

# The West Wagga Wag

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## Coming Events

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Trinity**  
- 6 to 7am daily;  
- overnight from 9pm Friday through to 7am Saturdays

<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>	Sun 13
<b>Saint Matthias</b>	Mon 14
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	Sun 20
<b>Saint Rita of Cascia</b>	Tue 22
<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	Thu 24
<b>Saint Gregory VII</b>	Fri 25
<b>Saint Philip Neri</b>	Sat 26
<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>	Sun 27
<b>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	Thu 31
<b>Monthly Cuppa, after 9am Mass on last Sunday of the month.</b>	



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The date for submissions for the next Wag is: Wednesday May 30th.

## Fr Ron 20 years a priest!



Fr Ronald Donoghue CCS reached the milestone of 20 years since his ordination to the Priesthood back in 25 April 1998.

The West Wagga Parish held a celebration on Saturday April 28th.



## Farewell Fr Ricardo

A huge thanks and fond farewell to Fr. Ricardo Pineda who conducted a mission at West Wagga from Sunday 22nd to Thursday 26th April. Safe travels Fr. Ricardo!



## Oz Rosary #53

### In Wagga Wagga!

Holy Trinity Church,  
Bardia St, Ashmont

Eucharistic Holy Hour 3-4pm, 20  
Decades, Benediction;

Free 100p. devotional book, rosary  
beads and rosary cards.



This GREAT SOUTHLAND of the  
HOLY SPIRIT NEEDS the Rosary

## pastor's page - If we only knew!

*"If you knew the gift of God...!"*

Fr Ricardo Pineda from the Fathers of Mercy used these words of Jesus as the title of his wonderful Parish Mission delivered at Holy Trinity last month. Using his gifts of preaching and singing, Fr Ricardo put before us something of the amazing gift of God, reminding us of how wonderful it is to have been made children of God.

Just like the woman at the well to whom Jesus was speaking, we can become ho-hum about Jesus, but like her we can also grasp Who it is that offers us to drink. "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you the living water!"

After her conversation with Jesus, the Samaritan lady did realize that she was speaking to the most important Person she could ever meet, the Messiah, and she immediately acted upon this realization. She left her water jar at the well, (being already filled with a greater "water"), and rushed to share this "gift of God" with the townspeople.

Even though they had shunned her before, she overlooked that, loving them enough and loving Jesus enough to bring them the same blessing. Her conversion led immediately to evangelization. She realized that Jesus was Good News, and she shared it.

If only we truly, truly realized the "gift of God"!

Do we understand that it is God's grace which makes the difference between eternity in heaven and eternity in hell? That should be enough to make it our first priority. But Fr Pineda pointed out that Jesus did more than just wipe out our debt. He died to re-establish us as

relationship as beloved son. "I never knew I was loved THAT MUCH!" Fr Ricardo whispered on behalf of the prodigal son. And if we only knew the gift of God, we too could say, "I never knew I was loved that much!"

The Mission stirred up our appreciation of the Mass, heaven upon earth; and the Church as

God's united kingdom and family; and Our Lord in Holy Communion (especially when Fr gave everyone the opportunity to approach the Monstrance and experience the touch of Jesus); and Mary as Mother of the Church and our Mother. A lot of good was done through the Fathers of Mercy examination of conscience brochure and daily opportunity for Confession.

If only we realized the gift of God, we would take it upon ourselves to continually nourish our faith with good Catholic reading, and recharge our spiritual batteries through receiving the Sacraments more often. And if we truly appreciated the gift which is Jesus, we would all do more to bring others into communion with Him, sharing our Faith, Hope and Love.

Thanks be to God for the grace of our parish Mission. We look forward to the next one also, but in the meantime, let's all make the most of God's gift, God's grace.

*Fr Thomas Casanova CCS*



God's beloved children, living temples of the Holy Spirit. He used the example of the Prodigal Son, who just wanted to be forgiven enough to be treated as a hired servant, but what happened far exceeded his hopes: the Father welcomed him back into his home, and into the fully restored





# May Mirth

## Welcome to the Funny Farm



What new crop did the farmer plant? Beets me!

Farmers earn a meager celery, come home beet and just want to read the pepper, turn-ip the covers, en-dive into bed!

