

**23/24 JUNE 2018—The Nativity of John the Baptist**

	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30am
<b>COMMENTATOR &amp; READERS</b>	Phillip Youngman Lynne Castellari Victor Tuballa	Maria Sirotti Mike Hatch Pat Hatch	Lisa Samojlowicz Denise Robens Gabriel Manouk
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Stevenie Harman Anne Ledger Julie Irvine	Harold Pirotta Fe Diola <b>Mitchell Sutton</b>	Hartley Dhyon Pauline Balkin David Green <i>Kevin Balkin</i> <b>Beth Nowland</b>
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	TBA by Luke Plummer		
<b>MUSIC</b>	Jim, Nilo, Patrick & Adrian	Victor & Team	Richard Caws & Team
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Claire, Connie, Mercy, Alice & Vicky.		
<b>KID'S LITURGY</b>	1st & 3rd Sundays		
<b>MONEY COUNTERS</b>	Group 1: Rose Vanderloo, Carmen Holiday & John & Jenny Lo Cascio		
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b>	Group 4: Heather Barlow Connie Reid Lynne Castellari & Michelle Harris		
<b>GROUNDS TEAM</b>	Fortnightly Roster: 30th June Team 1.		

**REST IN PEACE:** We pray for our much loved parishioner Shirley Fitzgerald who passed away during the week. Shirley's funeral will be held at Our Lady of the Way on Tuesday the 19th June, at 11.00am. We send our love, condolences and prayers to John and his family at this very sad time.

**BAPTISM**

*Congratulations and blessings on the parents and the families the children who were Baptised at Our Lady of the Way last weekend.*  
**Lucy Cairns, Charlie Jane O'Brien & Noa Elizabeth Robinson**



**CATHOLIC WOMEN SPEAK: 21 JUNE**

On June 21, Catholic women from the Diocese of Parramatta will be given the chance to share their views on the opportunities and barriers to their participation in the Catholic Church at 'Catholic Women Speak,' a special consultation session organised by the Council for Australian Catholic Women. RSVP by June 18, 2018 via [director.opw@catholic.org.au](mailto:director.opw@catholic.org.au) or Andrea 0487 388 873. Starts from 5.30 pm at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta (enter via Ross St).

**AT THE WELL: Young women** are invited to an informal and intimate gathering to encourage dialogue on topics, such as faith, love, career and life. Guests include Sr Rosie Drum, Malia Lolesio and Joy Adan. Friday 29 June - 7pm at 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown. \$5.00 entry. Tickets limited and registration required. Contact Qwayne, CYP Youth on 8838 3481. or email [qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org](mailto:qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org)

**PARISH GROUPS**

**Meditation Group:**

Monday evenings: 7.30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room

**Tai Chi Exercises:**

Monday evenings: 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall

**Playgroup:**

Tuesday mornings: 9.30 am school weeks in the Parish Hall. For carers of 0-5 yr olds.

**Parish Knitters:**

Tuesday mornings: 9.30 am in the Parish Meeting Room (**March—November**) Knitting squares for 'Wrapped with love' blankets.

**Cuppa & Chat :**

After 1st Friday Mass - in the parish hall. **All welcome!**

**Catholic Before & After School Care**

in Parish Hall Phone: 9840 5726

**Parish Schools**

**Our Lady of the Way Primary**

Phone: 4777 7200 Principal Mrs. Sue Veling

**McCarthy Catholic College**

Phone: 4735 3211 Principal Mrs. Tania Cairns

*Please pray for Recently Deceased; John Frank, John Hatch, Brian Chesters, Obdulia Haber & Shirley Fitzgerald and for The Anniversary of Vaudrey Bruyn.*

