



We acknowledge the Dharawal people, traditional owners and custodians of this place. They are part of the world's oldest living human culture, deserving of our deepest respect. May we walk gently on this land.

ST MARY'S TOWERS

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MARRIAGES and BAPTISMS by appointment

MASSES: SUNDAYS and WEEKDAYS

9am - Sunday

6pm - every 3rd Sunday YOUTH/YOUNG FAMILIES

6pm - every 1st Sunday at Menangle

5.15pm - Mondays; Prayers 5pm - Jenkins Chapel

7.15am - Tues-Sat; Prayers 7am, 5.30pm - Jenkins Chapel

ALL WELCOME

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : YEAR B: 25 JANUARY, 2009

THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

In this Year of St Paul, Bishop Peter Ingham has asked all those in the Diocese of Wollongong to celebrate today the feast day of **THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL**, focusing on the experience that Paul had on his way to Damascus, and therefore on what is commonly known as his conversion. It was precisely on the road to Damascus, at the beginning of the 30s in the first century and after a period in which he had persecuted the Church that the decisive moment in Paul's life occurred. Let us ask: what does this mean for us?

Let us pray to the Lord to illumine us, to grant us an encounter with his presence in our world, and thus to grant us a lively faith, an open heart and great love for all, which is capable of renewing the world.

HASTEN TO SEEK WHAT YOUR HEART DESIRES

a day of discernment for women 18 years and over.

You're invited to the beautiful Southern Highlands for a day of reflection and prayer. You will discover tools to aid you in making life's choices. Bring a journal, pen [and perhaps even a friend] and make a day of it. Sunday Feb 1, 10.30am-4.30pm.

Accommodation \$30 per night.

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CATECHIST desperately sought...

...for this year in our local school. Please contact Diane Koens 4648 3018; or Fr Steve if you are able to help

YOGA continues - 9am Monday at back of Church.

WE REMEMBER THE SICK...

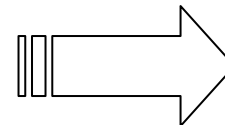
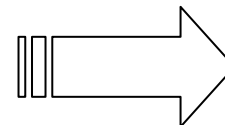
Todd McRae; Sue Gay; Troy Koens; Christine Sullivan; Trish Coleman; Margaret Cox; Colin Gannon; Jim Forsyth [lung cancer - brother-in-law of Heather; Stella Harvey [84, broken hip] sister of Val Ross; Noel Trompp; Naomi Sheil

ROCK AND ROLL FAMILY EVENT

This event will now be held on the last Saturday in February - further details at a later date.



TODAY WE WELCOME... Lauren Judith and Lisa-Marie Anne Blewitt into our Christian community. Together with their parents John and Jeannie we give thanks to God for the gift of Lauren and Lisa-Marie to their family and to our community.



NEXT WEEK there will be a special collection for the CARITAS MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL

One of Caritas' six medical clinics in Gaza was completely destroyed, with the Parish Priest of Gaza referring to the crisis as "inhumane and criminal".

This appeal will help Caritas Jerusalem to provide medical services, as well as direct provision of food, hygiene kits, financial support etc as needed. The situation is dire -

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