

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah



Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass on Saturday night 5.30pm (Reconciliation 4.30pm-5.15pm)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 5.30pm

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Julian Belich

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BUS TRIP!!! **ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL** **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Tuesday, 18th December 2018

Departs Caringbah at 5pm

There are more seats available in the bus.

The sign in sheet is in the Foyer.

THE CHRISTMAS NOVENA begins on 16 December. At this point, the Advent focus shifts to the Christmas story and the Virgin Mary. These days serve to prepare more directly for the Lord's birth.

General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, 42

CHRISTMAS is a holy day of obligation. Bishops and Parish Priests offer a Mass pro populo on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

Priests may celebrate or concelebrate three Masses for Christmas Day.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday 9.15am

Wednesday 9.15am

Thursday 7am

7.30pm Choir practice

Friday 9.15am Collect of St Peter

Canisius, Priest, Doctor (Optional)

Saturday 8am

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3

Gaudete Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent (Year C) 15 - 16 December 2018

Entrance Antiphon

Philippians 4:4-5

REJOICE in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Responsorial Ps

Isaiah 12: 2-6. *R.* v. 6

Cry out with joy and gladness:

for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4: 4-7

The Lord is near.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 3: 10-18

What, then, must we do?

Communion Antiphon

cf. Isaiah 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Early Childcare Centre Update

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Parish Council we would like to give you a brief update on the progress with the Parish's Early Childcare facility.

In our last update you may recall the Parish Council had embarked on a process to engage several major early childcare providers who have implemented and run childcare centres in parishes within the Sydney Archdiocese.

The summary below, brings you up-to-date with actions so far and the next steps:

- The Parish Council met with a number of early childcare service providers who provide services in the Sydney Archdiocese. The intent was to understand the options to progress a facility at OLOF.
- Two providers Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services, a relatively new organisation operating under the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, and Montessorri Academy Group, a very large and successful organisation with a number of early learning services operating in parishes in the Shire and elsewhere were both invited to provide submissions.
- The requirements for submissions included:
 - o The facility would be constructed on Parish land located between the primary school and church.
 - o The Service provider would fund the entire building and construction as well as the ongoing operation of the facility.
 - o The land would be leased to the service provider under a 10-year lease with a proposed 10-year extension.
 - o At the end of the 20-year lease period the ownership of the facility would transfer to the Parish.
 - o After this time the service provider may continue to operate the facility but under a new contract.
 - o The service provider would provide a continuous income stream to the Parish for the term of the lease, paid quarterly. The size of the income would depend on several factors including the capacity of the facility and the number of children enrolled.
 - o Both organisations would be expected to provide a building repair fund to maintain our church buildings.
- Both organisations provided quality and considered submissions which then went through a lengthy review process over a number of months. Both submissions were viable options.
- At the end of that process in August, Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services was adjudged as best suited to provide these services to the Parish.
 - o Key factors considered in the decision were:
 - o The provision of a long-term income stream to the Parish thus assuring a sound financial foundation, confirming its viability as a Parish and fostering its efforts to grow the spiritual life of the Parish.
 - o The provision of an up-front cash payment to the Parish specifically to repair/replace sections of the roof of the church which are badly in need of attention.

- o Confidence in a long-term partnership that successfully aligns the objectives of the service provider and those of the Parish.
 - o The Centre's alignment with the core values and objectives of the Parish.
 - o Meeting the core intention to provide families in our community an opportunity to pursue a catholic early childhood learning and development option for their children.
 - o Providing close engagement and alignment with both the Parish and our primary and secondary schools.
- In August the next step was to prepare a submission and undertake the Archdiocesan review process.
- In November the application was considered by the Archdiocesan Finance Council (AFC) and the recommendation from this meeting was the application be approved subject to the appointment of a Parish Priest.
- The application will be included in the February 2019 College of Consultors meeting subject to the appointment of the Parish Priest. However, the Parish & SCECS were approved to continue the planning for the Centre on the proposed site and to progress as per normal through the local Council.
- On approximately the 20th November word came through that the Archdiocese had approved us to move forward once a new Parish Priest was appointed to Caringbah. And you all know about that recent announcement. Congratulations Father Julian.
- While we have the green light to move forward, there is still a long way to go and a lot to be done.
- Our first step was to prepare this communication for all masses this weekend and to be available to answer questions anyone may have after mass.
- We are in the design stage of the project. SCECS will be preparing a design and will be going through a consultation process with the Parish and the schools.
- There will be sacrifices that we will need to make along the way.
 - o We will be sharing our land and facilities with the Childcare Centre
 - o There will be a construction phase
 - o Despite this, though, we are setting this Parish for success in the long term, with your support we will continue that work.
- We would like to recognise and thank, firstly Father Danai who supported us kicking this process off, over a year ago, to Father Mate who supported us all the way through, to Father Julian who has been a strong supporter since his involvement started with our Parish, Bishop Umbers for his significant investment in time, advice and sponsorship of our proposal, to both Principals of OLO Fatima, Karen Lamarre and De La Salle, Peter Buxton, to Elena Ferrari and Michael Griffiths who have worked tirelessly to drive this project forward and all the members of the Parish Council and Finance Committee who have given their time, ideas and support and the numerous communications and feedback we have had from many in the Parish along the way. Thanks to all for your input, support and guidance. It's wonderful to be part of such a constructive and supportive team.
- We will be outside after mass to answer any questions you might have.
- We have some concept designs on display in the church courtyard. If you wish to have a look.