What did the baby corn say to the mama corn? Where's pop?

What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot!

Why was the cucumber mad? Because it was in a pickle!

Which side of a chicken has the most feathers? The outside!

What do you get if you cross a chicken with a cow? Roost beef!

What do you get if you cross a cocker spaniel, a poodle and a rooster? Cockerpoodledoo!

What do you get if you cross a frog and a dog? A croaker spaniel!



What do you get if you cross an angry sheep and a moody cow? An animal that's in a baaaaaaaad mooooooood!

Chickens rise when the rooster crows, but when do ducks get up? At the quack of dawn!

What do you call a cow with two legs? Lean beef!

What do you call a cow with no legs? Ground beef!

What happened to the lost cattle? Nobody's herd!

Knock Knock!  
Who's there?

Cowsgo  
Cowsgo who?  
No they don't, cows-go moo.

Knock Knock!  
Who's there?  
Interrupting cow  
Interrupting cow wh...  
Moo!

When does a horse talk? Whinny wants to!

What do you call a horse that lives next door? A neigh-bor!

Patient: Doctor, I feel like a pony!  
Doctor: Don't worry, you're just a little hoarse!

In the winter my dog wears his coat. In the summer he wears his coat and pants!

Did you hear about the dog that gave birth to puppies at the side of the road? She got a ticket for littering!

Why don't dogs make good dancers? Because they have two left feet!

What happened to the dog that swallowed a firefly? It barked with de-light!

What happens when it rains cats and dogs? You might step in a poodle!

What's worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing taxis!



Is it raining cats and dogs? It's okay, as long as it doesn't rein-deer!

How do fleas travel from place to place? By itch-hiking.

What do you get if you cross a teddy bear with a pig? A teddy boar!

Which animal grows down? A duck!

What's the difference between a duck with one wing and a duck with two wings? Why, that's a difference of a pinion!

What does a duck like to eat with soup? Quackers!

Chickens rise when the rooster crows, but when do ducks get up? At the quack of dawn!

What sound does a dizzy turkey make? Wobble, wobble!



# 7 Easy Ways to Celebrate Easter after Easter

Katie Warner

**“He is not here; he has risen...” – Luke 24:6**

For the next 50 days, we celebrate the Easter season. Easter is the greatest of the solemnities, the highest feast of the Church year. On Easter we celebrate the fact that Christ has conquered death and opened the doors to eternal life!

Easter is no small party for Catholics. On Easter, we renew our baptismal promises, welcome new members into the Church, and begin a 50-day celebration of this newness of life in Christ which we have received.

So here are a few super simple ideas to make Easter last beyond Easter Sunday...

1. Pope Saint John Paul II famously said, “We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”

Attach some alleluias (three is a good number!) to your prayers this season – before or after grace at mealtimes, or during your morning or evening prayer. You can say your alleluias after your amen, just like at Mass. You can also renew your baptismal promises as a family each day or week during the Easter season.



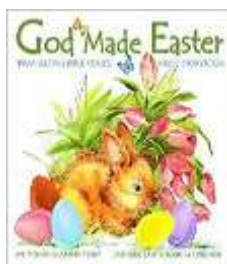
2. Fill your house with flowers. I like lilies for the season, for reasons in keeping with Church tradition, and maybe even more so because we’ve got a little Lily in the Warner family now!



3. Bake (and gift!) Easter cookies. The season of fasting is over, so as you’re doing your Easter feasting, why not bake some cookies, white or brightly colored, sprinkled, and in the shape of Easter symbols? Better yet, give some to family, friends, and neighbors to share the joy of the season. (We have a cross-shaped cookie cutter and make our Easter cookies by decoration the “empty” crosses.)



4. Read some Easter picture books with your children or grandchildren. Here are a few helpful lists from the Kennedy Adventures, Shower of Roses, and Catholic Icing. We’ll be cranking through many of these!



5. FOR NEXT YEAR NOW -

Celebrate

Divine Mercy Sunday with a Divine Mercy Tea (invite others to your house shortly before 3 p.m. to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3, followed by a little tea party afterward with tea and goodies for the feast day and maybe a short reading from St. Faustina’s diary) or you can celebrate the feast by complying with the conditions for the Divine Mercy Indulgence.



