

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.



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MARRIAGES and BAPTISMS
by appointment

SUNDAY MASSES in the Church

9am each Sunday and
6pm every 3rd Sunday for
Youth/Young families

WEEKDAY MASS/PRAYER
in Jenkins Chapel

Monday: 5pm Prayer; 5.15pm Mass

Tues-Sat: 7am Prayer; 7.15am Mass

ALL WELCOME

TODAY WE CELEBRATE:
6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

YEAR B : 15th FEBRUARY, 2009

Are there ways in which you are a 'leper' – marginalised in some way, on the outer, in pain, disfigured, not able to fit in? Can you

make the first move towards your 'cure' as the leper did?

BISHOP PETER INGHAM... asks that today in all parishes in the Diocese we pray for those caught up in the bushfires in Victoria; the victims, their families and friends, the volunteers, all those who have helped in any way.

DID YOU KNOW?

As the first reading suggests, having or being suspected of having leprosy caused a person to live outside the community. They were considered unclean and had to warn of their approach so that they would not contaminate others. While this was a measure to protect the community, it must have been unbearable to live this way, not only sick but totally excluded.

By responding to the leper and touching him, Jesus put himself 'outside the community' and is now forced to 'stay outside in places where nobody lived'.

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Catechists urgently needed for Douglas Park Primary School. Diane Koehns is the sole catechist, which means some of the children will miss out on their religious education. A training session will start shortly.

We also need helpers for our children's liturgies. Eileen Shore is the only one left now. If you would be able to help with either or both please see Fr. Steve after Mass.

TODAY AT 6PM...
our monthly Mass for youth/young families.



COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK:

1st: \$205.45; 2nd: \$151.70

Thank you for your generosity.

TODAY WE WELCOME...



William Shearer into our Christian community. Together with his parents we give thanks to God for the gift of William to his family and to our community.

EASTER IS LOOMING...

and our next Liturgy preparation meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 24 February in the parlour, we would welcome your participation.

COMING UP...

Feb 25 ASH WEDNESDAY

April 10 GOOD FRIDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY are days of abstinence from meat for everyone, as well as days of fast for those bound to fast.

ASH WEDNESDAY...

At the recent Liturgy meeting it was decided that there will be a Mass in the Church at 7.30pm to enable as many as possible to attend.

WE REMEMBER THE SICK...

Todd McRae, Sue Gay, Christine Sullivan, Trish Coleman, Colin Gannon, Jim Forsyth, Noel Trompp, Tommy Sheil, Norah Fox, Betty Gardner, Bill Penn, Greg Williams.

AND WE PRAY FOR... Roma Isabel O'Donnell and Gerald Moore who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

ROCK and ROLL FAMILY EVENT

This event has now been moved to: **Saturday Feb 28:**



4-12pm-Church Hall
Sausage Sizzle
Entertainment for
Kids

Rock and Roll Band from 7pm
Great Raffle Prizes
Adults \$15, Children \$5

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Proceeds to Juvenile Diabetes Association especially through Campbelltown Hospital.

FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK:

Feb 15 Sta Faustinus and Jovita

Feb 16 St Onesimus

Feb 17 Seven Founders of the

Servite Order.

Feb 18 St Bernadette

Feb 20 St Eucharius

Feb 21 St Peter Damian

YOGA continues: 9am Monday