



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*.

Fifth Sunday of Lent- Year A 29th 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.

THE MASS CONTINUES

A letter from Bishop McKenna



Dear Friends in Christ,

As you would know by now, we have had to suspend public celebrations of Mass in the Diocese, as part of our cooperation in slowing the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, the priests will continue to say Mass, either alone or, where feasible, with very small groups, in private.

The efficacy of the Mass does not depend on the size of the congregation, but on the loving power of God, working through the priest. The one sacrifice of Christ is renewed on many altars: it is an action of the whole Church, on earth and in heaven; and its graces flow to everyone, even to those who have died.

For the next many weeks, even months, most Catholics in the world will not have the opportunity to celebrate Mass in person. The deprivation for those whose participation is regular will be real: it could also be an opportunity to deepen, through hunger, our appreciation of the Lord's gift. As the old song says: "you don't know what you've got till it's gone..."

A few years ago, I wrote a pastoral letter on the Eucharist, entitled Holy Communion. I offer it again, with this message, (<https://bit.ly/2Qyjb56>) in the hope that some may find it helpful in their reflections: and more eagerly anticipate the day when we can offer Mass together again.

In that letter, I wrote that "full participation in the Mass... means living a Eucharistic life." Our unselfish care for one another in these days, especially for those who are suffering most, will be a sign of that truly Eucharistic life.

Yours in Christ,

+Michael McKenna

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A MESSAGE FROM FR PAUL

COVID-19 is disrupting our communities and our lifestyles and causing anxiety levels to rise quite a bit. At the same time, there are millions of people all around the world using their brains, initiative, humour and compassion to reach out to others to ensure they are ok, feel connected, and know they are loved.

This will be a tough time for us all in different ways, but already we are seeing the sparkle of the silver lining on the dark cloud currently over us. I think this experience will change us - it'll change our value systems, affirm what we see as really important, what is not so crucial to get stressed over, how we interact with reach other, how we do meetings, business, teaching, health care, and lots of other things we don't even realise yet.

Thanks to all those of you finding new and innovative ways to get our food, drink and medicines to us, to keep teaching and learning going at all levels of education, to care for our physical and mental health, and all those of you keeping things going so well to give us some sense of normality in these strangest of days.

We appreciate all you are doing.

Blessings
Paul Devitt

WELCOME TO OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS

Five of our seminarians will be living in the Presbytery since the Seminary has closed its accommodation in the current crisis.

MASS WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED from the Cathedral every Sunday at 10.00am

This can be watched on the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst Facebook Page and the Cathedral Parish Bathurst Facebook Page

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased Bree-Anne Petty (Oange)

Sick: Barbara Anderson, Barry Furner, Shona Maher, Merle Sherlock, Charmaine Randall, Peter Sutton, Marion Rapley, Cec Stonestreet, Fr Tim, Leanne Fuller, Josh Farr, Alan & Esma Quinn, Special intention, Marnie Mason, Adam Beuzeville, Tom Todd, Fr James Kane, Gary & Barbara Evans, Sedic 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.

Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

(Adapted from [Vatican News](#).)

This weeks Readings Ezek 37:12-14
Next Week's Readings: Is 50:4-7

Rom 8:8-11
Phil 2:6-11

Jn 11:1-45
Mt 26:14-27:66