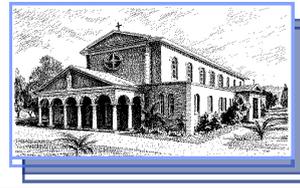


PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

UNANDERRA (U) and WEST WOLLONGONG (WW)

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| Monday | 25 Nov | Mass: | 7am | (U) |
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| Tuesday | 26 Nov | Mass: | 7.45am | (WW) |
| <i>*NB: No Tues Adoration or Mass at Unanderra</i> | | | | |
| | | Adoration: | 4.30pm–5.30pm | (U) |
| | | Mass: | 5.30pm | (U) |
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| Wednesday | 27 Nov | Mass: | 7am | (U) |
| | | Adoration: | 4.30pm (inc Reconciliation) | (WW) |
| | | Mass: | 5.30pm | (WW) |
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| Thursday | 28 Nov | Mass: | 7.45am | (WW) |
| | | Adoration: | 4.30pm–5.20pm | (U) |
| | | | (Reconciliation Available) | (U) |
| | | Mass: | 5.30pm | (U) |
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| Friday | 29 Nov | Mass: | 9.30am | (U) |
| | | Mass: | 10.15am | (WW) |
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| Saturday | 30 Nov | St Andrew | | |
| | | 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 | 1 Dec | First Sunday of Advent (Year A) | | |
| | | Mass: | 8am | (U) |
| | | Mass: | 10am | (WW) |
| | | Mass: | 10am (Polish) | (U) |
| | | Mass: | 5pm | (WW) |

CHRIST THE KING — YEAR C — 24 NOVEMBER 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading:

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Responsorial Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading:

Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 23:35-43

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Sr Gemma O'KEEFE ocd

Mary CARUANA



Anniversaries

Winifred STAUNTON

Annie CLARKE

Henry DUXBURY

Maria LJUBIC

ANY PHOTOS?

Did you take a photo or two during Fr Duane's Installation Mass???

If you would like to share any photos, Sr Kerry would be very happy to receive electronic copies, as she would like to put a few photos together as a memento. These can be emailed to Sister's email address which can be found above. Thank you!



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

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| November December | Church Washing " " | Fiona Fernandez Helen Murphy | |
| Sat 30 Nov | Church Cleaning | P & A Browne, W & S Brown | |
| Sat 30 Nov | Lawns | J Lonard, H Yates, F Timpano, S Carrigan | |
| | Acolytes | Lectors | Welcomers |
| Sat 30 Nov 6pm Mass | G Attard | V Cleary | V Cleary |
| Sun 1 Dec 8am Mass | M Walsh, N Dwyer | P Gunning, M Matos | S Brown, S Michielin |
| 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:** 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)

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

ADVENT PROGRAMME

"The Way" 2019 Advent programme is available now (located on the middle pew) —
Still only \$4.00 each



PARISH MORNING TEA



All are welcome to attend our Unanderra Parish morning tea which will be held in **St Joseph's Meeting Room** after 8am Mass
next Sunday 1 December 2019

CWL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

It's that time of year again for our **Annual Christmas Raffle** to support the charities of the Catholic Women's League
There are 3 Christmas Hampers to be won!
Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5
Raffle tickets will be on sale at the following Masses over the next two weekends:
Saturday 30 November (6pm), Sunday 1 December (8am), Saturday 7 December (6pm) and Sunday 8 December (8am).
The raffle will then be drawn after the 8am Mass on Sunday 8 December. The ladies of the CWL would like to thank you all for your continued support.



ASCEND CATHOLIC YOUTH

Come and join us **after 6pm Mass** on **Saturday 30 November 2019** in St Joseph's Room Unanderra.
Years 6—9 welcome!

A gold coin donation to cover dinner would be much appreciated!



For more info, please email: ascendcatholicyouth@gmail.com

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)

— 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

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN – 25 NOVEMBER

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is on Monday 25 November 2019.

The Diocese of Wollongong has produced a prayer card, which can be found next to the side door of the church.

As Pope Francis said last year, *“Violence against women cannot be treated as ‘normal’. It is not right*

for us to look the other way and let the dignity of so many women, especially young women, be trampled upon.”



PRAISE WORSHIP MASS ADORATION

Divine Retreat Centre Praise & Worship,
Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration

St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong

Saturday 30 November 2019 — 6.30pm to 9pm



Come and experience the Lord's healing power and his infinite mercy at the spiritually enriching prayer service.

For more information please contact
Josobel on 0425 220 398
(preferably after 5pm)

WORKING BEE — THANK YOU!

Fr Duane, Fr Jerzy and Sr Kerry would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to the many parishioners who donated their time and energy at last Saturday's **Working Bee**.

It was both a great success and a fun social morning for everybody. The community spirit displayed showed how generous our parishioners can be.

