

**1/2 DECEMBER 2018—1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30am
<b>COMMENTATOR &amp; READERS</b>	Dan Kensey Anne Deutscher Clare Holland	Kevin Egan Lynne Egan Kay Walker	Marianne Castor Richard Sheehan Trish Boyle
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Stevenie Harman John Lo Cascio Michael Manton	Mitchell Sutton Pat Edwards <b>Barbara Ryan</b>	Hartley Dhyon David Green Lisa Samojlewicz <b>Denise Robens</b> <i>Nicole Simmonds</i>
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Erin Jill & Olivia Downie	Xavier & Matthias Soriano	Christopher & Nicholas Howell
<b>MUSIC</b>	Jim, Nilo, Patrick & Adrian—4th Sat. Youth Mass	Victor & Team	Richard Caws & Team
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Natalie & Ben Oxley		
<b>KID'S LITURGY</b>	Cate Kensey		
<b>MONEY COUNTERS</b>	Group 4: Phil & Kim Howle Lorraine Patoulios Mike & Pam Sayer & Clare Holland		
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b>	Group 3: Dot Gray Beryl McAlary & Anne Deutscher		
<b>GROUNDS TEAM</b>	Team 2: Brad & Connor Snedden Greg Spowart & Kevin McGee		

**PARISH GROUPS**

**Meditation Group:**  
Monday evenings: 7.30 pm  
in the Parish Meeting Room

**Tai Chi Exercises:** Christie Wood  
0431 149 131 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 (Mar-Nov)

**Step up Mums—group**  
Parish Hall - last Friday of each month  
in school term. 9.30am-11.30am.

**Parish Finance Committee**  
**6.45pm & Parish Council**  
**7.30pm meet—3rd Wednesday**  
**of each month.**

**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

**Please pray for Recently**  
**Deceased Rita Galea**  
**and for the**  
**Anniversary of Stanislaw**  
**Pieklarz and all the**  
**Holy Souls in Purgatory**

**Please pray for those**  
**who are sick in our community:**  
*June Thomas, The Walker family,*  
*Grace Perry, Kevin Rose, Daniel*  
*Colussi, Karen Gulliksen, the Beale*  
*family, Harry Beasley, Maddison*  
*Farrugia, Leone Kirton, Robyn*  
*Nelson, Vicki Wells, Mark*  
*Simmonds, Melissa Hargraves, Max*  
*Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson,*  
*Paul Dalton, Michelle Teitzel,*  
*Michael Merceica, Patty & Bernie*  
*Payne, Shirley & Les Coburn,*  
*Graham & Christine Hall, Michelle*  
*Gardam, Melissa Reardon, Brian*  
*O'Hara, Jacob Thomas, Jacqui*  
*Walker, Mary Berkout, Patricia,*  
*Knoke, Brian Payne, Mervin*  
*McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey*  
*Ridley, Habib Kaltoum*  
*Rahme, Carmen Smith, (baby—*  
*Jordan Edwards, Moira Thomas*  
*Joyce Dukes & Beryl Page.*



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**

**PARISH TEAM**

Parish Administrator:  
**Fr. Regie Lavilla MSP**  
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 11:00 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  
**R.C.I.A :** The process for  
adults interested in becoming  
Catholic. Office: 4735 1041



**PLENARY 2020 NEWS!** **SAVE**  
**THE DATE! 24th February 2019.**  
On completion of the small group  
process there will be a special Parish  
Gathering after the 9.30am Mass next  
year, to present our Parish Response and to gather any



further contributions from Parishioners. **All welcome!**

**PLEASE GIVE WITH A GENEROUS HEART:**

**TO THE BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** will be held on the weekend of 1/2  
December. Originally the November DWF (The Catholic foundation) this appeal has  
become the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. This Christmas Bishop Vincent is appealing to our  
community to generously donate to Parramatta Catholic Foundation to help CatholicCare's  
**Houses to Homes service** care for homeless young mothers in our Diocese facing  
hardship. Each year **Houses to Homes** helps around 30 to 50 homeless young mothers to  
gain safety, shelter, parenting and life skills to build a better, more secure life for  
themselves and their children, and find independence, improved wellbeing and joy.

