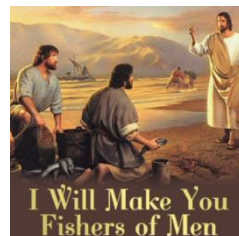




HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / B
21 January 2018

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 9.30am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
ANOINTING OF SICK WITHIN MASS	1st Saturday bi monthly (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)	9.15am
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION	Exposition/Benediction: Friday	8.30am
	Exposition: Wednesday & Saturday	8.30am
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:	Tuesday	9.00am
	Friday	8.30am
BAPTISMS:	1 st & 3 rd Sunday of month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Grove Johnson, Clive Constable, John Rizk, Fr Brian Rooney, Joseph Kutajczyk, Sunta Spinetti, Amada Enaje, Mariapia Ferioli, Abigail Tugaga, Claudio Spinetti, Patricius Hon, Rogato Meteoro, Eileen Platton, Mgr John Lyne, Kathleen Birrell.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Vilma Roberts - Mark Daley, Maryann Brewer, Robyn Murray, Catherine Murray, Camilleri Families, Vella Families, Brian Oxlee, Tom Egan, Reta Egan, Maurice Egan, Cecil Ayres, Hana Elbayeh, George Kheir, George Sant, Edna Pyne, Joseph Wehbe, Anita Moubarak, Augustin Moubarak, Aileen Clarke, Nancy Hancock, Nat O'Laughlin, John Zouki, Cecilia Hiutama-Purnama, Frederick Herft.

Rosters - 27/28 January

Altar Servers:	Vigil 5.30pm	Maddison, Mia & Gordon Boulous
	Sun. 9.30am	Xavier & Oliver Homann, Marcus Scrivener
Ministers of Communion:	Vigil 5.30pm	Frances Howard, Kathy Saad
	Sun. 9.30am	Evelyn Artiaga, Catherine Fitzpatrick Joe Zammit, Bernie & Pat Harrington
Counters:	Vigil 8.30pm	Anne Betteridge, Cathy Saad
	Sun. 7.30am	Anne-Louise Young
Lectors:	Sun. 9.30am	Lynette Rodrigues, David Vassallo



VOLUNTEERS FOR THE HOMELESS NEEDED

The Order of Malta requires volunteers to visit 'homeless hotspots' around Parramatta. Volunteer drivers, nurses and paramedics are needed to provide this service to Parramatta's homeless. If you would like to learn more, please email info@smom.org.au

RENAISSANCE OF MARRIAGE - NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, 16-17 FEBRUARY

Featuring Dr Gregory Bottaro (USA), Christina King (USA), Bishop Eugene Hurley, Jonathan Doyle, Robert Falzon, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Byron & Francine Pirola and many more. Sydney (UNDA) www.rom.org.au T: +61 2 9319 6280 or E: info@marriagerc.org

LIFE IN CHRIST LENTEN SEMINAR

Our world needs Christ. Few Catholics actually live out their Christian faith. Many do not go to Sunday Mass. Many go but do all sorts of sinful things outside of the church. We need to re-evangelise Catholics. We need to know, love and live in Christ. This weekend speakers will provide us with information about the seminar. We look forward to your participation. The seminar will be held in the parish hall, 10am to midday on the following dates:

1st Session, 17th February: JESUS THE MESSIAH
2nd Session, 24th February: CALLED TO WITNESS
3rd Session, 3rd March: REPENTANCE AND FAITH
4th Session, 10th March: THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
5th Session, 17th March: GROWING IN THE SPIRIT

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS COURSE

The Catholic faith is a treasure given to us by God. The fortnightly course will continue on Tuesday, 30th January in the Parish Meeting Room at 7.30pm. This course is open to anyone who would like to become a Catholic. The course is also geared towards Catholics who would like to enhance their faith. The course will run over a number of months. Please contact Fr Peter for details on 9684 1541.

