

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

Monday	18 Nov	Mass:	7am	(U)
Tuesday	19 Nov	Mass:	7.45am	(WW)
		Adoration:	4.30pm-5.30pm	(U)
		Mass:	5.30pm	(U)
Wednesday	20 Nov	Mass:	7am	(U)
		Adoration:	4.30pm (inc Reconciliation)	(WW)
		Mass:	5.30pm	(WW)
Thursday	21 Nov	The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary		
		Mass:	7.45am	(WW)
		Adoration:	4.30pm-5.20pm	(U)
			(Reconciliation Available)	(U)
		Mass:	5.30pm	(U)
Friday	22 Nov	St Cecilia		
		Mass:	9.30am	(U)
		Mass:	10.15am	(WW)
Saturday	23 Nov	Mass:	7.30am	(U)
		Mass:	9am	(WW)
		Reconciliation:	9.30am-10.30am	(WW)
		Reconciliation:	5pm-5.30pm	(U)
		Vigil Mass:	6pm	(U)
Sunday	24 Nov	Christ The King		
		Mass:	8am	(U)
		Mass:	10am	(WW)
		Mass:	10am (Polish)	(U)
		Mass:	5pm	(WW)

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C 17 NOVEMBER 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of
peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives
from every place.

First Reading:

Malachi 3:19-20

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading:

Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 21:5-19

Communion Antiphon:

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Elisabetta VESCIO
Kathryn MEE (nee Cromie)
Elizabeth Mary WADE



Anniversaries

Frank CORDINA
John RICHARDS
Ronald ZAMPA
Stan & Joan WILLIAMS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep the 46 First Holy
Communicants in your prayers as
they make their First Communion
next weekend, during Vigil Mass
6pm Sat 23 Nov, and at 11.30am
Mass on Sun 24 Nov.

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

November	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 23 Nov	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 23 Nov	Lawns	Fernandez Family, M Walsh	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 23 Nov 6pm Mass	G Attard	A Kelly	Volunteer
Sun 24 Nov 8am Mass	M Walsh, A Michielin	A Browne, M Rodwell	P Cundy, F Fernandez
Counters	A Gunning, M Cauduro, C Garrett		
Children's Liturgy	K Calvert, M Matos		

PLENARY 2020



Thank you to the people who have attended Plenary sessions held so far. After listening to each other and prayerful discernment on each of the Plenary themes, a number of practical suggestions for action have been sent to the National Committee as well as Bishop Brian. The final session is as follows:

- **Monday 18 November 6pm-7.30pm in St Joseph's Room at Immaculate Conception.** Theme 6: *How is God Calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is 'Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform'?* We hope to see many parishioners present at this final session to add their voice to this once in a life time opportunity to help shape the future of our Church.



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)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

Called to ministry?

Upcoming liturgical ministry training events

Have you considered serving your parish as an extraordinary minister of holy Communion, adult altar server, or minister of Communion of the sick and homebound?

The 2019 diocesan training courses in these ministries are scheduled as follows:

Extraordinary ministers of holy Communion and adult altar servers

Saturday 23 November 2019 — 10am-2pm

Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong

Members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission will lead two sessions in the morning covering the common ministry of extraordinary minister of holy Communion and one session after lunch for servers. Morning tea and lunch provided.

For further information visit www.liturgy.dow.org.au or contact Paul Mason at liturgy@dow.org.au or 4222 2462.

Registration is essential - Anthony Rewak on 4222 2465 or anthony.rewak@dow.org.au



ADVENT PROGRAMME

"The Way" 2019 Advent programme is available now

(located on the middle pew) —

Still only \$4.00 each

— NOVENA — FOR THE FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adoration and Mass are to be held at Immaculate Conception Church from **Monday 2 December to Monday 9 December (inclusive)**, times as follows:

- Mon-Fri (2-6 Dec): Adoration 4.30pm / Mass 5.30pm
- Sat 7 Dec: Adoration 4.30pm / Mass 6pm (Vigil)
- Sun 8 Dec: Adoration 4.30pm-5.30pm
- Mon 9 Dec: Adoration 4.30pm / Mass 5.30pm



2020 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Now on Sale — \$12.00 (inc GST and postage). To order, either call (03) 9375 9475 or go to www.columban.org.au

NOVEMBER MASSES

The November Mass envelopes are now available, located next to the side door of the church. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the back of the envelope and place on the collection plates — they will be included in our Book of Remembrance and prayed for during November Masses.

(NB: Enclosing money in the envelopes is optional; if you do choose to do so, please keep to a maximum of \$10)



COMBINED PARISHES DINNER

Last chance to RSVP for our social night!!!!

All welcome to attend our combined parishes dinner!

Parishioners and Friends of

Immaculate Conception And St Therese (ICAST)

Friday 22 November 2019 — Figgy Bowlo

6.30pm for a 7pm start

(Purchase your own meals/drinks on the night)

RSVP Sue Briscoe by

11am Wed 20 Nov

Call 4271 1068 (Wed/Thu/Fri) or

Email unanderra@dow.org.au



WELCOME TO SINH LE — WOLLONGONG SEMINARIAN

This Sunday evening we will welcome Sinh Le, one of our two current Wollongong Seminarians. He will be staying at the West Wollongong Presbytery during these next four weeks for a short Parish Placement and will be working with Fr Duane both there and here at Unanderra. We're sure that you will all make him feel most welcome, and you will find him to be a wonderful young man!