The Parish Council.

Parish Office Hours this week:

Tuesday - Friday - 9am - 4pm

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church family this weekend through the waters of Baptism:

- Charlie Mae Ainsworth**
- Hudson Charlie Callan**
- Layla Phoenix Moss**
- August Cecelia Sreckovic**
- Ashton Ismail Wall**

The Baptism Preparation Class is a one on one session with the Priest. Parents and child along with their godparents attend the Naming Ceremony at the 9.30am Mass. Guests are encouraged to attend the Mass. Baptism is at 10.30am on Sundays.

For enquiries, please ring the Parish Office - (02) 9524 7283

Working Bee

You are invited to take part in various tasks if you are able to, in redying our Church for Christmas, by helping out in the **Working Bee** on Saturday, 22nd December **from 10.30am to 3.30pm**. Parish will provide lunch.

Save the date!!!

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Caringbah**

**Invites you to the
Installation Mass
of**

Fr Julian Belich

**Sunday, 10 March 2019
9.30am**

**followed by morning tea and
family fun activities**

Catholic Weekly

- WYD Pilgrims prepare to leave
- Down but not out: Horsley Park parish stays strong
- Armenian art for cathedral
- Faith in the desert
- Movie review: New Life
- Vatican, China agreement worry

The Catholic Weekly is in the Foyer for \$2

MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for the faithful departed

Recently DECEASED: Felix Mandile, Cristy Edward, John BT Vande, Dr Darrell Weinman, Erlinda Porter, Jaka Prizmic, Ante Prizmic, Doug Newman, Helena Szczepanski, Rosetta Romeo, Wade Keys, David Albert Hickey, Mason Taylor, Denis Franklin, Wendy O'Brien, Paul Bateman, Dr Albert Montgomery.

Anniversaries of Death: Ron McFarlane, Aurora Murray, Valdivia Family, Josefa Valdivia, Stillone Family and Giardini, Ricardo Dorrigato, Rosaria Bongiorno, Bruce John Freeland, Mercedes Arrogante, Gonzalez Family, Paul Myers, Aura Arrogante.

ALSO: Rodriguez family, Pagjunasan family, Montgomery family, Iris Butler, Noel Charlton, Rhonda Shallala. All the Souls in Purgatory.

May they rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick

Shirley Villa, Gale Layton, June Walker, Janette Ngu, Beryl Marion Mitchell. All the patients in the hospitals in our Parish.

Names in the bulletin will be published as follows: Recently Deceased 4 weeks, Anniversaries 2 weeks, Deceased 4 weeks, unless otherwise notified to the Parish Office, Special Intentions 1 week, Sick 2 weeks.

22nd - 23rd December	A/V Operator	Readers
Saturday 5.30pm	Mulcahy Family	Kay Cook, Peter Faber
Sunday 8.00am	Mark Abad	John Ferlazzo, Varsha Jojo
Sunday 9.30am	Eleftheriades Family	Rhonda Francis, Anna Cindric
Sunday 5.30pm	Edwin Mathew	Adam Bryant, Sherrol Gane

Children's Liturgy, 23rd December: NONE - HOLIDAYS

Communion Ministry to the Sick, 23rd December: Volunteer Needed



Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve:

Monday, 24th December - 4pm, 6pm, 8pm and Midnight

At the Midnight Mass,

Mark Vincent will be singing as usual along with Stephanie Swords, our local talent.



Christmas Day Masses:

Tuesday, 25 December - 8am and 9.30am

Don't Forget the Poor this Christmas

Under the Christmas Tree next to the Nativity Set in the Foyer, there are baskets for parishioners to place their gifts for the poor. They will go to the Caringbah Conference of St Vincent de Paul to distribute to the needy. Many thanks for your generous donation and continued support.

Invitation to Singers and Musicians

Please come along and join in the Choir Practice in preparation for our Christmas Masses.

For Christmas Eve: 8pm and the Midnight Masses: the practice will be on Wednesday, 19th December 2018 at 7.30pm.

Reconciliation Times Before Christmas

1st Rite of Reconciliation - **Saturday, 22 December - 10am - 12pm and 4.30pm to 5.15pm**



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

We will have a visiting sister from the Convent of St. Elisabeth from Belarus, (Eastern Europe) on

18 Dec. 2018

8.30 am OLOF Foyer & OLF Primary Sch.



Sisters of St Elisabeth take care of children and adults with mental and physical disabilities and work hard to improve their living conditions.



Sisters brought with them beautiful religious handicrafts made in the workshops of the Convent.



They also help ex-prisoners, drug and alcohol addicts at rehabilitation center.