6. Celebrate the Ascension. 40 days after Easter, celebrate the Ascension with a picnic on a mountain (I think a small hill counts, too!), praying a novena to the Holy Spirit, or making an Ascension craft with your kids/grandkids.



7. Celebrate Pentecost. To finish off your Easter celebrations,

plan to celebrate Pentecost 50 days after Easter. Try this easy activity for discovering which gift of the Holy Spirit you’ll pray for this year, wear red, and pray the short and powerful Come, Holy Spirit prayer as a family.



Happy Easter!

## Adorable: Baby sleeps in the same position as in his ultrasound photos

Cassy Fiano, 4/4/18

For many mothers, ultrasounds are an exciting window into the womb.

South Carolina mom Sarah Kelleher Stepling originally didn’t want to get a boutique ultrasound, but her mother and grandmother wanted pictures of the little preborn baby Michael. When she went to get the ultrasound, she was thrilled to see her baby boy’s beautiful face... and tickled to see him sleeping with both arms raised up over his head.

Stepling got her ultrasound at 38 weeks, and not long afterwards, she



gave birth to baby Michael.

And his favorite position to sleep in is that same position he favored in the womb. Michael still sleeps with both arms raised by his head, as you

can see in this adorable image.

It’s become increasingly clear that advances in ultrasounds have helped the pro-life movement, and how could it not? The more people understand the science of embryology and fetal development, the more difficult it is to deny preborn babies of their humanity.

A preborn baby’s heart is beating at just 22 days; brain waves can be measured by six weeks. And... this is very clearly an image of a human child, and the only thing that changes after birth is location.



# Who are the 7 women mentioned during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass?

Philip Kosloski | Mar 07, 2018

*After the consecration the priest will often mention the names of these women.*

When a priest chooses Eucharistic Prayer I (also known as the “Roman Canon”), he has the option of reciting a short list of saints before and after saying the sacred words of consecration. It is an ancient list, one that has changed little throughout the centuries.

The first list highlights the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, the 12 apostles and 12 other saints of the early Church. Then after the consecration, the priest will recite another list of 15 saints, including 7 women.

Who are these women that the Church chose to mention in the Mass, which is often called the “the source and summit of the Christian life”?

**St. Felicity** – A young and pregnant slave girl of the 2nd century, Felicity was persecuted by the Romans for her Christian faith and sentenced to death with St. Perpetua in the amphitheater at the public games.



**St. Perpetua** – Perpetua was a noblewoman of Carthage and was thrown into the same prison as Felicity for refusing to deny her Christian faith. She chronicled her experience in a diary up until the day of her death. This account was highly popular for many centuries after her death.

**St. Agatha** (of Sicily) – A young girl who chose Jesus for her spouse at a young age, Agatha was accused of being Christian in the 3rd century and put into prison. She survived several rounds of torture until she finally died. She was highly venerated in the Early Church and her intercession was believed to have protected an Italian city from a volcano one year after her death.



**St. Lucy** – Born in the 3rd century, at an early age Lucy dedicated her virginity to Christ, but her mother was not aware of it and arranged to have her married. Lucy refused on account of her private vow and the man she was supposed to marry turned her in on account of being a Christian. This led to a gruesome martyrdom, where her eyes were gouged out prior to being killed. Devotion to her spread rapidly throughout Europe, particularly in Scandinavia.



**St. Agnes** (of Rome) – Agnes was the daughter of wealthy and distinguished parents in Rome during the 4th century. She also dedicated herself to God and refused to



marry. At 12 years of age she was put to death for her refusal and for being a Christian. Her name means “lamb” and annually on her feast a pair of lambs are blessed by the pope, and their wool is shorn on Holy Thursday to create the pallium that a new metropolitan archbishop wears over his shoulders.

**St. Cecilia** – Similar to Agnes, Lucy and Agatha, Cecilia was a noble maiden of the 2nd century who dedicated her virginity to God. She was forced to marry



but protected by a guardian angel, who helped preserve her purity. Eventually she was put to death for her Christian faith and is popularly known as the patron saint of music for her musical skills. It is also said that she frequently heard melodies from Heaven.

**St. Anastasia** – A Roman widow of the 4th century, after her husband’s death she dedicated her life to acts of charity and the practice of her Christian faith.



