

# OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH

WESTON CREEK/SOUTH MOLONGLO



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*We warmly welcome  
all to our parish*

## PARISH INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday  
9.00am – 3.00pm

Secretaries: Cathy Schneider (Tues-Thur)  
Marianne Forshaw (Tues & Friday)  
Honorary Associate: Joseph Palisi

## Sunday Mass times:

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday 5.00pm

**St Jude Church,**  
Mulley Street Holder

Sunday 9.00am

**St John Vianney Church,**  
87 Namatjira Drive  
Waramanga

## Weekday Masses:

**St Jude Church**

Thursday 9.30am

Saturday 8.00am.

**St John Vianney Church**

Monday 7.00am

Tuesday 7.00am

Wednesday 9.30am

Friday 7.00am.

## Confessions:

Saturday 4 — 4.45pm St Jude Holder

Sunday 8 — 8.45am St John Vianney

Sunday 4.30 — 4.50pm St Jude Holder

## Anointing Mass

1st Wednesday of the month.

Next anointing Mass 4 March 2020.

## Baptism

by appointment

2nd Sunday St John Vianney during 9.00am  
Mass

&

4th Sunday St Jude, 11.30am outside Mass

Information available on the Parish

website and Qkr App

[www.stjvwestoncreek.blogspot.com](http://www.stjvwestoncreek.blogspot.com)

**Baptism Preparation Class** held at 7.30pm,

1st Tuesday of the month

except January @ **St John Vianney Church**

bookings 02 8331 7611 (Tues-Fri 9-3pm)

## Exposition of the Blessed

### Sacrament

4.00– 4.40 Saturday before the Vigil Mass

St Jude Church

8.00am—8.40am Sunday before Mass at

St John Vianney Church

## Adoration Chapel

Open daily until 5.00pm @ St John Vianney  
Church Entry via back door of chapel.

## ARCHDIOCESAN CALENDAR:

To access the calendar go to

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/events/>

**NEW PARISHIONERS** please take a parish census form located on the tables in the church foyers, fill it in and return it to the parish office. Thank you.

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A.** Today's Gospel is taken from the sermon Jesus gave on a mountain in Israel, a lovely place overlooking the Sea of Galilee. In these passages Jesus refers to the law of God given to Moses on another mountain, Mount Sinai. The first reading, from the Book of Sirach or Ecclesiasticus, is about choosing to keep the commandments, choosing good rather than evil. The Psalmist also exhorts us to wholeheartedly follow God's law.

Paul preaches about the mysterious, hidden, wisdom of God, revealed by the Spirit. Jesus, who is the Wisdom of God, wants the people to go beyond legalistic following of the law as taught by the scribes and Pharisees. He teaches the people with authority, proclaiming 'I say to you...' Through him, the God of Moses and the spirit of the law are fully revealed. God's law is about right relationships, and the second great commandment—loving your neighbour in sincerity and goodness as you love yourself.

As a Christian, a follower of Jesus, do I pray to the Spirit of God to help me make the hard choices, to choose what is right and good? Is it possible for me to love others, even those who wrong me?

## ASH WEDNESDAY PARISH MASSES 26 FEBRUARY 2020.

St John Vianney: 7.00am, 9.30am (school attending)

St Jude Church: 12.15pm (school attending)

**WHAT IS PRAYER?:** Fr Michael is holding a series of talks on prayer. Beginning this Sunday 16 February 2020 after the 9.00am Mass at St John Vianney Church. It will run every week until 5 April and the topics will be: **16 February**—What is prayer; **23 February**—How to pray with the bible "Lectio Divina"; **1 March**—Ignatian Contemplation; **8 March**—How to pray the Rosary; **15 March**—What is Sacrament?; **22 March**—What is Eucharist? **29 March**—What is Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick?; **5 April**—What is Liturgy? Every one is invited to attend. Tea & coffee available.