PLEASE TAKE THIS SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY to support beautiful work and mission of the sisters by purchasing the items of devotion.

www.obitel-minsk.by stelisabethconvent@gmail.com



Handicrafts are available after Masses in our church. The goods at display:

- * church vestments;
- * icons;
- * crosses;
- * rosaries;
- * religious items;
- * souvenirs;
- * Cds.

To help these people, workshops were established on the grounds of the Convent. Many of these sick people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God, working together with the nuns and sisters and making beautiful articles (hand painted icons, crosses, crucifixes, woodcarvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, vestments).

All these goods are made with love and prayer and bring blessing to homes. You will support many people in need by purchasing items of devotions for yourselves and your beloved ones.

**With deep gratitude and love in Christ,
Sisters of St Elisabeth**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2019

It is not too late to submit your enrolment form for the Sacrament of Confirmation for 2019. Please contact the Parish office as soon as possible.

For those who did not attend the Information Session on Sunday, 25 November, there will be a make-up Information Session sometime in February next year.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday, 23rd June 2019. The Sessions are 12pm and 3pm.

For Enquiries please ring: 9524 7283.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 23 Dec 2018

Christmas edition then we enter the summer series until February

This week on The Journey, the Gospel reflection is from the Dioceses of Wollongong Advent reflection booklet, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey with her Christmas reflection, Bruce Downes the Catholic Guy reminds us to be still before God, and The Pirolas encourage us to Make A Change For The Better. It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we say thank you for your support with Journey Catholic Radio for another year. God Bless, and Merry Christmas from all of us here at the Diocese of Wollongong. Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Church,

We are delighted to invite you to see and purchase handmade religious articles made by the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent (Belarus).

The display of goods will take place on **Tuesday morning, 18 December 2018.**

The Sisterhood of Saint Elisabeth was founded in 1996. For more than 15 years, our sisters have been rendering spiritual, social and financial support to the sick and the suffering at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs and mentally challenged adults, and a TB clinic.

In recent years a rehabilitation center for the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners was established 20 miles away from the Convent. About 200 residents live here today. Many lost and struggling people get a chance to tackle their problems and start a new life with God.

A rehabilitation facility for females was established in 2012. Women released from jail, the homeless and mentally challenged women stay there. Today there are 11 women and one toddler at this farmstead.



Recently, we came to the need of a new monstrance for our Church. This monstrance will be used for the exposition of our Lord Jesus Christ during adoration. It will help us to better appreciate our Lord, deepen our spirituality and give a better dignity to the service for the glory of God. We truly believe that the best should be for the Lord and this monstrance is just a small sign of that belief.

Please help us pay for the monstrance. We don't want to limit you as to how much you want to donate, but the cost is two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

Thank you for your generosity and may the Lord bless you abundantly.

NEW NOTICES

1. An Advent App for Christmas! – Meet Me in the Silence.

Walk the journey to Advent on your mobile device. Each day delivers a new video, podcast or written feature to assist you prepare for Christmas and meet Jesus in the silence, despite the busyness of the Christmas season.

The Advent Calendar App is free and available on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Search for "Xt3 Advent" in the Google Play store or the App store, or visit www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent

2. Volunteering with CatholicCare

Interested in volunteering to help seniors?

Based at our Liverpool office, we need callers to phone people waiting for government funded home care to check on their wellbeing.

Interested in volunteering to help children?

Based at our Lewisham office, we need people to help at playgroups for young, vulnerable mothers and their babies.

Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

3. National Charismatic Retreats for Priests, Deacons, Religious and Associates

Please find attached our advertising package for the forthcoming residential National Charismatic Retreats for Priests, Deacons, Religious and Associates - to be held at Newman College, University of Melbourne, Swanston St., Melbourne, in January, 2019.

These retreats are held every January and are now in their 40th year of existence. Many Priests and Religious tell us that have benefitted greatly from attending the Retreats over the years.

Our Retreat is for Bishops, Priests & Seminarians, Deacons, Religious Brothers, Religious Sisters, Lay Members of Religious Orders (Associates), Lay Religious (Tertiaries or Third Order members) of Religious Orders, Chaplains, Pastoral Associates / Pastoral Workers - Certificate of Attendance available.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact any of the Team members or else one of the Interstate Liaisons mentioned on Page 1 of the brochure.

Please note that all bookings need to be forwarded to:

Sr. Loreto Lynch RSM, whose details appear on the brochure under: 'Booking Details'.

PREVIOUS NOTICES

1. Drawing and Giving Life – NSW Pastoral Ministry Conference 2019

How do we renew our pastoral structures to draw and give life in the post Royal Commission Church? In what ways are we called to move forward and strengthen our ministries to serve the mission of Jesus Christ?

The day includes networking with ministry leaders around NSW and two opportunities to engage with a variety of workshops with on the ground practitioners who offer strategies for renewing and strengthening our pastoral mission.

Conference Rates: Early Bird \$65 (booking made prior to 17 December 2018).

Normal rate \$75 (bookings after 17 December 2018).

Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe. Tuesday 26th February 2019 / 9.30am To 4.30pm

2. Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings. Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: (02) 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au