



HOLY CROSS PARISH ✦ HELENSBURGH

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▲ 21 January 2018 ▲ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ▲



WEEKEND MASS
HOLY CROSS HELENSBURGH
Sunday 8:30am

RECONCILIATION
Sunday 8am



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Gospel Reflections...

Most of the gospel readings for this year are from Mark's story of Jesus. As with any story, it is best to read it from beginning to end. While the main character or actor is Jesus, there are other characters and character groups that claim our attention. We bring our consciousness of these differences to our reading of the text. As we embark on this reading we might also become aware of what we bring to the text, "the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties" of our world today. What we bring to the text informs our understanding of the text.

As we read, we might think of this gospel as a two-act drama. The first act in the drama raises the question, "Who is this?" The central scene provides a partial answer: Jesus is the Messiah or God's Anointed One. The second act of the drama is full of surprises for its earliest audiences: Jesus is not a militaristic messiah, but one who is prepared to suffer death for the sake of God's empire; God finally triumphs over suffering and death.

The invitation to us as readers is to enter into the drama, to identify with the characters and character groups, and to hear the teachings of Jesus. In the passage selected for today, Jesus announces his program and invites others to reorient their lives, to expand their horizons and to join him on a mission of proclaiming God's kingdom, God's way of being in the world.

One might get the impression that the disciples are all men. We have to go to the end of the gospel to find that there are also women "who came up with him to Jerusalem" from Galilee. The central section of the gospel makes it clear that there are children on the journey as well. So let us imagine a much more extended group around Jesus than today's little gospel reading suggests. Women, men, and children, all are invited to leave behind whatever gets in the way of bringing God's empire into our world.

THE WISE OLD OWL



Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations.

Ordination of Bishop-Elect Brian Mascord

Thursday, 22 February 2018, on the Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle.



7:00 pm at WIN Entertainment Centre, Corner Crown and Harbour Streets, Wollongong.
Principal Consecrator: Archbishop Anthony Fisher.
Assisting Consecrators: Bishops Peter Ingham and Bill Wright.

The Parish is also gathering a list of people expressing interest in travelling by bus to the Ordination. Please add your name to the list in the foyer if you are interested by **Sunday 28 January**. Note: this is for expressions of interest only. The cost and size of the bus will be determined by the numbers of parishioners wishing to attend.

Our parish will be seated together as a group and will need to RSVP, so could you please fill out your name on the clipboard at the back of the church if you would like to attend the Ordination by **Sunday 28 January**.

Please pray for the sick:

Mary Burke, Paul Emmett, Isabella Eyles (Daughter of Marta & Chris), John Green, Max Ninness, Frank Potter, Paul Smith & Luis Veas.

For those who have died:

Jean Grant (2012) & Kathleen Crabbe (2017).

Please also pray for Tanya Laws, Bob Marshall & Linda Lucke, who died recently and all who died in the Waterfall tragedy. Please also pray for Mrs Margaret Comensoli, mother of Bishop Peter Comensoli who passed away on Sunday. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 5 JANUARY UNTIL 30 JANUARY.

IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT A PRIEST URGENTLY PLEASE CALL FR. PETER ON 4294 2175.



ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED: MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL FOR BISHOP PETER INGHAM



Saint John Vianney Co-Cathedral
Cabbage Tree Lane/Princes Highway
Fairy Meadow
Wednesday, 31st January at 7.30pm

Refreshments will follow in the Father McCormack Hall in the school grounds.

Antioch Reunion



Calling all candidates, oldies, clergy, billet families, musicians, kitchen angels and friends of Antioch. A reunion is set for Saturday 3rd March 2018 including a meet and greet afternoon tea, celebratory mass and dinner. To register your interest and receive an invitation please email antioch.wollongongdiocese@gmail.com

General enquiries to Dianne Hukins 0412840772 or Ann Packham 0423869803. Musicians wishing to be involved in celebrations please contact Elise (Nicholls) Burns 0407781359. Pass it on.

From the Parish Pastoral Council



The Pastoral Council is attempting to organise a group of volunteers to join a new Social Group with the intention of recommencing a monthly get-together in the hall.

The success of these morning teas, however, does require a small group of volunteers who will become our social group committee to help to set them up. If you are interested in progressing friendship amongst your fellow parishioners, please put your name down on the list in the foyer.

You will be contacted by one of the Council members soon.

The ROSARY STATUE will be with Michael & Therese Harris next week.

WEEKDAY MASS

WEDNESDAY
MASS – 9:15AM

FRIDAY
MASS AND ROSARY – 9:15AM



SURRENDER – Lenten Program 2018 Book and Triple CD Resource

As Easter will occur early in 2018, we are now taking names for the 2018 Lenten Program. As in previous years, the diocese is offering the publication to parishes at a special 50% discounted price of only \$4.50 per 80-page book and \$4.00 per Triple CD Resource.

Please add your name to the list in the church foyer if you would like to facilitate or join in a group in the hall or purchase a book or a CD.

ROSTERS...

READERS

Jan 28 Kerry White, Cora King & Trish Caraballo

CLEANERS

Jan 27 Ross Family & Trisha Dalton

GREETERS

Jan 28 Greg & Sue Greening

ACOLYTE

Jan 28 Jason Friedrich & Kevin Sargeant

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Jan 28 Yvette Friedrich

ALTAR SERVER

Jan 28 Ben

RECORDERS

Jo Carroll & Bede Parkes

Quote...

"If a dog jumps onto your lap it is because he is fond of you: but if a cat does the same thing it is because your lap is warmer."

A. N. WHITEHEAD