

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

UNANDERRA (U) & WEST WOLLONGONG (WW)

Monday	28 Oct	Sts Simon and Jude		
		Mass:	7am	(U)
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Tuesday	29 Oct	Mass:	7.45am	(WW)
		Adoration:	4.30pm-5.30pm	(U)
		Mass:	5.30pm (followed by Rosary)	(U)
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Wednesday	30 Oct	Mass:	7am	(U)
		Adoration:	4.30pm (inc Reconciliation)	(WW)
		Mass:	5.30pm	(WW)
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Thursday	31 Oct	Adoration:	4.30pm-5.20pm	(U)
			(Reconciliation Available)	(U)
All Saints Vigil Mass:		Mass:	5.30pm (followed by Rosary)	(U)
All Saints Vigil Mass:		Mass:	7pm	(WW)
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Friday	1 Nov	All Saints Day		
		Mass:	9.30am	(U)
		Mass:	10.15am	(WW)
		Mass:	11am (Polish)	(U)
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Saturday	2 Nov	All Souls Day		
		Mass:	7.30am	(U)
		Mass:	9am	(WW)
		Reconciliation:	9.30am-10.30am	(WW)
		Mass:	11am (Polish)	(U)
		Reconciliation:	5pm-5.30pm	(U)
		Vigil Mass:	6pm	(U)
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Sunday	3 Nov	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time		
		Mass:	8am	(U)
		Mass:	10am	(WW)
		Mass:	10am (Polish)	(U)
		Mass:	5pm	(WW)

Reconciliation at WW is now at 4.30pm on Wednesdays (leading in to 5.30pm Mass) - as well as Eucharistic Adoration during that time each Wednesday

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C 27 OCTOBER 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading:

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
God was in Christ,
to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 18:9-14

Communion Antiphon:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

NOVEMBER MASSES

The November Mass envelopes are available from now on, located next to the side door of the church. Please write names of your deceased loved ones, who will be included in our book of remembrance and prayed for during November Masses. (Note: enclosing money in the envelopes is optional; if you do choose to do so, please keep to a maximum of \$10)



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries

Clara DREDGE Mavis STUBBS Alison BAXENDALE
Bill MICALLEF Bonnie GRECH Josie FENECH



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

November	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 2 Nov	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
Sat 2 Nov	Lawns	J Lonard, F Timpano, S Carrigan	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 2 Nov 6pm Mass	A Carlotto	A Kelly	D Gelfius
Sun 3 Nov 8am Mass	N Dwyer, C Carolan	M Walsh, B Parrish	S Brown
Counters	A Gunning, M Cauduro, C Garrett		
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:** Mark Walsh (PPC President)
Mark.Walsh@bluescopesteel.com
0407 604 498
- 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
 - Uniting Nursing Home FarmHts: 3rd Friday of the month - 9.30am

Refreshments after the 8am Mass on the first weekend of each month in St Joseph's Meeting Room (Unanderra)

***** No morning tea on Sunday 3 November *****

PARISH MORNING TEA TO WELCOME SR KERRY GARDINER

Please remember to pop into St Joseph's room for morning tea **after the 8am Mass today Sunday 27 October 2019** to welcome Sr Kerry – this is a great opportunity to introduce yourself and to make Sister feel right at home in our friendly Parish.
Everyone is welcome!



(NB: Therefore, there will be no morning tea on Sun 3 Nov)

ASCEND CATHOLIC YOUTH

Come and join us in St Joseph's room...
after 6pm Mass on Saturday 2 November 2019
Years 6–9 welcome!

A gold coin donation to cover dinner would be much appreciated
For more info, please email: ascendcatholicyouth@gmail.com



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.



PERTH 2019
8-10 DECEMBER

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.

*NB: Applications to attend with the Diocesan group will close on **1 November 2019**.*

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

PLenary 2020 - REMINDER

Thank you to the people who attended the Plenary session last week to reflect on the theme of 'Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal'. The next session is as follows:

- **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 Plenary 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 some more Animators to help run those sessions! Please contact **Netty Broekman** at netty03@bigpond.com if you can assist.

BISHOP BRIAN'S VISITS TO OUR PARISHES

Bishop Brian Mascord will be coming to celebrate the following Masses to "install" Fr Duane as Parish Priest:

Saturday 9 November - 6pm
Immaculate Conception, Unanderra

Sunday 17 November - 10am
St Therese, West Wollongong

Followed by refreshments — all welcome!



PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

Have you heard this before: "We do not know each other"?

Maybe you have said to yourself: "How can we make the Church more relevant for our children?"

Well, now you can do something.....JOIN A FAMILY GROUP.

You will get to know people like yourself and people who are different from you. You will have a lot of fun and be able to get support from others. Importantly, you will have the opportunity to support and care for others. Through the interaction within your Family Group, you will find you are bringing a happy and loving spirit to your parish community. Children will feel they belong to a large extended family and will learn loving and caring from the examples of others.