**Please pray for those who are sick in our community:**

*June Thomas, Gary Robertson, the Walker family, Grace Perry, Kevin Rose, Daniel Colussi, Tim Organ, Floren Melgar, Karen Gulliksen, the Beale family, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton, Robyn Nelson, Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Melissa Hargraves, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Bayley, Mrs. Haddad, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Michelle Teitzel, Michael Merceica, Patty & Bernie Payne, Les Coburn, Graham & Christine Hall, Michelle Gardam, Melissa Reardon, Brian O'Hara, Jacob Thomas, Belinda Pagnucco, Jacqui Walker, Mary Berkout, Jenny Rist, Patricia Knoke, Brian Payne, Pam Borse, Mervin McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey Ridley & Tim Sullivan.*



*What does the LORD require of you but to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.*

MICAH 6:8



**OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH**

**HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

As we celebrate this Anniversary of our **new** church, we give thanks to God for the 44 years of blessings we have received since the beginning of our Parish. We pray for all those who are currently or have been part of our Parish, both Priests and Parishioners, giving their lives, in the service of God and our Parish community.

On this special day, the 16th June, we also acknowledge the 2nd Anniversary of the inauguration of Bishop Vincent Long as our Bishop of the Parramatta Diocese. We offer Bishop Vincent our congratulations and prayers for his service to God and the people of the Parramatta Diocese.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The children of our parish will be making their First Holy Communion at special Masses on the 24th June and the 1st July at 11.30am. Please keep our children and their families in your prayers at this very special time.

**NEW ADDITION TO THE CHURCH:** Thank you to those who have come forward to assist with our new digital system in the church. We hope to have a training morning very soon. If you would like to get involved in this ministry please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. 4735 1041. Thank you

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECK:** As you are aware it is mandatory that those who are employed or are volunteers who have face to face contact with children are required by law to have a government check number. The people of our parish who serve our children are all covered in their ministries and cleared by the Diocese. It is 5 years since this requirement has come into effect and I would remind everyone to be aware that they may need to renew their Children's check number. For those involved in Parish Ministry in relation to children please take a copy of the flyer in the church foyer indicating how to renew your WWCC number. Please contact the parish office if you require any further information. Thank you.

**CATECHIST MEETING:** Will be held in the Parish Meeting room on Monday 25th June at 9.45am. If there is anyone interested in serving the children of our state schools, by sharing our faith, you are most welcome to attend this meeting

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:** Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary council all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?"** Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**WYD PANAMA 2019:** To support the young people of our parish and Diocese to attend 2019 World Youth Day a raffle has been organised; first prize a car!!! Ben Oxley & Isaiah Soriano will be selling tickets at both the 8am and 9.30am Masses from this weekend. Please support this very worthwhile event.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2018.**

Parent Information Nights	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 7.30 pm
Enrolment Weekend	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> 6pm / Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> 8am & 9:30am August
Classes (3)	The week of Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> August & 3rd Sept
Rehearsal	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30 pm
<b>Confirmation Mass</b>	<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018.</b>

**PARISH TEAM**

Parish Priest  
**Fr. Michael O'Callaghan**  
Parish Secretary  
**Chris Rannaste**  
Pastoral Council Chairperson  
**John Cowen**  
Finance Committee Chairperson  
**Jim Prendergast**

**CONTACT US**

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**MASS TIMES**

**Weekend Masses**  
Saturday 6:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month**  
Filipino Mass 11:30 am  
**Weekday Masses 9.00am**  
Monday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
**No Mass on Tuesday**  
**Children's Liturgy**  
During 9.30 am Mass on the  
1st & 3rd Sundays each month  
**1st Friday Mass each month**  
**Anointing of the Sick**

**SACRAMENTS**

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday 5.00 pm-5:45 pm  
**Baptisms:** By appointment  
**Weddings:** By appointment  
**First Holy Communion and / or Confirmation**  
Please contact Parish Office  
[olowpar@pnc.com.au](mailto:olowpar@pnc.com.au)

**R.C.I.A :** The process for adults interested in becoming Catholic. Office: 4735 1041

