

**PARISH MASS TIMES**

**Monday:** No Mass  
**Tuesday:** 5.00 pm Mass  
**Wed - Friday:** 9.00 am Mass  
**Sat :** 5.00pm  
**Sunday:** 9.00am Mass

**Reconciliation**

**Tues:** 4 - 4.45pm  
**Sat:** 3.30 - 4.30pm

**Adoration & Benediction**

**Tue:** 4-5pm  
Ash Monday 6pm Indian Community Mass  
Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15am, 6pm



**Project Compassion Sunday**  
14-15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support.

**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

**Or online at:** [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)



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*Thank You!*

We sincerely thank Mons John Woods for his insightful address on Voluntary Assisted Dying and Nola Beatty & Marie Weatherall for facilitating the Palliative Care session. The day was very well attended and provided a fruitful and meaningful discussion. Thanks also to all parishioners who joined and contributed to this important gathering .

**MASSES IN AGED CARE**

**The Glen** Second Wednesday  
10.30am  
**The Manor** Third Wednesday  
2pm  
**Maranatha** Fourth Wednesday  
2pm

**PARISH ROSTERS**

**14/15 FEBRUARY**

**Cleaning**

16-20 R & K Ison

**5.00PM MASS**

Welcomer J Anderson  
Commentator: J O'Sullivan  
Reader: J Mackay  
Eucharistic Ministers  
E Butt  
Computer Screen  
M O'Neill

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer L May  
Commentator . J Whiteford  
Reader: B Basevi  
Eucharistic Ministers  
V & C Burns  
Computer Screen D May ....

**MORNING TEA:**

J Barroman/G Berryman

**COUNTERS:**

G Norris/J O'Sullivan

**21/22 FEBRUARY**

**Cleaning**

23-27 Favetta,O'Neill, Nugent

**5.00PM MASS**

Welcomer B Oerder:  
Commentator: S Ebejer  
Reader: P Nolan  
Eucharistic Ministers  
K Lovering  
Computer Screen  
J O'Sullivan

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer M Britt  
Commentator P Fleming  
Reader A Skinner  
Eucharistic Ministers  
D Herring, A Scicluna  
Computer Screen .T Priest

**MORNING TEA:**

Indian Community

**COUNTERS:**

B Basevi/C Meade

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

*Year 3 Students and any older children who have not yet received it.*

**Information Evening: 24th (5.30pm)**

**Sessions: 4,11,18,25 March (5-6pm).**

**Venue: Parish Meeting Room**

**II Rite of Reconciliation**  
**(before Easter): 26th March 5pm**



**Stay Connected!**

Please let us know if you are not receiving the parish emails. You can either use this link or email the parish. Thank you for your continued support.

<https://forms.gle/6xNfWgqb4Qu6xjfa8>

**Cursillo Weekend, Fri 17 – Sun 19 April, St Clement's, Galong**

Renew and deepen your faith-life through a program of talks, meditations and prayer. Please register by Fri 3 April.

Contact [michaelderaadt@gmail.com](mailto:michaelderaadt@gmail.com)  
**Info:** <https://tinyurl.com/cursillo2026>



Enter Lent with Prayer and Reflection

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Ash Wednesday – 18 February**

9:15am – School Mass  
6:00pm – Parish Mass

**Stations of the Cross**

Friday – 5:00pm  
Followed by Soup Dinner at 6:00pm  
(Hosted by the Croatian Community)

**Parish Lenten Programme**

Wednesdays – 9:30–11:00am

**Ash Monday – 16 February**

(Indian Community Mass)

6:00pm – Mass (Syro-Malabar Rite)



**PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM**  
2026

**Beginning Ash Wednesday**

Sessions will be held Wednesdays 9.30—11am after 9am Mass. February 18th, 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th , 25th.

**COST = Free..** Program supplied.

Facilitated by Marie Weatherall, Carolyn Evenden, Helen Nestlebeck, Deidre Herring, John McKay and Mary O'Neill.

*All are welcome.*



**Parking Reminder**

We kindly ask everyone to refrain from parking in the driveway in front of the church. This area must remain clear at all times for emergency access and the safe flow of traffic.

