



PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION UNANDERRA



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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Jan 29	No Mass
Tuesday	Jan 30	Adoration: 4:30-5:30pm Mass: 5:30pm
Wednesday	Jan 31	No morning Mass 7:30pm Farewell Mass for Bishop Ingham, St John Vianney's, Fairy Meadow
Thursday	Feb 1	Adoration: 4:30-5:30pm (Reconciliation available) Mass: 5:30pm
Friday	Feb 2	THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD (Candlemas Day) First Friday Adoration: 4:30-5:30pm Mass with Blessing of Candles 5:30pm
Saturday	Feb 3	First Saturday Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5 - 5:30pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday	Feb 4	5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am 10:45am (Polish)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

28 JANUARY, 2018

READINGS: DUET 18:15-20; 1COR 7:32-35; MK 1:21-28

The Book of Deuteronomy presents Moses as the ideal prophet. A prophet never spoke on his own authority, but spoke on behalf of God. In doing so, he often predicted the future (the origin of our modern word 'prophecy'). The Jews believed that in the last days God would raise up a prophet like Moses.



The early disciples regarded Jesus as this awaited prophet. He gave His teaching with absolute authority, and this authority He confirmed with miracles, a sign that God was with Him. In today's Gospel we see how the ordinary people recognised this. "Here is a teaching that is new", they said, "and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him."

St Paul believed Christ's Second Coming was immanent. WE realize now that its time is unknown, but St Paul's message is still relevant—this world is not the be-all and end-all. We are destined for another world.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries

Joyce MONOGHAN
Bishop Cosma SHI ENXIANG
Sandrino BONCOMPAGNI
Jessica Ellen GALLACHER

Rosters of next weekend

Sat, 3 rd	Church Cleaning	W Brown, P & A Browne, L Harper, J Hoxha	
	Lawns	J Lonard, H Yates, F Timpano, S Carrigan	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 6pm	A Carlotto	L Milan	D Gelfius
Sun, 4 th 7am	L Burns	M Walsh	Walsh Family
9am	N Dwyer, C Carolan	R Green	P Cundy, V Cleary
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, A McQueen, M Winner		
Children's Liturgy	M Rodwell, S Michielin		

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League: 2nd Thursday of the month, 10:30am

St Joseph's room. New members welcome.

Contact: Barbara 42711584 or Margaret 42715804

St. Vincent de Paul Conference: Tues, 7:30pm St. Joseph's room

Parish Pastoral Council: 2nd Monday of alternate months, 7:30pm
St Joseph's room

Nursing Home Masses

Hillside Nursing Home: 1st Tuesday of the month, 2pm

Figtree Nursing Home: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10:45am

Villa Maria Nursing Home: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 9:30am

Refreshments after the 9am Mass on 1st weekend of the month.

PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – PARISH SECRETARY

Unanderra parish is seeking the services of a secretary for 3 days – 18 hours per week Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The position requires skills administration, bookkeeping and maintaining a database. Good communication skills essential.

The parish secretary needs to be a committed and practising Catholic, embracing the teachings and ethos of the Catholic Church in their daily life.

If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position

frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au

Applications close Monday 5th February 2018.



ASH WEDNESDAY
falls on February 14th.

You might consider bringing back last year's palms to be burned.

Gospel Reflection

Ideally, words should always be preceded by deeds.

When people who have done something begin to speak, people listen.

Their words carry enormous weight.

They have real authority.

The weakness of a lot of words arises from the fact that they are not preceded, or accompanied or even followed by words.

At the root of innumerable wrongs in our world is the discrepancy between word and deed.

It is the weakness of churches, parties, and individuals.

It gives people and institutions split personalities.

Lord, grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe with our hearts, and practices with our lives.

PARISH SEATING AT THE ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT BRIAN MASCORD



Our parish will be seated together as a group at the Ordination of our new Bishop-elect Brian Mascord at 7:00pm on Thursday 22 February 2018 at the WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong.

The parish will need to RSVP by 8 February, so could you please fill out your name on the clipboard if you would like to attend the Ordination.