PALMS AUSTRALIA

Palms Encounters are ethically run group tours that provide participants with authentic, hard to come by experiences. The tours have been carefully designed to give you an insight into the daily life of people of another culture, an understanding of sustainable approaches to reducing poverty, and an insight into the life and work of Palms development volunteers. We still have **limited places** available for our next trip to **Timor-Leste 11-23 March** if you book by **5pm Thursday 25 January**. Please contact Palms on 02 9560 5333 or see www.palms.org.au/encounters

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The group meet after 9.15am Mass and reflect on Sunday's Liturgy of the Word. All welcome. Contact Irene 0418 403 358 if you need transport.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGER - CHANCERY OFFICE, PARRAMATTA

Responsible for the secure electronic and physical storage of Diocesan records and archives; to develop, implement, evaluate and improve records management policies, processes and systems; to help with the roll-out of the new Electronic Documents and Records Management System (EDRMS); and to train and support staff with records and information management across the Diocese, its ministries, agencies and parishes. **Applications close 2nd February 2018.**

PROFESSIONAL OFFICER - CHANCERY OFFICE, PARRAMATTA

This position will be part of a team of professionals in the Office for Safeguarding & Professional Standards (OSPS) to provide advice and services to Catholic Church agencies and ministries, in the areas of prevention, compliance and outreach, with particular focus on safeguarding children and vulnerable people. Please email all applications to careers@parra.catholic.org.au by **29 January 2017.**

Please visit: www.parracatholic.org/employment for further details on those positions.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ron and Sue Della Vedova on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. May the Lord continue to bless them in their married life. Well done!



CATHOLIC MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP

This Ash Wednesday: Join Catholic USA psychologist, Dr Gregory Bottaro at his workshop where he will teach you new skills to help support the people in your communities. Gain more peace in your life by trusting God, letting go and becoming more present with his Mindfulness strategy. **When:** Wednesday, February 14. **Where:** Notre Dame University, Broadway Campus. **Cost:** \$100. **Register:** www.rom.org.au

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: A GIFT TO THE WORLD

For women of any age and experience in formal leadership positions and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes etc. The inspirational Sr Hilda Scott OSB (presenter at ACYF) and Dr Leoni Degenhardt will be the presenters. April 13-15 2018 at Benedictine Abbey, 695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo. Info: cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au or 02 4236 0533.

FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS - HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGES

Join Fr Gabriel Ezenwa (a Catholic priest at St Joseph's Parish Tweed Heads, the Diocese of Lismore) on 7 - 20 June 2018 for a 14 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Watch the Gospels come alive on this most authentic faith journey live on location in the Holy Land of Israel. Take the chronological road of Jesus' life from Bethlehem to Nazareth and Galilee to Jerusalem. Daily Mass. Optional Extension to Petra. If interested, call Harvest Journey today for bookings or for more info 1800 819 156. The price is \$6,590.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN 2018

The dates have been set for the Sacramental Program for 2018 and a list of all dates and times can be collected at the entrance of the church.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Thursday, 25 January - Conversion of St. Paul

The great apostle was a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin. He surpassed all his peers in zeal for the Jewish law and their traditions, which he thought to be the cause of God, became one of the most fierce enemies and persecutors of Christians. He was one of the conspirators in the martyrdom of St. Stephen. But God was pleased to show forth in Saul his patience and mercy: Saul was almost at the end of his journey to Damascus, when, around noon, he and his company were surrounded by a great light from heaven and, fell to the ground. Then Saul heard a voice, which to him was articulate and distinct, but not understood by the rest: "Saul, Saul, why dost thou persecute me? Christ said not: Why dost thou persecute my disciples, but me: for it is he, their head, who is chiefly persecuted in his servants." Saul answered: "Who art thou, Lord?" Christ said: "Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecute. It is hard for thee to kick against the goad: - to contend with one so much mightier than thyself." Thus a blasphemer and a persecutor was made an apostle, and chosen to be one of the principal instruments of God in the conversion of the world.