During the persecution of Diocletian she was killed for her beliefs. Her feast was originally placed on December 25 and it was customary to commemorate her in a small way each Christmas.

"We do not want, as the newspapers say,  
a Church that will move with the world.  
We want a Church that will move the world."

G K Chesterton

# OZ ROSARY #53 and the Rosaries on the Borders



## Poland

In October last year, 2017 on the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, later to be known as Our Lady of the Rosary, well over one million people gathered in Poland around the Polish borders to pray the Rosary for the protection of their country and to intercede for their young people. This event was on October 7, 2017, and called "Rozaniec Dogranic" (Rosary on the Border).

## Ireland

Ireland then followed with well over thirty thousand people gathering at 53 venues around the country, many of them on the coastal beaches and hills overlooking the ocean. The number 53 is a reminder that there are 53 Hail Marys in the Rosary.



## Italy

After Ireland, Italy's coastal parishes organised the Rosary.

## England

Organisers in England had over 60 groups volunteering to gather and pray on beaches, cliffs and in public places around the entire coast of the U.K with an estimated turn-out of 30,000. Similar efforts were realised with a "Rosary on the Coast for Faith, Life and Peace in the British Isles" throughout the United Kingdom during late April.

## France

France also organised its big Rosary event for April 29. Pope Francis has already given an Apostolic Blessing to this initiative, which is being called 'The Coast to Coast Rosary.'

## Australia!

On Sunday 13th May, Fatima day, Australia will hold its big national Rosary right around the country.

A group of Sydney people under the patronage of Bishop David Cremin have been busy organising the event since November last year. Already many groups have registered on the Oz Rosary Facebook site to participate in this initiative. The Legion of Mary, Fatima, youth, prayer and Rosary groups are coming on board right across the nation to pray the Rosary for the protection of Australia, families and youth.

Major centres like Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne, Brisbane, Tasmania and Perth, all have multiple venues. St Mary's Cathedral in Perth has a Living Rosary with numerous young people participating.

Darwin Catholics are meeting at Lee Point on the beach, as are the faithful in Coogee.

One parish priest in Canberra is leading a gathering of people up to Black Mountain to pray for the city, while parishioners in Esperance in Western Australia are heading to the local lookout over the ocean with their local parish priest to pray.



Another town in Western Australia, Manjimup, will see their congregation gather at the local church to pray the Rosary and have a 'cuppa' afterwards.

Country people from isolated properties are meeting with others on their farms to join in.

One group of young people are in the process of organising their prayers on the Harbour Bridge, while other groups are in the process of coordinating prayer at mountains, parks, beaches and lookouts.

From small venues like Wattle Flat and Black Springs to larger places like Gympie, Toowoomba, Cairns, Bathurst and Orange, people are meeting before and after regular Masses to pray their rosaries on Fatima Day.

Schools and Pilgrimage Centres are also participating in the event. Some gatherings are having Rosary groups while others are considering launching a helium balloon Rosary.

Others are organising to say their rosaries before or after their parish Masses.

Currently, there are more than 127 registered locations. A map and more information can be seen at [ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53](http://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53)

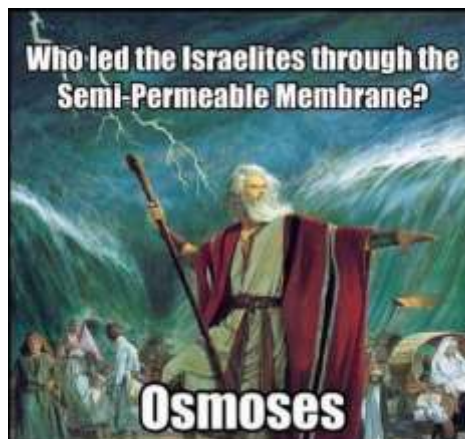




Or view a video clip at [christthepriestmedia.com/2746/OZ-Rosary-53/](http://christthepriestmedia.com/2746/OZ-Rosary-53/); log on to Oz Rosary#53 Facebook site or contact Jane Chifley on 0476 535 595.