YOUTH MASS

Today is the third Sunday of the month so the "Youth Mass" takes place today, **Sunday 17 November at 5pm** at West Wollongong, followed by a BBQ for all, and a young adults gathering (18+) at the convent for fellowship and refreshments.



All are welcome to attend the Mass itself if you would like (even if it is a second Mass for you this weekend!) or even if you can't attend the 5pm Mass, you are still very welcome to attend the BBQ and young adults gathering after the Mass.

JOHN PRIDMORE PAROUSIA TOUR

From Gangland to Promised Land
The John Pridmore 2019 Parousia Tour
Catholic Speaker, Author and Ex-Gangster,
John Pridmore speaks on the Gift of our Lady on
Sunday 24 November 2019

5pm Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral
36 Harbour Street Wollongong
6pm Light Supper and Mingle
6.30pm Talk: "Gift of Our Lady"
7.30pm Q&A

For more information go to
www.parousiamedia.com
All welcome!



For catering purposes, please RSVP to
Helen Bennett at **helen.bennett@dow.org.au**

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

— AIRS SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2019 —

This week on the Journey, we reflect with Fr Graham on the Gospel from Luke; the sensational words of wisdom from Mother Hilda grace the show; as well as the likes of Marilyn Rodrigues, the Peaceful Parent; and Trish McCarthy. Kick off your preparation for Advent with our reflections.

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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A VOCATION VIEW

Patient endurance will see you through to the end.
God will give you the wisdom and the words to speak.

Don't let anything hold you back from a

wholehearted "yes". (Luke 21:5-19)



**Please contact the
Vocations Team at
priesthood@dow.org.au**

JOIN THE ADVENTURE

It is with great excitement we announce CatholicCare will be holding a fundraising trek to the iconic Larapinta Trail (near Alice Springs)

28 September – 4 October 2020

We are seeking participants to undertake the trek and help raise \$100,000 to help children in need throughout the Illawarra, Shoalhaven, Macarthur and Southern Highlands areas.

To find out more visit:

www.tiny.cc/CatholicCareLarapinta



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Fr Bernard Gordon, VG, invites the Diocese of Wollongong to an evening of devotional prayers and Mass on

Wednesday 20 November 2019

commencing **6pm** at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral**
36 Harbour Street Wollongong

In support of the Christian faithful wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

Australian Church in Need

(ACN) is a Catholic charity helping to bring Christ to the world through Prayer, Information and Action.

In support of the CAN, the Cathedral will be lit up in red 7.30pm–10pm.

All welcome!

Message from Fr Duane

Thank you to all who came to my official installation as Parish Priest last Saturday evening, and to those who prepared the refreshments afterwards. While I didn't know what to expect, it turned out to be a very special and memorable evening for me! I'd like to take this opportunity to also say a special thank you to all those parishioners from St Therese West Wollongong who have made the move over to Unanderra for the Vigil Mass – it has been wonderful to be able to still see you every week even after the sudden timetable changes.

Once again, thank you to everyone at Immaculate Conception Parish for your wonderful welcome to me during these recent months. Now it just so happens that this first weekend after my installation, I'm unable to say either of the Masses at Unanderra this weekend! I will miss you this weekend but I am very grateful to Fr Ray Sanchez for celebrating the Vigil Mass and Monsignor David O'Brien for celebrating the 8am Sunday Mass.

Fr Ray Sanchez is very involved with "Family Groups", and Marg Casey, a parishioner from Nowra Parish (where I was serving until this year), has organised with Fr Ray to promote Family Groups at Unanderra this weekend. St Therese West Wollongong already has a strong Family Group ministry, and throughout this year I have heard many positive things about the fun, friendships and pastoral support people have received through their involvement with their Family Group. Together with Fr Ray and Marg Casey, I encourage you all to consider joining a Family Group if you are interested.

This Friday 22 November is also the combined parishes social evening at Figgy Bowlo – there is already a good response, but the more the merrier! It is a wonderful opportunity to get to build community both within Immaculate Conception Parish, and with parishioners from St Therese West Wollongong. Please RSVP as soon as possible – hope to see you there! (See notice on previous page).

Fr Duane Fernandez
Parish Priest

CHURCH MINISTRIES FOR 2020

Thank you to all of our faithful Volunteers who assisted throughout 2019 with our Church Ministries.

Have you considered being involved in one of the various ministries of our parish?

Over the next few weeks you will have the opportunity to volunteer for 2020.

We have an urgent need for new Volunteers for one or more of the following ministries: Acolytes, Lectors, Children's Liturgy, Welcomers, Church Cleaners, Counters, Church Lawns and Gardens, Church Washing, Ministers of Holy Communion to Aged Care, Choir, Flower Arrangers, Building Maintenance Team, Hospitality Team, Catechists and Sacramental Team Leaders.

New Volunteers will have the opportunity to work with those who have experience. Please indicate your availability to help by putting your name on the relevant sheets, which are located along the middle pew in the church.

West Wollongong Parishioners who attend Unanderra Masses are also welcome to volunteer to be Welcomers, Lectors and/or Choir Members.

Your assistance will be much appreciated!

If you have any queries, please contact **Barbara Faraway** on **0419 989 608**.



God's Work
Our Hands

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**