**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: 30 November 7.30pm:** These 4 young men  
will be ordained to the priesthood by Most Rev. Vincent Long OFM Conv at St. Patricks



Galbert Albino, Jack Green, Jessie Balorio, Chris del Rosario

Cathedral, Parramatta. All are  
Welcome, however, due to the  
anticipated size of the celebration,  
an outside broadcast with seating  
will be provided in the Cathedral  
Cloister for those wishing to  
attend.

Parking options may be available in the carpark next to Western Sydney (Parramatta)  
Stadium, O'Connell Street and streets surrounding the Cathedral. Details of each ordinand's  
Mass of Thanksgiving (First Masses) are as follows: Galbert—Sat. 1st December 5.30pm at  
St. Anthony's Toongabbie; Jessie—sun. 1st December 1030am at St. Aidan's Rooty Hill &  
Sat. 8 December 5.30pm Holy Family Luddenham; Chris— Sat. 1st December 10am at Our  
Lady of the Angels Rouse Hill. Jack—Time to be advised St. John Vianney's Doonside.  
Please pray for these men as they prepare for their ordination.

**PARISH LIBRARY:** As you are aware the Library has ceased to operate. Marilyn Potts  
invites you to have a look at the books and DVD's that will be for sale on this weekend and  
the 1/2 December. Gold coin donation. Thankyou to all those who provided this library  
service to us for our reading pleasure and spiritual growth.

**EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:**

**Emergency Procedures** protocol has be  
compiled by Jim Prendergast in accordance with  
Diocesan Policies. Please note where the exit doors  
are in case of an emergency, and that in the case  
of an emergency everyone is to proceed to the  
designated evacuation area which will be the car  
park between the School and the Parish office.

**MOBILE PHONES TO BE TURNED TO SILENT DURING MASS**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Fr. Regie has advised that there will be **no evening adoration** on  
**Friday 23 & Friday 30th November** due to the event in the hall on the  
23rd and the Ordinations at Parramatta on the 30th. **There will be no**  
**Eucharistic Adoration until further notice from the beginning of**  
**December.** Fr. Regie will offer the last Eucharistic Adoration on the  
morning of Friday 30th November.



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING:** meeting to organise the Christmas Masses and  
the roster up until pre Easter - March 31 - is on **Saturday December 1— 9.30am for**  
**9.45am** in the Parish Hall. Please carefully consider your availability for this period as  
many people go away over the Christmas / New Year period.

**ROSTERS FOR 2019:** We are coming to the end of a number of Rosters; Money  
Counters, Altar Society, Ground's team, & Hospitality. Please advise the Parish Office if  
you can no longer continue on these Rosters or if you would like to join a particular  
group. 4735 1041. New Rosters will be organised before the end of the year. Thank you.

**Epiphany Pilgrimage – save the dates!**

Once again, the parishes of the Blue Mountains Deanery will host the Epiphany  
Pilgrimage from 2 – 8 January 2019. We can welcome the pilgrims to our beautiful  
mountains by:

- Journeying with them for a day or more of walking along the route (visit  
[www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org) for track information and to register)  
Join them for one or more evenings at the Parishes of the Deanery for  
prayer, catechesis, Adoration and dinner.

**The pilgrims set out from our Parish on 2nd January after prayer and**  
**morning tea—departing Our Lady of the Way at 11.15am All welcome to**  
**attend.**

The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit event of the Parramatta Diocese and Blue  
Mountains Deanery. The E Pilgrimage is the only deanery based pilgrimage in Australia  
and its now in its fourth year.  
Bishop Vincent will be celebrating the closing mass at the Chapel of the Magi, Bell (19  
Nioka Place on Tues. 8th January at 4pm followed by a light dinner. RSVP for catering  
purposes [epiphanypilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:epiphanypilgrimage@gmail.com)

**WE PRAY:** For Isaiah and all the  
other young pilgrims who will  
attend the Panama World Youth  
Day—for blessing and protection.

