

Dear Friends,

On Thursday night just past we celebrated the Mass of the Lord's Supper to begin what's called the Easter 'triduum'. We moved through Friday's Stations of the Cross and the Solemn Commemoration of the Passion – then waited in remembrance until the weekend Masses of the Resurrection. What a remarkable concept it is in the Christian faith to claim a God who became one of us, who freely became subjected to human frailty and violence, then whose radical trust broke through even the ultimate barrier of death. This is the power in which we live now as Easter people – people of the Resurrection – people who can live in the joy of saying 'eternity has already begun!'

As these Easter people, we used the foot washing ceremony during Thursday night's Mass to acknowledge two things; i) that firstly God wants to love and serve us - the God who actually knows each of us by name and ii) that as those loved people, our loving and serving can be a channel of God's actual presence to others. To use our Catholic Christian wording, we can each be a Sacrament of Christ to others!

There might be some chocolate eggs on sale this coming week as Easter signs disappear from our shops. But in our faith cycle we stay with Easter for the next seven weeks. This will give us a chance to spend a bit of time reflecting again, anew, on what it might next mean in each of our lives to be Easter people of the risen Christ; what next joy and initiative might be possible for us, individually and as a community, when we link the reality of Easter with the realities of now.

So with these few thoughts, happy Easter to you and your loved ones. And let's look forward to an Easter Season of allowing the next possibilities - as a community of faith on the shared journey of eternity that has begun.

With Friendship in God's Mission,

fr Paul

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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

Wednesday 9.15 am
Thursday 8.15am &
Friday 7.15am.

Children's Liturgy

During 9.30 am
Mass on the
1st & 3rd
Sundays each
month



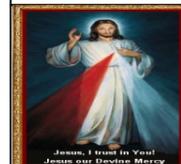
*What does the LORD require of you but to act justly,
to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God*
MICAH 6:8



R.C.I.A : This weekend at the Easter Vigil; Lily, Liam, Justin, Kaylee, Pamela and Charlene were received and confirmed in the Catholic Church. We warmly welcome them and congratulate them on the journey that they commenced many months ago. May they be truly blessed at Our Lady of the Way. We look forward as a community to continuing our journey of faith and life together. Many thanks to John Cowen and the R.C.I.A team for their dedication to the preparation of our brothers and sisters during this process.

JESUIT RETREAT FOR THE PARISHES OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS:

An invitation has been extended to Lawson parish to experience a Jesuit Retreat: the First Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Fr. Paul Slyney from Lawson is extending this same opportunity to all the parishes in the Blue Mountains to be held **April 28 to May 25**. The retreat takes the form of small groups (of 6-8 persons) facilitated by a Jesuit priest meeting once per week over four weeks. Options for Group Times will be available. The Priest who will be conducting the First Spiritual Exercises Retreat is **Fr. Meyo Obwanda** from Kenya. He is 45 years old and presently a high school principal. He did some studies in the UK and is fluent in English. At the moment, publicity of details for this retreat is being put in place. Please look out for all the notices including application forms.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Devotions will be held at St. Nicholas of Myra Penrith commencing at 2.30pm on 28th April 2019 and will conclude with Mass at 6pm.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:
Saturday 4.30 pm-5:30 pm
Baptisms: By appointment
Weddings: By appointment

First Holy Communion and / or Confirmation
Please contact Parish Office
olowpar@pnc.com.au or
emuplains@parracatholic.org

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

Please pray for *the Anniversaries of those who have died.*



Please pray for those who are sick in our community:
Grace Perry, Kevin Rose, Karen Gulliksen, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton, Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Bernie Payne, Shirley & Les Coburn, Graham & Christine Hall, Michelle Gardam, Melissa Reardon, Jacqui Walker, Mary Berkout, Patricia, Knoke, Brian Payne, Mervin McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey Ridley, Habib Kaltoum Rahme, Michael Mercieca, Carmen Smith, (baby—Jordan Edwards) Moira Thomas, Joyce Dukes, Beryl Page, Frances Payne, Val Smith, Bernadette Dearie, Barbara Grant & Gregory Clare.