

# A SEASON OF JOY

*Dear Parishioner,*

*We are now entering into the second half of our Parish Mission. The response has been very good but a lot of parishioners have not participated in any of the events. This is a great shame because you are missing so much. Why not give it a chance. We all need to be encouraged and challenged on our faith journeys. This is precisely what is happening during this "Season of Joy" as we respond to the call of Pope Francis in his letter on the "Joy of the Gospel".*

*The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our parish community. Next Sunday on the Feast of Corpus Christi we will have the opportunity to spend some time in worship of the real presence of our Risen Lord in a 24 hour period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We hope that every individual and family will come and spend even just a few minutes in adoration.*

*The two speakers below have messages that are particularly relevant to parents. We know the immense pressure that you have with regard to time and the difficulty of making arrangements to attend sessions like this. Please do make every effort you can because these talks are about supporting and nurturing the faith of your children. Surely, that should be a priority for you. We want this Mission to help you in this awesome responsibility.*

*Please take the time to read this sheet. Fr Jim and myself look forward to welcoming you to these events as we try and strengthen the faith of our parish community.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Fr Jim Doherty and Fr Lawrence Jones.*

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**Tuesday 17 June -- 3.15pm, in the church hall: **BECAUSE YOU'RE WORTH IT****

(for women only) a relaxed and fun session with Jenny Baker in the church hall.  
A crèche will be available for children.

**7.00pm – in the church: **OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAITH**** (open to all)  
with Jenny Baker. This session explores how we can help our children get the most out of life.



Jenny Baker is a wife and mum to twin daughters. She is a gifted communicator, with a passion for ministry to families. She has worked for CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) as a presenter and producer of parish/school DVD resources. Jenny is known for her practical and down to earth explanation of the Christian faith using personal experiences to illustrate her teaching.

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**Friday 27 June – 7.00pm – in the church : **KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFER****

(open to all) with Tim Stevens (National parenting speaker and ex-copper)

**Saturday 28 June – 9.30am – in the church hall : **BLOKE'S BREAKFAST****

(for blokes only) with Tim Stevens on faith making a difference in today's world.



Tim Stevens brings a different testimony with elements that many will identify with. His account speaks of a workaholic who lost focus on what is important. Faced with the consequences, he bears witness to the power of God to change lives and to seriously protect our children in a challenging world. Tim was a senior detective leading murder and rape investigations, now he works for the faith charity CaFE helping to spread the Good News through mission, conference speaking, retreat giving and film production.

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**Thurs 3 July, 7:00pm, in the church: HEALING SERVICE**

with Fr Dermott Donnelly - Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. *Open to all.* Everyone has their own problems, worries and sorrows as well as their joys and we all need God's healing for our brokenness.

This is a service to bring healing to the whole person.

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**HOW TO LIVE LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Tues 24 June, 7.00pm, in the church**

A talk on the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives'

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm - Fr Lawrence Jones.

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**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June / Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - In honour of the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ) there will be 24 hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 4.00pm Saturday to 9.00am Sunday and from 12 noon Sunday to 7.00pm.

IT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP IF YOU COULD SIGN UP FOR THE HALF HOUR SLOTS SO THAT EVERY HOUR IS COVERED.

The 9am and 11am Masses will be followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament (weather permitting) and Benediction at the peace garden. It is hoped that the First Holy Communion children will lead the procession after the 9.00am Mass. There will also be Benediction at 6.50pm preceding the 7pm Mass.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June** - St's Peter and Paul Feast Day - 2.30pm to 4.30pm - An afternoon of reflection on "The Joy of the Gospel" - led by Kathryn Turner ((Head of the Department for Spirituality) and Sr Michael and the Evangelisation Team. This is a Diocesan event to celebrate the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis "The Joy of the Gospel".