

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

Monday	14 Oct	Pope St Callistus I Mass: 7am	(U)
Tuesday	15 Oct	St Teresa of Jesus Mass: 7.45am Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass/Rosary: 5.30pm	(WW) (U) (U)
Wednesday	16 Oct	St Hedwig and St Margaret Mary Alacoque Mass: 7am Mass: 5.30pm	(U) (WW)
Thursday	17 Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch Adoration: 4.30pm-5.20pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass/Rosary: 5.30pm Reconciliation: 6pm-6.45pm Mass: 7pm	(U) (U) (U) (WW) (WW)
Friday	18 Oct	St Luke Mass: 9.30am Mass: 10.15am	(U) (WW)
Saturday	19 Oct	Mass: 7.30am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	(U) (WW) (WW) (U) (U)
Sunday	20 Oct	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass: 8am Mass: 10am Mass: 10am (Polish) Mass: 5pm	(U) (WW) (U) (WW)

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C 13 OCTOBER 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you
is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading:

2 Kings 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects
of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 17:11-19

Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord
lack no blessing.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries

Pat HEFFERNAN

Jan POWELL

Kevin KEARNEY



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

October	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 19 Oct	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
	Lawns	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana, R Murphy	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 19 Oct 6pm Mass	A Carlotto	R Baxendale	B Farraway
Sun 20 Oct 8am Mass	N Dwyer, C Carolan	A Browne, G De Battista	L Harper, P De Battista
Counters	M Murphy (FT), A Kelly, S Alessi		
Children's Liturgy	K Hertsch, S Walsh		



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)

— OCTOBER — THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

During October, all are welcome to pray the Rosary together **after 5.30pm Mass every Tuesday and Thursday** at Unanderra Church.



SPECIAL MORNING TEA

Don't forget... the special morning tea to be held on **Sunday 13 October 2019** after the **8am Mass** in St Joseph's room to farewell Sr Joan and Sr Margaret on their final day at our parish



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference which aims to provide young people with the opportunity to attend worship, workshops and plenaries that will deepen their faith.

This year the festival will be held in Perth from **8-10 December 2019** and the Diocese of Wollongong will be organising a group of young adults (ages 18-30) to attend, with Fr Duane Fernandez as the chaplain to this group.

Please Note: Applications to attend with the Diocesan group will close 1 November 2019.

For more information on the diocesan ACYF group or to express interest in attending, contact **Georgia** on **4222 2427** or **youth@dow.org.au**, or **speak with Fr Duane.**



IRON YOUTH GROUP

Friday Nights — 7pm-9pm
Ages 14–18

St Therese West Wollongong School Hall

If you, or someone you know, is interested in delving into faith and making friends, then you're welcome to come along.



For more information, check out the Iron Youth Group on Facebook or contact Bridget on 0481 842 530.

ASCEND CATHOLIC YOUTH

After 6pm Mass on **Saturday 19 October 2019**
Years 6–9 welcome!
A gold coin donation to cover dinner would be appreciated
For more info, please email **ascendcatholicyouth@gmail.com**

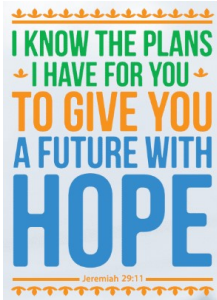


MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission 2019 World Mission Appeal. This year we are invited to support the Eden Gardens Children's Home in Nagaland, north-eastern India. The goal of Father Rajesh Lobo, who runs the home, is to give the children opportunities to fulfil their dreams. The home currently provides 250 children from disadvantaged backgrounds with basic needs, such as food and water, education and a safe home, as well as faith formation through activities like daily Mass, praying the rosary and catechism. However, with challenges such as lack of water, the home urgently needs to update their infrastructure to continue providing practical and spiritual support to the children. As an act of mission for October 2019, Pope Francis has called an Extraordinary Missionary Month, you will be offered the opportunity to support this work – please come prepared to give generously. Alternatively, you can donate via:

Calling Freecall: **1800 257 296**

Or online at: catholicmission.org.au/india



PARISH PILGRIMAGE & RETREAT

Saturday 19 October 2019

CHANGE OF VENUE!! At this stage, we have 16 people registered for the Retreat and Pilgrimage. Unfortunately that is not enough to warrant the cost of the 24-seater bus (\$490). We have therefore decided to run the Retreat in the Old Convent next to St Therese Church West Wollongong on the same day, next Saturday 19 October. The day commences with Mass at 9am at St Therese and concludes at 2.30pm. Morning tea is supplied but please bring your own lunch. The theme for the Retreat is **Moving Forward in Hope and Trust**. We look forward to many more joining us on the day. Registration forms are available at both churches (located next to the side door at Unanderra church).



