jones, Paul Collins
Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers of thanksgiving and personal intentions:
For all Year 12 students undertaking their Trial HSC Exams.

With joyful hearts, during July, we welcomed the newly Baptised into our Holy Family Parish community:
Addison Berti, Diego Babic, Aurelio Makafana.
We ask God to bless these children, their parents, Godparents and families, to surround them with your goodness and lead them in Your light each day of their lives.

An invitation to join our Hospitality Team

A cuppa and biscuits will be held after each Mass, the third weekend of each month.
If you are interested in assisting, please contact Sharon on 0400 714 388.

Visiting the Sick and Homebound: There are an increasing number of people who, whether due to age or ill health, are not able to attend Church, but would like to receive Holy Communion.

If you, or someone you know, is in this situation, please contact the Parish Office so that a visit can be arranged.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, 10th November.

Important Dates

Session 1 - Monday, 23 September - 6.30pm
Session 2 - Monday, 14 October - 6.30pm
Session 3 - Monday, 21 October - 6.30pm
Session 4 - Monday, 28 October - 6.30pm
Session 5 - Monday, 4 November - 6.30pm
To register, please visit the parish website.

RCIA PROGRAM REGISTER NOW

A new **RCIA** program will be commencing soon.

If you, or anybody you know, is interested in being baptised, or becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please speak with Fr Henry or contact the parish office.

Would you like to be part of the RICA team and help with the preparation of baptism of adults in our parish? If so, please speak with Fr Henry or contact the parish office.

Are you an adult who has not been confirmed?

If so, please contact Father Henry or the parish office so arrangements can be made for your confirmation.

Please join us on
Saturday, 26 October 2024
as we come together as a Parish
and we also hope to rase funds for the good of the Parish.

Thank you to those who have already offered assistance, donations, sponsorship and personal support.

RAFFLE TICKETS

$2 each or a booklet (of 25 tickets) is $50

Raffle tickets are available for purchase after each Mass in the church foyer.

CALLING ALL PERFORMERS

Expression of interest are now being taken for all dancers, singers, musicians, children's entertainers etc who would like to showcase their skills and talents at our Parish Fair.

If you would like to secure a spot, please contact Sharon on 0400 714 388 alternatively neatly and clearly write your name and contact details on the signup sheet in the Church foyer.

CALLING ALL STALL HOLDERS

Would you like to exhibit your products (food, plants, trash/ treasure etc)? We are seeking stall-holders to participate in our Parish Fair.

All stall places are free of charge - you are required to bring your own table, chairs and awning.

If you would like to secure a spot, please contact Vernon on 0424 376 157 alternatively neatly write your name and contact details on the signup sheet in the Church foyer.