**LENTEN CONCERT - 'ASHES TO EASTER'** with Peter Kearney. Sunday 15th March, 2.00-3.15pm in St. John Vianney Church, 87 Namatjira Drive, Waramanga. Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter/singer and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes'. His 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. Mainly for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy. There will be a short break for tea and coffee at the interval. Donations received will be forwarded to Bushfire relief. *Comment: "A beautiful Lenten reflection ... prayerful and spiritual a worthwhile part of our Lenten journey".*

**SACRAMENTS 2020** Tuesday 18th February: 6:30 - 7:30pm. At St John Vianney Church an information Evening for **ALL** Sacraments; First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Any parent or child who is thinking about receiving a

## Christian Meditation

4pm Fridays JV Presbytery Meeting Room

Leigh Greenhalgh 0402148261;

[leighgreenhalgh@gmail.com](mailto:leighgreenhalgh@gmail.com)

## St Vincent De Paul Society

**St Jude's Conference**

Vanessa Whelan 0402 352 943

**St John Vianney Conference:**

Steve Utick 0421972287

## Faith & Life Centre

(for Catholic children

attending Government or other schools.)

Tim McNamara: 0413522731; [maxband@iimetro.com.au](mailto:maxband@iimetro.com.au)

## Parish Pastoral Council

Chair: Ron Hibberson

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Sacrament in 2020 needs to attend this information evening. See the parish weblog [www.stjjwestoncreek.blogspot.com](http://www.stjjwestoncreek.blogspot.com) for further information regarding the Sacraments.

**WANTED AND NEEDED:** anyone who would like to assist the musicians at St Jude Church 5.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass and the 5.00pm Sunday Mass by running the slides for the overhead are asked to contact the parish office during office hours (please see front page for details). The task is not hard but you do need to know the structure of the Mass. Training will be provided as needed.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Our first Youth Group session will be held this Sunday, 16 February 4pm at St Jude's in Holder prior to the 5pm Mass. All children and teens between the ages of 10-15 are invited to come along for games, activities and faith formation! For more information, email Theresa Corson [theresa.corson@cg.org.au](mailto:theresa.corson@cg.org.au)

**THE FIRST YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS FOR 2020** will be 5pm on Sunday 15 March at St Jude Church, combined with the commitment Mass for the sacramental program. Everyone is welcome!

**LENTE REFLECTION GROUP** will meet on Thursdays at 2.00pm beginning 27 February in the St John Vianney Presbytery Downstairs Meeting Room . Fr Michae3l; Will available The Lenten Booklets that were pre ordered (\$10). **Those not attending the meeting, may collect a copy from the Parish office during office hours.**

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**CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY (CLC)** in Canberra. Jesuit led Canberra First Spiritual Exercises Retreat: Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus. 20 April – 16 May 2020. You don't need any special qualifications. All you need is the desire to open yourself to God and to take some practical steps to find time for prayer. For more details and/or to express interest in attending: <https://www.clcaustralia.org.au/australian-capital-territory/> or 0407147540.

**AMICUS** A support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering is on Saturday 22 February at the Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant, Pearce Shops meet at 7 PM for dinner at table booked in name of AMICUS. RSVP Contact Paul 0419 411 691

**HEAVEN IS GOING TO BE WONDERFUL, NO DOUBT.** However, it isn't going to be a simple extension of this life. I believe, we will wake up in heaven, like an infant again, too overwhelmed to speak, needing to be coaxed into a new language and a new consciousness by God's smile and the delight of the saints. I knew an Abbott of a Monastery, recently deceased, who, through the last 25 years of his life, used to sit in silent prayer for 4-6 hours a day, every day. He described this silent prayer as an attempt to enter into God's stillness, into the divine quiet, into a silence that contains all words, all languages, all understanding, all compassion, all unity.