WEEKEND RETREAT - JAMBEROO

A weekend retreat where we will take a walk in the fields of Holy Wisdom. We will explore the wisdom figure of Hokhmah (Sophia) and some related wisdom teachings of Jesus. The retreat will be in the wisdom contemplative tradition, combining some sharing with meditation, silence and reflection.

"So Hokhmah, the feminine child, is playing in the world, obvious and unseen, playing at all times before the creator. Her delights are to be with (us), she is our sister." (Thomas Merton)

DATE: **25–27 October 2019**

VENUE: Benedictine Abbey
695 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo

ARRIVAL: Registration Friday 25 Oct 3–4.30pm

WELCOME & MEDITATION: 6pm

DEPARTURE: Sunday afternoon

PRESENTER: Sr Magdalen Mather osb

COST: \$90 for retreat plus accommodation costs

DAILY: Day attendance is possible if you cannot make the whole retreat — cost \$30 per day

Morning and afternoon tea available. Please BYO lunch.

BOOKINGS: To make your booking, register for this retreat or make payments, please phone **Sr Hannah** at **02 4236 0533** (Monday–Friday 10am–3pm)

Email: cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2019 –

This week on the Journey, Fr Mark reflects on the Gospel of Luke 17:11-19; we have the incredible Mother Hilda Scott gracing the show with 'Play His Song'; as well as the works from Byron and Francine Pirola; and Trish McCarthy... just to name a few. We have the pick of the bunch for Christian music and we are blessed with wisdom from many other speakers.

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PLenary 2020

Thank you to the 4 Animators who attended training this week. Plenary Sessions will commence for both parishes this coming week. Details are as follows:



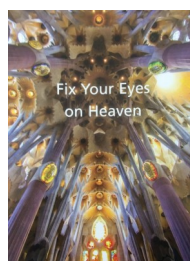
- **Tuesday 15 October, 6pm–7.30pm in the demountable at St Therese.** Theme 1: *How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Missionary and Evangelising?*
- **Tuesday 22 October, 6pm–7.30pm in St Joseph's room at Immaculate Conception.** Theme 2: *How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal?*
- **Tuesday 29 October, 6pm–7.30pm in the demountable at St Therese.** Theme 3: *How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Prayerful and Eucharistic?*

We hope to see many parishioners present at the sessions to add their voice to this once in a life time opportunity to help shape the future of our Church.

There will be three more sessions on the remaining themes in November and we hope to have 8 more Animators to help run those sessions!

Please contact **Netty Broekman** at netty03@bigpond.com if you can assist

THE WORD AMONG US



The November issue of **The Word Among Us** is for sale (limited supply) for **\$5** each — they are located on the middle pew of the church.

Message from Fr Duane

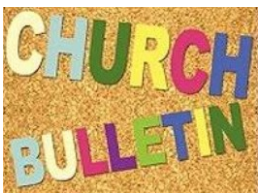
This coming Wednesday is the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting for Immaculate Conception Unanderra. Please keep the PPC in your prayers, that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit in discerning God's plans for our Parish during this time of transition. We will communicate the outcomes of the meeting to you as soon as possible.

This weekend is the last weekend for Sister Joan and Sister Margaret before they leave our parish. It is a sad time for us all, and I wish to once again thank Sister Joan and Sister Margaret on behalf of the Parish for their many years of dedicated and generous service to this community in so many ways. On a personal note I also wish to thank them for their warm, kind welcome to me and practical assistance in helping me settle in to my new role here. These wonderful women will be missed, but will always remain an integral part of the story of this Parish, and we pray through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop that the Lord will bless and guide them as they transition into the next chapter of their story.

Fr Duane Fernandez
Parish Priest

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS MASS & FELLOWSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Next **Sunday 20 October**, being the 3rd Sunday of the month, will be the next Youth-focused Mass at **St Therese West Wollongong at 5pm**, with Seth Harsh (Diocesan Youth Ministry Co-ordinator) leading our music and young people invited to take various roles during Mass. Following Mass, a BBQ will be provided for all; and young adults (18+) are invited to head over to the convent for conversation, cheese and light refreshments. Our first instalment in September was a great success with a large congregation participating in Mass, most staying for the BBQ, and around 50 young adults enjoying fellowship in the newly decorated convent! Young adults are welcome to come along just for the refreshments after Mass especially if they attend a different Mass that weekend. Please spread the word, and email **Joel** at joel.duval@dow.catholic.edu.au if you would like to be involved in the various ministries throughout the Mass.



WEST WOLLONGONG PARISH BULLETINS

For those wishing to collect a West Wollongong Sunday bulletin each week, they are located in a tray near the side door of the church.

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 is required for weddings — no Sunday weddings)

PARISH SICK LIST

If you would like to include your loved ones' names on our Sick List — please email the Parish office at unanderra@dow.org.au or telephone **4271 1068** and leave a message