

22/23 DECEMBER 2018			
	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30am
COMMENTATOR & READERS	ChristieWood Trish Ryan Anne Ledger	Kevin Egan Lynne Egan Fe Diola	Trish Boyle Michael Griffiths Hartley Dhyon
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Stevenie Harman Julie Irvine Michael Sayer	Nic Adamcewicz Kay Walker Beth Nowland	Luke Plummer Pauline Balkin Joe Gray Kevin Balkin Nicole Simmonds
ALTAR SERVERS	Jill Olivia & Erin Downie & Noah Pascoe	Xavier & Matthias Soriano	Emily Sekulic Lachlan Armour
MUSIC	Jim, Nilo, Patrick & Adrian—4th Sat. Youth Mass	Victor &Team	Richard Caws Kelly Leehy & Team
HOSPITALITY	Claire, Connie Mercy Alice Vicky & Elma.1st & 3rd Sundays of the month		
KID'S LITURGY	1st & 3rd Sundays of the month		
MONEY COUNTERS	Group 2: Harold & Nathalie Pirota & Sue Mouthaan		
ALTAR SOCIETY	Group 2: Jackie Powell Kate Oxford & Jo Von Schomburg		
GROUPS TEAM	Team 1: Paul Reece Dave Markham Paul Devlin & Lee Murray		

MOBILE PHONES TO BE TURNED TO SILENT DURING MASS

REST IN PEACE: *The funeral of Monica Piggott was held at Our Lady of the Way last Friday. We offer her husband Greg and the Piggott family and friends, our sincere condolences, prayers and love. Monica's faith and love connected deeply into our community, leaving a profound blessing with us all.*



CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS:
One Rehearsal to go!!! Tuesday 18th at 7.30pm.
ALL WELCOME!



ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Thank you to all our Parishioners for your wonderful support. Hampers will be delivered this Sunday. **Vinnies Christmas cards still available in the church foyer @ \$6.00/packet.**

ADVENT CALENDARS— OUR LADY OF THE WAY

This year for our Advent and Christmas unit of work, Year 4 were given a challenge by Miss Mizzi, our Acting Principal, to explore the true Spirit of Christmas. Based on the idea of the 'Twelve Days of Christmas', she asked us to share twelve (or more) ways that we could share the spirit of Christmas.

Based on the scripture of Luke where John the Baptist tells the soldiers to 'give a shirt if they have two' or the tax collectors 'be honest and caring', the children started to list the ways they could 'bring Jesus' to others this Christmas. They could choose the way they wanted to share their ideas.

Some of the children thought it would be a nice idea to share their ideas with the Parish. Therefore you will see some 'Advent Calendars', posters, questions and cups with messages in the foyer of the church.

We encourage you to read them or take one and help Year 4 to spread the spirit of the Season.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas,
Carole Day, Pat Scott, Mandy Marshall and the children of Year 4. OLOW

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

McCarthy Catholic College:
Phone: 4735 3211
Principal Mrs. Tania Cairns

Please pray for Recently
Deceased Margaret Joyce
and for the
Anniversaries of Stephen
Walker and Paddy Finn



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
3rd 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

RECONCILIATION IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS:

Parishioners are warmly welcome to enjoy the encouraging experience of the one to one Sacrament of Reconciliation in Advent. Fr Paul will support people for this opportunity with extra times for the two weekends prior to Christmas. On both Saturday and Sunday, 15th and 16th / 22nd and 23rd - the Sacrament will be available from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. As well, we are **welcome to join with our neighbours at St Finbars' Glenbrook on Tuesday night 18th December 7.30pm for a 2nd Rite, communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

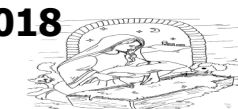
The 2nd Rite is an option in our Catholic practice where much of the celebration is entered together and during which there is a brief one to one sharing time with the support of a priest. Fr. Paul will not have moved in properly by then, still only able to do weekends, but he will visit that night to join in at Glenbrook.

PLEASE NOTE: NO WEEKDAY MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE—
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES IN SURROUNDING PARISHES:

St. Finbar's Glenbrook: Mon.9am, Tues 9am, Wednesday 8am Thurs. 9am, Fri. 9am & Saturday 9am. (except 3rd Wed.—Healing Mass at 10am.)
St. Nicholas Penrith: Mon. 9.30am Tues. 6.45am & 9.30am , Wed. 9.30am & 7.00pm, Thurs. 9.30am, Fri. 6.45pm & 12.10pm, Sat 9.00am Healing Mass 1st Sat. of the month 9.00am.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE 2018



CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS – Mon. 24 DEC. - 6PM – Carols commence at 5.30pm.

MIDNIGHT MASS - Carols commence at 11.30 pm & Mass following.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – Tuesday 25 DEC. – 9.30 AM. NO 8AM MASS.

Children who would like to participate in the **Nativity** procession, please come early dressed as Angels, Shepherds, Mary & Joseph, Wise Men and Women etc **to the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass.**

READERS & COMMENTATORS: We need readers for midnight Mass! Please contact the Parish office 4735 1041 or Marianne Castor 4735 6630 if you can read at midnight Mass.

Please note there is no 8am Mass on Christmas day—readers not required.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday 19th December at 6.45pm followed by **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING at 7.30pm**

ROSTERS AVAILABLE FOR GROUNDS TEAM AND MONEY COUNTERS FOR 2019:

Please collect new rosters from the Church foyer. Thank you

Please consider volunteering for one of our many ministry activities and contact the parish office if you are available. Thank you

EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE: 2-8 JANUARY 2019. This pilgrimage sets out from Our Lady of the Way after prayer and morning tea at 11.15 am. Place your prayer intentions in the box provided. The pilgrims will pray for all those intentions along their way. Bishop Vincent will say the closing Mass at the Chapel of the Magi on the **8th January at 19 Nioka Place Bell** (a light dinner following) RSVP for catering email; epiphanypilgrimage@gmail.com

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

