



CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JAMES, Blayney (est. 1931)

Incorporating the former parish of *Immaculate Conception, Carcoar (est.1847)* and including the communities of *St Laurence's (Mandurama), St Canice's (Millthorpe)* and the villages of *Lyndhurst, Barry, Neville and Newbridge.*

Fourth Sunday of Lent- Year A 22nd March, 2020

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We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of our land, Australia.
We acknowledge the Wiradyuri Nation as the traditional custodians of these lands we now call Blayney, and we pay our respect to their Elders.

LETTER FROM BISHOP MCKENNA

18th March 2020



Dear Friends in Christ,

Slowing the spread of Covid19 has required an unprecedented response from our public health authorities.

We need to trust their expert judgment and cooperate together with their advice and directives. As Christians, we pray especially for the elderly and vulnerable and for healthcare workers and all who are on the front line in this emergency. I am just back from Vietnam, so have gone into self isolation at Matthew Quinn House for two weeks. Although I arrived home before the legal requirement came into effect, I have thought it prudent to observe the spirit of the public health directive.

As you know, our usual life has already been disrupted, including the routines of worshipping God together.

I want to update you on the latest precautions we have had to take:

1. The latest directive from the public health authorities is that indoor gatherings of more than 100 persons are prohibited. This means that attendance at each Sunday Mass must be limited to that number, unless the Mass is celebrated outdoors.

In small communities this will not be a problem, but each larger parish is making its own plans to deal with the situation there. People should check with their parish website or office to find out how they will be affected.

At this time, it would be advisable for elderly parishioners to celebrate Mass on weekdays, rather than on Sunday.

It is also possible to pray and follow Mass online at <https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>

2. Special announcements regarding the celebration of Holy Week and Easter will be made according to the developing situation.

3. Attendance at funerals will need to be limited to close family and friends.

4. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will continue to be administered individually to those who need it, but Anointing Masses are suspended until further notice.

Check with your parish priest about arrangements for the other Sacraments during this time.

May I close with a prayer of St Patrick, the patron of our Diocese:

Lord, I praise and proclaim your name in all places, not only when things go well but also in times of stress.

Whether I receive good or ill, I return thanks equally to God, who taught me always to trust him unreservedly.

Our Lady of the Central West, St Patrick and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

Yours in Christ,

+Michael McKenna

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WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased:

Sick: Barbara Anderson, Barry Furner, Shona Maher, Merle Sherlock, Charmaine Randall, Peter Sutton, Marion Rapley, Cec Stonestreet, Fr Tim, Leanne Fuller, Josh Farr, Alan & Esmá Quinn, Special intention, Marnie Mason, Adam Beuzeville, Tom Todd, Fr James Kane, Gary & Barbara Evans, Sedric Furner, Marie Shea, Michelle Furner (Janet & Lyle's daughter-in-law), Kevin Buesnel, Beth Commins, Terry & Anne Kable, Luke Bingham

Commended to our Prayers: Mikhael family, Panfilo, Lace, Alicia, Lace, Norma Sherlock, Don Goode, Ronda Sutton, Dorothy Lynch, Mary Kervin, Dale Beuzeville, Isabel Lewis, Priscilla Richardson, Thelma & Arthur Wilkins, Laura & Lloyd Wilkins, Jack & Phyllis Wilkins, Wenda Wilkins, Faith Eason, Merrill McKellar, Dorothy & Tom Lynch, Jan Davies, Patricia Sherlock, Alan Sherlock, Barry & Robyn Bell, Holy souls, John Joseph Dodds, Brian Miskell, Justin Roe Lamph, Sandi Lea Marie Lamph, Scott Connolly, Athol & Kath Smith, Dale Beuzeville, Isabel Lewis, Cec Burrell, Marie Nelson, Betty & Ernie Roach, Denis Baker, Keith & Barbara Ryan, Michael Ryan, Bradley Wallace, Rita & Kevin Hanrahan, Tom & Marion Stapleton, Marie Hoolahan, Robert White, Cecil Wilds, Patricia Chapman, Joan Stonestreet, John Reynders, Marie Reynders, John Pollard, Sonny Abbott, Wallace Brayley, Jacqueline Anderson, Norma Sherlock, Don Goode, Rita & Jim Newman, Chris Pelly

Due to strict privacy laws, names of the sick can only be put on the bulletin with the permission of the immediate family.

Notice of Temporary Closure

Dear Friends of Shalom

After careful consideration within the Shalom Community and in consultation with Bishop Michael we have made the decision that due to the health risks of the spread of Caronavirus it is not in the best interests of our Community or our future guests at Shalom events to continue operations during this time. We have therefore decided to close on a temporary basis until further notice.

Rest assured as soon as the situation regarding the risks to Heath from the spread of Caronavirus becomes clearer the Shalom Community will recommence operations.

In the meantime if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us by phone 63673058 or email shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Holy Father, Pope Francis has announced Bishop Patrick O'Regan as the ninth Archbishop of Adelaide.



WORDS OF WISDOM

"Forget what hurt you but never forget what it taught you."

Response to the Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

**Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

Rosters:	This Sunday
Sacristan	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Welcomers	Lyle & Janet Furner
Ist Reading & Psalm	Judy Newstead
2nd Reading	Jill May
Gifts	<i>Arranged by the Sacristan</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	Jill May, Marcia Henry Margaret Welham
Church Cleaners	Don & Leonie Bell
Communion Ministers - Lee Hostel & Littlewood House	Merle Sherlock VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Rosters:	Next Sunday
Sacristan	Merle Sherlock
Welcomers	Margaret Welham Robin Stonestreet
Ist Reading & Psalm	Carol Ryan
2nd Reading	Peter Judge
Gifts	<i>Arranged by the Sacristan</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	Don Bell, Margaret Burrell
Church Cleaners	
Communion Ministers - Lee Hostel & Littlewood House	Margaret Welham, Josh Clayton

This weeks Readings

Next Week's Readings:

1 Sam 16:1,6-7, 10-13

Ezek 37:12-1

Eph 5:8-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 9:1-41

Jn 11:1-45Jn