Not all of us are abbots, monks, or contemplative nuns, who have, by vocation, the chance of spending such quality time each day in silent prayer. We will, each of us, therefore have to try to learn that language, the language of God's stillness and divine quiet, in our own way. Perhaps it might be through our intimate relationships within marriage and family, where words at a point become superfluous; or perhaps it will be in our loneliness and solitude, where silence breaks through both so painfully and peacefully; or maybe it will be through the very tediousness of our daily tasks, where burdens often reduce us to silence.

Jesus told us that each of us needs to be born twice, once from below and once from above. We need also to be taught twice how to speak. Our mothers once gave us birth, from below, and they also coaxed, cajoled, and lured us into speech. Each of us has a "mother-tongue" (not ineptly named).

Our second birth, our rebirth, our birth from above, will, I suspect, be somewhat similar. There will be time of having to leave the womb, the familiar, this life, and then a lonely journey down an unwanted birth canal into the greatest of all unknowns. Light, love, and community will greet us upon arrival. However, it will be somewhat overwhelming, beyond language and imagination. We will be too stunned to speak, but God's smile and the delight of the saints will, I don't doubt, soon awaken within us a smile and evoke from us something that sounds like a "yeah!" Fr Ronald Rolheiser OMI

**Car Mechanical Services in our Parish**, 82 Kalgoorlie Cres, Fisher Charlie Sgori. [www.automeccanica.com.au](http://www.automeccanica.com.au) Phone 6162 4111.

Next Week's Readings  
7th Sunday in OT

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 12:6  
2nd Reading: Cor 3:16-23

1st Reading: Liv 19 1-2, 17-18  
Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Responsorial Psalm: 102  
Communion Antiphon: Ps 9 2-2



**(A) WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Francesca Sgori; Rod Frazer (CE); Mary-Anne McGrath (CE); Patsy Edwards; Friedrich Lueth; Don Percival (Sr Kathleen's brother-in-law); Carlo Manto; Ann Marie 'Nellie' Smith (Eabrai).

**(B) WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME:** James Adam; David Balfour; Maxine Bartley; Jean Billingham; Eileen Batten; Ellen Bishop; Robert Brannelly; Henry Bunk; Edward Chrzanowski; Theresa Finn; Fr Laurence Finnegan; Peter Fitt; Eileen French; Ninette Giorgio; Cecilia Sayers; Edith Smith; Stansilava. Tomsic

**(C) WE PRAY FOR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:** Blundell-Rowson; Blunt; Bodel; Boland; Bolton; Bombardiere; Bond; Borg; Bourke; Boyes; Bowman; Boroczky; Bozsoky; Brady; Brammall; Brannelly; Brassil; Brearley; Brehaut; Brennan; Brettargh; Bretz; Briggs; Brodrick; Brophy; Brown; Browne; Bruce; Buchanan; Buckland; Buckley; Buffier; Bugno; Bull; Bulters; Burch; Burgemeister; Burgess; Burke; Burnes; Burnett; Burroughs; Burrows; Butt Family and Friends.

**(D) WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED OR ASK OUR PRAYERS:** for all Christians persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ; Ann Cochran; Jan Leyden; Sean Mullamphy; David Lewis; Clem Dick; Cathy Hutton; Sr Catherine Wybourne, (UK); David Lanarch; Paul Smith; Emma Schofield; Madeleine & Ray Thrift; Robyn Horn; Steven Peterson; Kate & Ian Pritchard; Wilma McQueen; Patricia Evans; Veronica Crowley; Kathaleen Temby; Helen Pudovski; Anne Percival; Myrna Stinziani; John Reid; Valentina Scerri; Catarina Llorens; Lyndsay James; Lorraine Mackay; Wilf Hedley; Thomas Linden; Margaret Marris; Maureen Daley; Verona Hickey; Raifiel Cyril; Terry Mernagh; Archbishop Francis Carroll; Beryl Baxter; John & Peter Sullivan; Tom Wells; for the fire fighters, volunteers and the victims during this extreme fire and flood season; .