

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK UNANDERRA (U) & WEST WOLLONGONG (WW)

Monday	9 Sept	Mass:	7am	(U)
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Tuesday	10 Sept	Mass:	7.45am	(WW)
		Adoration:	4.30pm-5.30pm	(U)
		Mass:	5.30pm	(U)
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Wednesday	11 Sept	Mass:	7am	(U)
		Mass:	5.30pm	(WW)
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Thursday	12 Sept	Adoration:	4.30pm-5.30pm	(U)
			(Reconciliation Available)	(U)
		Mass:	5.30pm	(U)
		Reconciliation:	6pm-6.45pm	(WW)
		Mass:	7pm	(WW)
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Friday	13 Sept	St John Chrysostom		
		Mass:	9.30am	(U)
		Mass:	10am#	(WW)
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Saturday	14 Sept	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
		Mass:	7.30am	(U)
		Mass:	9am	(WW)
		Reconciliation:	9.30am-10.30am	(WW)
		Reconciliation:	5pm-5.30pm	(U)
		Vigil Mass:	6pm	(U)
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Sunday	15 Sept	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
		Mass:	8am	(U)
		Mass:	10am	(WW)
(*10am from 22 Sept)		Mass:	10.45am* (Polish)	(U)
		Mass:	5pm	(WW)

Fri 10am at WW — Requiem Mass for Pat Murphy (replacing 10.15am Mass)

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C 8 SEPTEMBER 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading:

Wisdom 9:13-18

Responsorial Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading:

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

St Luke 14:25-33

Communion Antiphon:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries

Richard ROCHE

Bruce WALSH

Michael VAN DER LINDEN

ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

September	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 14 Sept	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
	Lawns	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana, R Murphy	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 14 Sept 6pm Mass	G Attard	M Gillis	C Dean
Sun 15 Sept 8am Mass	M Walsh, L Burns	P Gunning, A Kelly	S Michielin Walsh Family
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		
Children's Liturgy	L Galea, V Cleary		



PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Catholic Women's League:** 2nd Thursday of the month - 10.30am in St Joseph's room
New members always welcome!
Please contact: Barbara - 4271 1584
- St Vincent de Paul Conference:** Every Tue 7.30pm in St Joseph's room
- Parish Pastoral Council:** 2nd Monday of alternate months at 7.30pm in 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 8am Mass on 1st weekend of each month in St Joseph's Meeting Room (Unanderra)

MOVIE SCREENING

The movie UNPLANNED is screening at Hoyts Warrawong for 2 nights only at 7pm
Wednesday 18 Sept and Monday 23 Sept
UNPLANNED is the story of Abby Johnson, who changed from being pro-choice to pro-life.
This film is topical given the current abortion bill in NSW parliament.

To book tickets, go to:

- 18 Sept:** <https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-hoyts-cinemas-warrawong/>
- 23 Sept:** <https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-hoyts-cinemas-warrawong-2>



SR JOAN & SR MARGARET'S FAREWELL

Parishioners are invited to join us as we say
Thank You and **Farewell** to
Sister Joan and Sister Margaret

on

Saturday 28 September 2019
2pm – Mass

Immaculate Conception Church
48-50 Princes Highway Unanderra

Followed by

3pm – Afternoon Tea

St Pius X School Hall
Cummins Street Unanderra

RSVP

Friday 20 September 2019

by contacting Sue or Magda
at the Unanderra Parish Office

unanderra@dow.org.au or 4271 1068



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The monthly meeting of the CWL will be held on
Thursday 12 September 2019 at 10am
in St Joseph's Room

Everyone is welcome to join us for morning tea and a chat.
Jo Clarke, the Diocesan President, will also be joining us.

Hope to see you there!



PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN



Mass and Adoration
for the
Protection of the
Unborn in NSW

Immaculate Conception Parish Unanderra

Monday 16 September 2019

4.30pm Adoration & 5.30pm Mass
(Adoration until 10pm with Rosary at 8pm)

Tuesday 17 September 2019

4.30pm Adoration & 5.30pm Mass
(Adoration until 10pm with Rosary at 8pm)

YOUTH MASS — WEST W'GONG

A Youth Mass at West Wollongong will take place on

Sunday 15 September at 5pm

with music led by Seth Harsh (Diocesan Youth Co-ordinator) and young people are invited to take various roles during Mass.

This will be an opportunity to promote youth activities in both parishes, including the "Ascend" Youth Group at Unanderra.

Following Mass a BBQ will be provided for all; following this, all young adults (18+) are invited to head over to the convent for conversation, cheese and light refreshments.



VINNIES YOUTH CONFERENCE

Are you aged 16+? Do you love kids and want a new way to put your faith into action?

Then you're just in time! Our Vinnies Youth Conference will be doing their training for Buddies Days next Saturday (**14 September 2019**) at St Therese Hall. We're always excited to welcome new members and training is the perfect time to make sure you don't miss out on the exciting things this conference has planned.

