



NEWSLETTER
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FOR MASS TIMES AND DEVOTIONS

Click link: <https://mipeaglevale.org/mass-timings>

3rd Sunday Lent Year A 15th March 2020

Gospel: John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. See you are a prophet, sir. Fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already—when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of

worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

'Universal Prayer

We pray for the sick that Christ may comfort and strengthen them: Andy Adina, Joseph Saliba, Dominic Bugeja, Carter Bugeja and Margaret Sandy

We pray for the deceased: Corazon Grecia and Mary Neelia Rodrigo who died recently, Catalina Javier, Josefina Farolan, Chacko Kocheril, Andrew Virtudazo Tsiaparas, Eusebio Jamero Virtudazo whose anniversaries occur at this time and for all and all Holy Souls that they may rest in the peace of the Lord and those who mourn may be comforted.

SPECIAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS— This coming Friday the Youth Orchestra "L'estro Armonico" will be playing in between Stations. *A collection will be taken up to support the young musicians.*

Stations of the Cross

L'Estro Armonico String Orchestra
Reflective classical music
(e.g. Albinoni, Barber, Pergolesi)

Friday, 20 March 2020, 7.30PM
Duration: around 75 min. Collection to support the Orchestra.
Mary Immaculate Church, Emerald Drive, Eagle Vale

Mass 14 th to 21 st March 2020 Intentions	
Sat 5.30pm	Pro Populo
Sun 8.30am	Isabelle Kho (Birthday) & Bert Loyola Thanksgiving
10.00am	Anna Christina and Joab Flores and Rebecca Pales—Thanksgiving/birthday Mass for family
5.30pm	Mary Neelia Rodrigo—recently deceased
9am Mon	Emeli Taeloa—60th Birthday
9am Tue	Catalina Javier—anniversary of death
7.30pm Wed	Andy Adina—back surgery and recovery
9am Thur	Josefina Farolan—(deceased) birthday anniversary
9am Fri	Chacko Kocheril—anniversary of death
9.30am Sat.	Andrew Virtudazo Tsiaparas and Eusebio Jamero Virtudazo—anniversaries of death

NOTICES

An important message from Bishop Brian

With regards to the coronavirus outbreak, following the advice from the Australian Government Department of Health and having the wellbeing of all parishioners of our diocese in mind—I am issuing the following directives to all clergy, religious and the lay faithful in the Diocese of Wollongong:

In those parishes and communities in the Diocese where Holy Communion is distributed under both kinds, this practice will cease. Communion of the Precious Blood will be for the celebrant only. Given that one of the easiest ways to transmit a virus is by the transmission of saliva,

Communion will be received only in the hand. Clergy and parishioners are **not to shake hands during the sign of peace**

All ministers of Holy Communion (both ordinary and extraordinary) are to **use hand sanitisers before the distribution of holy Communion commences.**

At Mary Immaculate, to minimise risk **sanitiser is provided for use as you enter the church.**

LENTEN PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP—Mondays 7.30pm in the Crying Room Monday 24th February and finishing 30th March. If you are interested, **please contact Louise Smith on 0410 098 548**

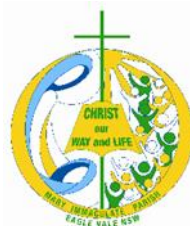
Stations of the Cross—each Friday of Lent at 7.30PM in the Church.

WORSHIP NIGHTS ‘Whole Heart’ will be held on the SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. 6.30PM Supper with 7pm Start. (No Worship Night for April due to EASTER celebrations.



Please pray for all participants in the ALPHA Program.

Salina Pahulu has made the decision to resign from the Parish Leadership Team and to retire as the coordinator of the Parish Events Committee and Hospitality Group. We accept her decision with a heavy heart. We sincerely thank Salina for the many years of her outstanding service to the Parish. Her enthusiasm, hard work and dedication will forever be remembered. Lastly, we wish Salina many of God’s blessings in the future.



MARY IMMACULATE 2021 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN.

Application forms downloaded

from: www.miedow.catholic.edu.au or www.dow.catholic.edu.au

Children are eligible for enrolment if the turn 5 years before 30 June 2021

INVITATION TO YOUTH OF PARISH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—GOOD FRIDAY—The youth of the parish (ages 12-20) are invited to take part in the Stations of the Cross. If you are interested, please put your name and contact details on the sheet in the foyer.

PRACTICES: THURSDAYS - 19TH, 26th March and 2nd April - 5pm at the Eagle Vale Pond FRIDAYS 20th, 27th March and 3rd April - 5pm at the Eagle Vale Pond

FOR MORE DETAILS Contact Loretta
0466 270 917 or Ashy 0468 642 492

Three Day Cursillo Weekend Jesus often called His disciples to come away to a quiet place to reflect on what He was teaching them. Take time in your busy life to do the same. Please join us at Hartzler Park, Bowral between 7pm on 14th May to the afternoon of 17th May to reflect on where life is taking you. Phone Steve 0466 115 900 or Denise 0438 254 139 for more details

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

18 April 7.00pm Parish Disco Night

Farewell for Father Basti

19 April. 10.00AM Mass followed Morning Tea

Bingo Night—18 July 7.00PM

International Food Night & Raffle—26 September 7.00PM

Parish Family Picnic Day –

3 October 11.00AM—3.00PM

Parish Feast Day—

6 December. 10.00AM Mass followed by BBQ

ROSTERS 21st & 22nd March 2020

21 st /22 nd	March	ROSTERS		
Cleaners	Team A			
Flowers	No flowers			
Altar Linen	F Biggar			
	5.30pm Sat	8.30am Sun	10.00am Sun	5.30 pm Sun
Commentators	K Cahill	G De Leon	P Ranger	J Byrne
Readers	R Racca	T Neilsen	M Mauga	C Vink
Ministers of the Eucharist	R Rodriguez M Jones P Camilleri R Rodriguez	Helen Murphy L Steptoe T Rinkin L Carlssen	A Collaco B Rego C Collaco L Tuigamala	I Russo J Bryant S Bryant
Children's Liturgy			M Price A Chretien	
Grounds Maintenance	Team B			

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