Wagga Wagga will hold its own OZ Rosary #53 on Sunday, May 13 at 3 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Ashmont. It will be a Holy Hour with all 20 decades of the Rosary

starting every 15 minutes, interspersed with hymns and finish with Benediction. Join in at any time or complete the hour. A free 100-page devotional book will be distributed with rosaries and Rosary cards. All welcome. Come along to honour Our Holy Mother this "Mother's Day" and pray for your mother, too.



## THINGS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

- HE IS A PERSON**  
 The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity.
- HE IS FULLY GOD**  
 All three persons of the Trinity are fully God and "equal in glory".
- HE HAS ALWAYS EXISTED**  
 God eternally exists as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- YOU RECEIVE HIM AT BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION**  
 We receive Him first in Baptism, and then is strengthened in the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation.
- CHRISTIANS ARE TEMPLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
 We have the Holy Spirit indwelling in us. We must live accordingly.

INFORMATION FROM [CHURCHPOP.COM](http://CHURCHPOP.COM)

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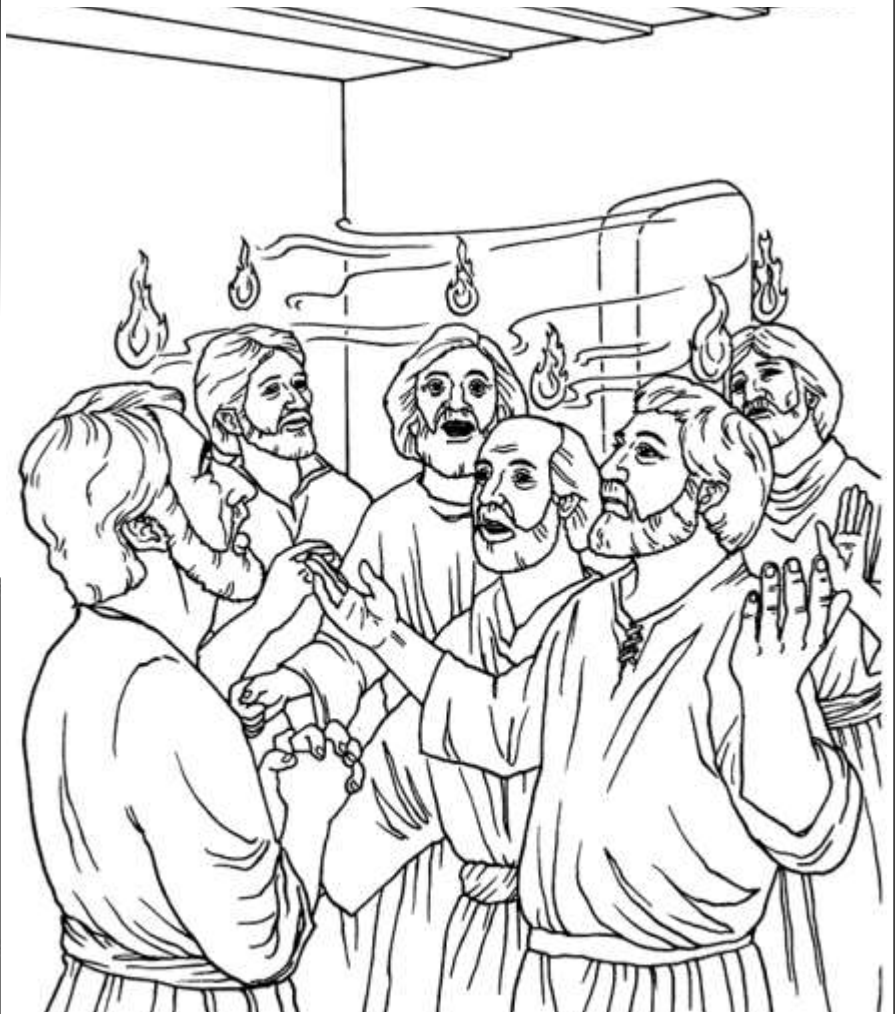
West Wagga Parish



Serving: Ashmont,  
Collingullie,  
Glenfield, Lloyd,  
and San Isidore

## Filled with the Holy Spirit

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4 (NIV)



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**Find the words below hidden in the 225 letters to the right.**

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WONDERS	FILLED
TONGUES	SPIRIT
BLOWING	HEAR
DECLARE	WIND
AMAZED	HOLY
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