

ROSTER: 3/4 FEBRUARY 2018			
	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30am
COMMENTATOR & READERS	Phillip Youngman Victor Tuballa Christy Wood	Claire Alba Mike Hatch Pat Hatch	Paul McAlary Margaret Magee Rebecca Castor
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	John Cowen Lily Cowen Christine McGregor	Harold Pirotta Fe Diola Lisa Howell	David Clements Connie Reid Lisa Samojlewicz Gabriel Manouk Mitchell Sutton
ALTAR SERVERS	TO BE ADVISED		
MUSIC	Jim, Nilo & Joan	Victor & Team	Richard Caws & Team
HOSPITALITY	Natalie & Ben Oxley		
KID'S LITURGY	Elizabeth & Paul Devlin		
MONEY COUNTERS	Group 1: Rose Vanderloo Carmen Holliday John & Jenny Lo Cascio		
ALTAR SOCIETY	Group 4: Heather Barlow Connie Reid Lynne Castellari & Michelle Harris		
GROUNDS TEAM	Team 4: Roy Gumkowski Brandan Buttress & Michael Chenhall		

Sacramental Dates for 2018

Reconciliation

Parent Information Nights Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th February 7.30pm
(Ash Wed 14th)

Enrolment Weekend Sat 24th 6pm / Sun 25th 8am & 9:30am February
Classes (2) The week of Monday 5th & 12th March

Liturgy Thursday 22nd March 7.30 pm

Eucharist

Parent Information Nights Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th May 7.30 pm
Enrolment Weekend Sat 12th 6pm / Sun 13th 8am & 9:30am May
Classes (3) The week of Monday 21st & 28th May & 4th June
Rehearsal 1 Wednesday 20th June 7.30 pm

Mass 1 Sunday 24th June 11.30 am

Rehearsal 2 Wednesday 27th June 7.30pm

Mass 2 Sunday 1st July 11.30am

Confirmation

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

Confirmation Mass Thursday 20th September 2018.



PARISH GROUPS

Parish Library:
Weekends before and/or after Mass.

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
(**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 for Recently Deceased: Dorothy Puckeridge and for the Anniversaries of Alice Cudmore & Clare Boliver

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, Elizabeth Kay, Greg Kay, 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, Christine Small, Brian O'Hara, Jacob Thomas, Belinda Pagnucco, Jacqui Walker, Maryanne Mifsud & Mary Berkout



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 WAY PARISH

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
3rd 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

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

WELCOME BACK TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR: We welcome back our parents, children and school staff as we begin a new school year. We especially welcome our new kindergarten children as they commence their schooling and parents who are new to our school community. May 2018 be an enjoyable and fruitful year for all concerned.

SCHOOL MASS: The staff from Our Lady of the Way School will join our community at the 9.00am Mass on Monday, 29th January as they commence a new School year.

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION: *The Catholic Foundation Appeal* which replaced the Diocesan Works Fund, needs to raise \$2.5 million annually to sustain the works of the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains—including the formation of our seminarians, providing Christian education in public schools, empowering our disabled with job training, supporting our deaf and assisting single mothers facing homelessness. What sets these works apart from many other charities is that these are the official works of the Diocese of Parramatta. These are our collective works. **The Catholic Foundation** appeal will occur on the weekend of the **10/11 February**. Thank you for your support.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2018:

Applications are open to enrol in the Formation Courses run by the Office for Worship in our Diocese.

If you are interested in becoming a **Minister of the Word, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, minister of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Altar Server or Acolyte** please complete an Application Form and return to the Parish Office. Applications close on Thursday 8th February 2018. Application forms are available in the Church foyer.

SCRIPTURE 2018. OLOW have a group of dedicated Catechists who teach scripture to students at our 3 local public schools once a week for 30 minutes. This year we need 2 more teachers, one to help on Tuesday at Emu Heights and another to help on Thursday at Emu Plains. Support for all lessons is available and students work in a work book. If you think you can donate approximately an hour a week to help us we would be most appreciative. You may like to come and talk to us first. Please contact the Parish office on 4735 1041. Thank you for your support **Michelle Collins Scripture Co-Ordinator.**

LENTEN GROUPS: One of the Lenten Resources being offered this year, is from the Broken Bay Diocese called **LIFTED UP**, based on the practice of *Lectio Divina* as a way of reading the scriptures that is prayerful and transformative. Included in the booklet are reflections from Rev. Dr David Ranson Vicar General Diocese of Broken Bay. If anyone is interested in facilitating a Lenten Group please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: FRIDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY

This feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century and was adopted in Rome during the seventh century. Celebrated forty days after Christmas, commemorating the prescribed Mosaic ritual following the birth of a child, and recalling the encounter of Jesus with Simeon and Anna in the temple. Christ is "the light to enlighten all nations", and so candles are blessed during the introductory rites.

You are welcome to bring candles to be blessed at this Mass. Being the 1st Friday of the month their will also be the Anointing of the Sick, with a "cuppa" in the hall following Mass.