RSVP to Bec Hall:

rebecca.b.hall@outlook.com or **0422724917**

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

TO SUPPORT THE RETIREMENT AND HEALTH OF CLERGY

Each parish provides "living" support to its active clergy, but it is the responsibility of our Diocese to fund the support and care for the retirement and health of diocesan clergy who have dedicated their lives in service of the Church.

In our Diocese, this support is partly funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, which will be held in our Parish next weekend. For your convenience, donations can also be made online via the Diocese of Wollongong's website www.dow.org.au



LIVING FAITH

The October/November/December issues of Living Faith (both Adults & Kids) are now available for purchase — **\$4.00**

Living Faith
Daily Catholic Devotions

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

— AIRS SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2019 —

This week on the Journey, we hear the words of Luke's Gospel 14:25-33. Do we know our True Identity? The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes, asks these questions; and Mother Hilda from the Abbey encourages us to look for the patterns. We are blessed to have such truly talented Christian music artists on our show. Go to www.jcr.org.au to make sure you never miss a show, with it sent to you each week as a podcast via email — for free!

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subscribe to weekly shows via email



STAND AND PRAY FOR LIFE RALLY

Stand and Pray for Life Rally — Campbelltown

Sunday 15 September 2019 — 3pm–5pm

The Anglican churches of Campbelltown are inviting the Macarthur Catholic churches to join them at a local rally to call on the NSW Parliament to say no to the proposed abortion laws.

There will be local speakers and an opportunity to pray together for the sanctity of life.

3pm — Assemble in Mawson Park
(117 Queen Street Campbelltown)

3.20pm — Speeches

3.40pm — Prayer

4pm — March down Queen Street

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

One of the special ministries in our Parish is providing Holy Communion to the Sick or Housebound.

Any sick parishioners or housebound persons who would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish office — Magda (Mondays) or Sue (Thu/Fri) and arrangements will be made.

unanderra@dow.org.au or **4271 1068**



PARISH BULLETINS UNANDERRA & WEST WOLLONGONG

For parishioners wishing to view the Unanderra Sunday bulletin online, please go to:

www.unanderraparish.org.au/bulletin.html

For those wishing to receive the West Wollongong Sunday bulletin via email, please email your contact details to West Wollongong, and ask to be added to their bulletin mailing list:
westwollongong@dow.org.au



Message from Fr Duane

This week was “National Child Protection Week” throughout Australia, and in the Church we mark this with “Child Protection Sunday” at this weekend’s Masses. We are all sadly aware of past failings of the Church in this area, and continue to humbly ask God’s mercy and healing. Likewise we are committed to make the changes that are needed to ensure that every Church community is safe for children and vulnerable adults.

It has encouraged me to see many practical steps being taken in our diocese in recent years to this end, including:

- Mandatory psychological assessments for seminary applicants.
- Psychosexual formation now a standard part of seminary formation.
- The establishment of the Office of Professional Standards and Safeguarding (OPSS), led by Ms Asante Viswasam, highly qualified for this work.
- An annual professional development program developed by the OPSS for all clergy and others in diocesan leadership positions.

See more of what Diocese of Wollongong is doing at the new Diocesan website: www.dow.org.au/directory/safeguarding/

And see the work of the Church throughout Australia at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Most of all, let us ceaselessly work and pray together that our Church and our society will create a culture of safety and protection for all children and vulnerable adults.

A prayer for Child Protection Sunday:

Lord, we as your Church stand in need of your healing and help.

We ask you, God, to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities.

Grant us healing and mercy for our past failures as a Church.

Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.

*May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience,
build stronger communities that are safe for children and vulnerable adults.*

*Let your grace and love fall gently upon our little ones that, with the help of their families and the Church,
they will experience the fullness of life that you long to give to them. Amen.*

Reflections from Pope Francis, from Laudato Si:

On Care for our Common Home, for the Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October):

“Care for nature is part of a lifestyle which includes the capacity for living together and communion. Jesus reminded us that we have God as our common Father and that this makes us brothers and sisters. Fraternal love can only be gratuitous; it can never be a means of repaying others for what they have done or will do for us. That is why it is possible to love our enemies. This same gratuitousness inspires us to love and accept the wind, the sun and the clouds, even though we cannot control them. In this sense, we can speak of a ‘universal fraternity’... Saint Therese of Lisieux invites us to practise the little way of love, not to miss out on a kind word, a smile or any small gesture which sows peace and friendship. An integral ecology is also made up of simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness. In the end, a world of exacerbated consumption is at the same time a world which mistreats life in all its forms.” (228, 230).

Fr Duane Fernandez
Parish Priest

BAPTISMS

Sundays at 12 noon (second and fourth Sunday of each month only)

Second Sunday of the Month — **West Wollongong**

Fourth Sunday of the Month — **Unanderra**

(Minimum of one month’s notice is required)

MARRIAGES, FUNERALS, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By appointment only — please contact Fr Duane

(Minimum of six months’ notice for weddings is required — no Sunday weddings)

****NEW TO UNANDERRA PARISH** — PARISH SICK LIST**

If you would like to include your loved ones’ names on our Sick List —

please email the Parish office at unanderra@org.au or telephone **4271 1068** and leave a message