This was how the Church first began.

This is what it can be now: "See how they love one another."

Come and hear Fr Ray Sanchez CP share the Family Group Ministry

Saturday 16 November 2019 — 6pm Vigil Mass
Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra



PART-TIME POSITIONS

Are you a confident public speaker?

Are you looking for flexible, ongoing part-time work?

Could you share the stories of suffering Christians?

Aid To The Church In Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across the Diocese of Wollongong.

For more details visit: www.aidtochurch.org/work



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Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT DAY

Notre Dame Chaplaincy warmly invites women of all ages to join us for our annual Women's Advent Retreat Day on

Tuesday 3 December 9am—4.30pm.

The day will include three inspiring spiritual talks, Holy Mass, time for reflection, opportunity for Reconciliation, and Holy Hour.

Morning tea and lunch are provided.

The retreat day is free of charge, however registration is essential.

Please visit www.trybooking.com/563903 or call **8204 4189** or email sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au

The University of Notre Dame Australia

104 Broadway

(cnr Abercrombie Street and Broadway) Chippendale

PASTORAL CARE GATHERING

Fr Duane and Sr Kerry invite all interested parishioners to a Pastoral Care Group gathering on **Sunday 3 November immediately following the 8am Mass** in St Joseph's room.

If this meeting isn't convenient for you, a similar gathering will be held on **Wednesday 6 November at 10am** in St Joseph's room.



All who take Communion to the sick, nursing homes or housebound are especially invited. It is our hope to draw up a co-ordinated list.

If you would like to join these parishioners with Communion to the homes you too are most welcome.

However, the group will undertake other activities and all ideas and suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Your presence at the meeting doesn't presume you have committed yourself to this group.

If you aren't able to be present at either meeting, **please contact Sr Kerry** if you do take Communion to parishioners.

We look forward to gathering with you.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

— AIRS SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2019 —

This week on the Journey, Fr Mike takes us on a humbling reflection on the Gospel from Luke; Mother Hilda brings us an excellent piece on 'Presence Left Behind'; and we'll also hear from Pete Gilmore, Fr Dave Callaghan and Trish McCarthy... just to name a few. Tune into **LIFE 101.9** or **98.5** or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au to ensure you never miss a show, with it sent to you each week as a podcast via email — for free!



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where you can listen any time and
subscribe to weekly shows via email

VOCATIONS

Invitation to Young Men 18+

Are you a young man discerning your vocation?

Bishop Brian, the Vocations team and our two Wollongong seminarians, James Arblaster and Sinh Le, invite all young men considering their vocation to come together for a shared meal on

Friday 8 November at 6.30pm
at the **Xavier Centre, Wollongong**

Come along and enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship and encouragement in your faith journey.

Please RSVP to Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

as soon as possible for catering purposes.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

8–10 November 2019

at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!



Book online at

www.wwme.org.au

Alternatively contact

Adrian and Janet Sullivan

on **0490 774 419** or

adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

MASS AT LAKESIDE CEMETERY



For the repose of the souls buried, cremated or entombed at Lakeside — 230 Kanahooka Road Dapto

Saturday 2 November 2019 — 11am

COMBINED PARISHES SOCIAL EVENT

All parishioners (and friends) from Immaculate Conception and St Therese are invited to come together at **Figgy Bowlo** for a chance to build community across and within our two parishes.

Friday 22 November — 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

More details to follow — please save the date!!



Message from Fr Duane

It has been wonderful to see the two parishes of Immaculate Conception and St Therese working together already in a number of ways – from youth ministry, to Plenary 2020 sessions, and just last Saturday it was wonderful to see a number of Unanderra parishioners attending the St Therese Parish Retreat. A big thank you to Netty Broekman and Monica Dowdell for preparing and running the retreat day so beautifully – there was wonderful feedback from all who came.

The next big opportunity for the two parishes to come together will be the combined Parish Social at Figgy Bowlo on Friday 22 November – you can find the details in this bulletin, and remember to save the date!

Fr Duane Fernandez
Parish Priest

NOVEMBER—NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR RAIN

The Catholic bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for the gift of rain during November. The faithful across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national — and so should the response be national. For access to prayer resources and links to donate to the Diocese of Bathurst Drought Appeal and the Vinnies NSW Drought Appeal, visit: www.catholic.org.au/drought

Prayer for rain and those affected:

Eternal God, In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

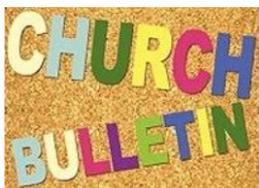
Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life:

Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,

Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us.



WEST WOLLONGONG PARISH BULLETINS

For those who would like to read the West Wollongong Sunday bulletin each week, there are several copies located in a tray near the side door of the church — alternatively if you would like to receive the bulletin via email, please contact: westwollongong@dow.org.au

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**