Our beautiful church was graced with a wonderful garden "Spring Clean", and with many hands we accomplished so much.

Sr Kerry has promised a little surprise for those who have time to come to the next Working Bee, which we have planned for February 2020.

We'll keep you posted over the coming months.

Wayne Rodgers



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

— AIRS SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2019 —

Looking for a reflection on this week's Gospel? Here on The Journey Catholic Radio Show we have Fr Graham with an incredible reflection on this week's Gospel from Luke. As well as that, we have God spots from Pete Gilmore, Marilyn Rodrigues and Mother Hilda Scott to inspire you through the coming week.

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



Recently, eight young men gathered with the Vocations Team and our two seminarians for an evening of

fellowship, questions and sharing of faith. There will be a number of such gatherings in 2020 for young men seeking to grow in their faith, discern their vocation, and encourage each other along the way.

If anyone would like to know more, please contact the **Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez,** at vocations@dow.org.au

ALL SOULS MASS — WEST DAPTO CATHOLIC CEMETERY



Everyone is invited to attend the annual All Souls Mass to be held at **West Dapto Cemetery on Saturday 30 November 2019 at 10am** and celebrated by Bishop Brian. In the case of wet weather, Mass will be held at St John's church Dapto.

SONGS OF JOY — KIAMA

Sunday 15 December 2019 — 2.30pm
at Ss Peter & Paul Church in Kiama

A combined chorus of over 180 singers from Sydney and the South Coast are joining together for a sensational afternoon of song. Antoinette Raynal, Director of Katandra Women's A Cappella, says "The joy of singing has such an impact on both the audience and the singers, nothing beats the excitement and impact of such a beautiful big sound."

Sydney's Hummingbird Community Choirs, Maribella and Senisuara — as recently seen on Australia's Got Talent — are the special guests for the event.

The finale features the Kiama youth group "The Sing Space Vocal Ensemble" leading the combined chorus in singing "One Voice" — it is sure to create a moving highlight which will raise the roof and cheer in the season!

Entry to the concert is by donation with all proceeds going to charity, "The Homestead of Hope", a proud collaborative endeavour by Kiama churches to support those in need within our community.



Message from Fr Duane

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Firstly, to our wonderful children who receive their First Holy Communion this weekend, and to their families: congratulations! You have prepared beautifully for this special day, and our Parish is so glad to be able to celebrate this moment with you all! As special as the children's First Communion is, every time they receive Communion will help your children and families to continue to deepen your "communion" with each other, with Jesus, and with your Parish family, and we look forward to celebrating the Eucharist with you as often as you can come! I have noticed during my time here at Unanderra that the majority of young families come to the 8am Sunday Mass where we also have "Children's Liturgy of the Word" – a chance for the children aged 4 and up to gather together with each other and hear God's word in a more interactive and age-appropriate way, before re-joining their families for the Eucharist, but know that you are always most welcome to come along to whichever Mass suits you and your family best.

I wish to also echo Sister Kerry's message of thanks in this bulletin to Mary, Vera and Kylie, the generous volunteers who have given so much time and energy in leading the preparation classes for the children and their families. Thanks also to Trudy Zaleski, the Parish choir, and Felicity Carolan for sharing their musical gifts in preparing and uplifting our celebrations this weekend. Finally a big thank you to Sister Kerry herself, who has thrown herself into her work in this Parish as soon as she arrived, including many hours behind the scenes bringing this year's First Holy Communion celebrations together.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN – MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER

This Monday 25 November is International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The statistics around physical and emotional violence against women both around the world and here in Australia are deeply distressing. My own work as a priest has given a human face to these statistics, and has given me a deep passion for this vital issue of our time. To mark this day as a Church, the Diocese of Wollongong has provided a valuable resource in the prayer and information cards that will be made available during all Masses this weekend. I encourage you to take at least one card per family, and feel free to share these cards with anyone you know who may benefit from them. The Diocese of Broken Bay has also provided a valuable resource at this website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/catholic-life-faith-formation/social-justice/domestic-violence. Thank you also to the Catholic Women's League in our Parish for supporting this initiative, along with all the other wonderful work that they do. Let us pray and work together for a world in which the dignity of women is everywhere respected and protected, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, "blessed among women".

Fr Duane Fernandez
Parish Priest



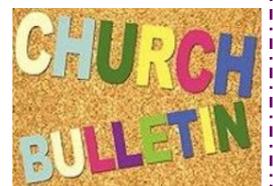
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

In celebrating First Holy Communion in our parish this weekend, I would like to express my sincerest thanks to everyone involved in bringing us to this day. In particular, 'thank you' to Mary Carolan, Vera Cleary and Kylie Hertsch who gave so generously in preparing the children through weekly lessons. A special thanks too to Susan Adams and the staff of St Pius X for all their background work.

With deep gratitude, Sr Kerry

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**