Designated accessible parking spaces are reserved for individuals with a valid permit who rely on them. Please respect these spaces and keep them available for those who need them.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, welcoming, and accessible environment for all.

A priest was out on a walk when he was stopped by a robber pointing a gun at him. The robber demanded money. The priest told him he had nothing on him, except a packet of cigarettes, so offered them to him.

The gunman replies, "*No thanks, Father, it's Lent and I've given up smoking*".



**Prayers for the Sick**

*Jesus, Divine Healer, we entrust all the sick into your loving hands*

Anita Jeisman, Natalie Matthews, Jordan Ambler, Betty Ison, Nan Reidy, John Hyland, Ken Evenden, Travis Roth, Piper Roth, Maya Roth, Kristy Crosby, Jeanette Clarke, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill. All those in hospital and nursing homes.

**Recently Deceased**

*We have loved them in life; let us not forget them in death. May they live forever in God's love.*

Fr Frank Fuchs, Chris Bowditch, Shirley Carroll, Pavla Pinkawa, William Gallagher, Teresa Lewis, Bob & Suzanne Hughes, Bishop Pat Power, Diana Ebbelaar, Sr Maria Goretti, Maria Mendes, Gregy Elchico, Bob & Judy Spruce, Rod & Letitia Baz, Wido Melis, Zora Domitrovic, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Margaret Silversides, Joseph Quigley, Patricia Totterdell, Joanne Rogers, Josephine Beckhaus.

**Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

**Pope's**  
Monthly Prayer Intentions

**February**

**For children with Incurable Diseases**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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## First Reading

Sirach 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*He never commanded anyone to be godless.*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him,

he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R.)

3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R.)

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord  
**R. Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

The Gospel of the Lord

**R.Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**Carroll College, Broulee**  
**Principal:** Andrew Kenneally  
**R.E.C:** Anna Smart

## Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A



**Choir Practice**  
Every Monday  
1.00pm - 2.30 pm  
Easter Preparation

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am**  
Fridays after Mass

**"Enjoy the Good News"**  
Wednesdays after mass  
CMR

**Tuesday 24th February**  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Enrolment and Information Evening  
Church 5.30 pm

**Wrap with Love**  
Wednesday 25 February.  
1pm-3pm CMR

**RCIA Thursdays 5.30pm**

**COFFEE CLUB**  
Thursdays after 9am  
Mass  
Venue: Corrigans Cove

**Craft Group**  
Thursdays  
10am CMR

## COMMANDMENTS Laws of behaviour or of enlightenment?

Jesus proclaims dramatically that he did not come to abolish the law but to complete it! What does that mean to us today?

In the OT the commandments were simply a list of laws to be obeyed but Jesus wants more than that from us. He wants us to have hearts that reflect His heart – 'a covenant of righteousness' (*Ignatius Catholic Study Bible*).

He has no favourites, he loves all, equally and he reaches out to us to follow his example. It is not easy with our human frailties to love those who hurt us, to help those who make our lives difficult, who have more than we have. Yet that is what Jesus asks of us. Not only does he call on us to love God individually, he wants us to love him as a community in honouring the Sabbath day together, in honouring each other by our behaviour.

He goes further.

He expects us to love one another **'warts and all'**!

How can I show Christ's love to someone who annoys me with sarcasm and malice, if I answer insult with insult?

How can I show love to the one who maligns me if I do the same to them?

How can I condemn someone who has stolen from me if I have stolen from someone else?

More importantly, how can I have peace in my own heart if it is full of greed, lust, self-centredness, hatred and revenge?

The commandments God gives us appear, to me, to be more for my good than the good of others. If I live by them, I can achieve a peace so pervasive that I can be relaxed with all people, no matter how belligerent they may be. I will then be able to be at peace with God and even if I go through trials, I am able to treasure the relationship I have with him and maintain serenity through grief, poverty, personal attacks and even loneliness.

His wisdom in giving these commands to us is often beyond our comprehension yet when we strive to live by them, life becomes more bearable, perhaps

even a joy.

*Diedre Herring*