DIOCESAN CHOIR FOR ORDINATION

The Diocesan Choir will be singing at the ordination of Bishop-elect Brian Mascord. Advice of rehearsal dates and times has been sent to current members of the Diocesan Choir. If you wish to join the Diocesan Choir, please complete the form at the following link:
<http://www.liturgydow.org.au/diocesan-choir.html>

Do you have any spare agapanthus cuttings with which we could fill the two flower beds on the northern wall of the church?

Contact Gloria Simmonite 4271 3634 or
Bob Lloyd 4271 5804



“Let your motto be: God alone for all of us”

St. Mary of the Cross 1871

REGIONAL FAREWELL MASS FOR BISHOP PETER INGHAM

You are warmly invited to one of the farewell Masses that are held in four locations around our Diocese. Bishop Peter will be presiding and preaching at each Mass and it will be the last opportunity for many parishioners around the Diocese to say their farewells.

<http://www.dow.org.au/news/news-and-media/item/bishop-peter-ingham-farewell-masses>

Refreshments will follow immediately after the Mass. All are welcome and no RSVP is necessary.

- **St John Vianney’s Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow**

7:30pm, Wednesday 31 January 2018

For more info contact: 02 4228 6511

- **All Saints Catholic Church, Shellharbour City**

7:00pm, Thursday 1 February 2018

For more info contact: 02 4296 3939

- **St Paul’s Church, Camden**

7:30pm, Wednesday 7 February 2018

For more info contact: 02 4655 8797

- **Holy Family Catholic Church, Ingleburn**

7:30pm on Tuesday 13 February 2018

For more info contact: 02 9605 2785

VACANT POSITION DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The Office of the Bishop is seeking to appoint a full-time Professional Standards and Safeguarding Officer in relation to children and vulnerable adults to work closely with senior personnel in the Safeguarding Team. The position will focus on taking a lead in the development, design and delivery of training consistent with diocesan policy and standards, whilst also managing cases and giving advice.

Applications must include a resume outlining qualifications, skills and experience, and outlining your personal commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church. The names and contact details of at least two referees should be provided. The position description is available at www.jobs.dow.org.au.

Applications should be addressed to the Diocesan Executive Officer, Office of the Bishop, PO Box 1239 Wollongong NSW 2500 or emailed to mary.hiscox@dow.org.au.

Any enquiries should be directed to Mary Hiscox 4222 2468.

Applications close Monday 12 February 2018.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – SUMMER EDITION

This week and right throughout the summer period The Journey Catholic Radio program will continue to bring you weekly Gospel reflections, great music and wonderful inputs from the likes of Sr Hilda Scott, Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, Dr Byron and Francine Pirola, Fr Dave Callaghan MGL, Trish McCarthy, Pete Gilmore, Sam Clear and Marilyn Rodriguez. What a great way to prepare for 2018 and the Year of Youth. Go to www.jcr.org.au to get weekly updates sent to you.

CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS A great range of excellent quality religious gifts are available from Cathedral Books and Gifts. A beautiful selection of bibles, books, missals, rosaries, plaques, crucifixes, medals, statues and greeting cards, candles, etc. perfect to commemorate Confirmation, Communion and Baptism. Enter the store via Crown St, Xavier Centre, Wollongong. Enquiries phone 4222 2484.

ANTIOCH REUNION: Calling all candidates, oldies, clergy, billet families, musicians, kitchen angels and friends of Antioch. A reunion is set for Saturday 3rd March 2018 at Fairy Meadow including a meet and greet afternoon tea, celebratory Mass and dinner. To register your interest and receive an invitation please email antioch.wollongongdiocese@gmail.com General enquiries to Dianne Hukins 0412840772 or Ann Packham 0423869803. Musicians wishing to be involved in celebrations please contact Elise (Nicholls) Burns 0407781359.



“Let’s just say I’m making a pilgrimage, Father.”

WHEN things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar.

He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things – God, your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions – and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else – the small stuff.'

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.'

'Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first – the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. 'I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.'