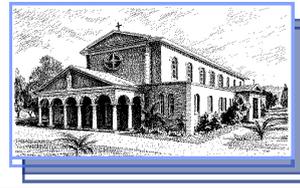


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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

UNANDERRA (U) and WEST WOLLONGONG (WW)

Monday	30 Dec	Mass:	7am	(U)
Tuesday	31 Dec	Mass:	7.45am	(WW)
		Mass:	9am	(U)
Wednesday	1 Jan	Mary, Mother of God		
		Mass:	8.30am	(U)
		Mass:	10am (Polish)	(U)
		Adoration:	4.30pm-5.20pm	(WW)
			(Reconciliation Available)	(WW)
		Mass:	5.30pm	(WW)
Thursday	2 Jan	Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen		
		Mass:	7.45am	(WW)
		Adoration:	4.30pm-5.20pm	(U)
			(Reconciliation Available)	(U)
		Mass:	5.30pm	(U)
Friday	3 Jan	Mass:	9.30am	(U)
		Mass:	10.15am	(WW)
Saturday	4 Jan	Mass:	7.30am	(U)
		Mass:	9am	(WW)
		Reconciliation:	9.30am-10.30am	(WW)
		Reconciliation:	5pm-5.30pm	(U)
		Vigil Mass:	6pm	(U)
Sunday	5 Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord		
		Mass:	8am	(U)
		Mass:	10am	(WW)
		Mass:	10am (Polish)	(U)
		Mass:	5pm	(WW)

THE HOLY FAMILY – YEAR A

29 DECEMBER 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading:

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Communion Antiphon:

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries

Yvonne TREUEN Mary POTTS

Lucy DALTON Jack MILLER

Molly ROWE Mary BLATTMAN

Charmaine Nate McMAHON

Des & John CUNDY

David, Alex & Katie SMITH



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES IN 2020 – UNANDERRA

Starting from week commencing **Monday 6 January**, we will be swapping the times of the Unanderra Wednesday and Friday Masses:

Wednesday Mass will be at 9.30am

Friday Mass will be at 7am

ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

January	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 4 Jan	Church Cleaning	P & A Browne, K Harrison	
Sat 4 Jan	Lawns	Winner Family, P Briscoe, M Walsh	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 4 Jan 6pm Mass	A Carlotto	D Ferrer	S Marsala
Sun 5 Jan 8am Mass	N Dwyer, C Carolan	C Walsh	F Fernandez
Counters	A Gunning, M Cauduro, C Garrett		
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		



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 Sunday
of each month in St Joseph's Meeting Room (Unanderra)

NO MORNING TEA – JANUARY

Please note that there will be no parish
morning tea on Sunday 5 January 2020.

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note that from week commencing
Monday 6 January 2020, the Parish Office
will be open the following days/hours:

Monday: 8.30am—3pm (Magda)
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 8.30am—1.30pm (Sue)
Thursday: 8.30am—1.30pm (Sue)
Friday: 9.30am—2.30pm (Sue)



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

"Amongst the poor you have found
a privileged place to encounter
Christ. This is a precious gift in the
life of the follower of Christ:
to receive the gift of encountering
him among the victims and the
poor. The encounter with Christ
among his beloved ones refines our faith."



Pope Francis (7 Nov 2019)

HOSPITAL MASSES



There will be no Masses at
Wollongong Private Hospital and
Wollongong Public
Hospital between August and
December 2019 — they will
resume in January 2020.

Please contact **0475 815 506** for
your hospital spiritual needs.

THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMATE 2

2–8 January 2020

The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains,
is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta
and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery.

Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing
7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the
beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the
Christmas season with each parish along the way.

Registration and details at
www.epiphanypilgrimage.org and
www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage



DIOCESAN OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Diocesan Offices at the
Xavier Centre in Wollongong closed at 4.30pm
on Tuesday 24 December 2019 (Christmas Eve) -
and will re-open at
9am on Thursday 2 January 2020.

SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL CARE TRAINING

Interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others? An Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered in Campbelltown and would be suitable for kind-hearted people wanting to learn more about providing holistic spiritual and pastoral care to patients in hospital, residents in aged care facilities or people in the parish.

This 40-hour course will commence on **Wednesday 5 February 2020** and comprise of five sessions.

Applications are now invited.

Please see the Southern Tablelands Clinical Pastoral Education Centre brochure near side door of church.

For more information please contact **Carmen Karauda** at ckarauda@mpx.com.au or phone **0419 430 676**



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, please visit:

www.tiny.cc/CatholicCareLarapinta



CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS

A great range of excellent quality religious gifts are available from Cathedral Books and Gifts. A beautiful selection of bibles, books, missals, rosaries, plaques, crucifixes, medals, statues, greeting cards and candles — perfect to commemorate Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Baptism.



Enter the store via Crown St, Xavier Centre, Wollongong
For enquiries, please phone 4222 2484

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

The Journey Catholic Radio will enter our Summer Series until late-January. You can catch up on your favourite people such as Sr Hilda from the Abbey; Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy; and many more. We will continue to play amazing contemporary music while our writers, contributors and presenters have a well-earned break.

Tune in to **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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MONSIGNOR GRAHAM'S GOLDEN JUBILEE/RETIREMENT PHOTOS

On Friday 23 August 2019 our former Parish Priest, Mgr Graham Schmitzer, celebrated both his Golden Jubilee and retirement.

Hundreds of photographs were taken on that eventful day, and — together with a gift from the parish of \$4,000 — a book of all the photos has been presented to Mgr Graham. To view all of the photos from that day, please go to: www.unanderraparish.org.au/retirement



Message from Fr Duane

I hope you had a most blessed Christmas – and it isn't over yet! We now enter into the Christmas season, which continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on 12 January 2020. May we continue to be filled with the graces of the season, celebrating with joy and gratitude the coming of Christ our Saviour! As we enter into the new year, we celebrate the feast of Mary, Mother of God on Wednesday 1 January 2020. The Mass times will be 8.30am at Unanderra (celebrated by Fr Jerzy) and 5.30pm at West Wollongong. I pray that the new year will bring you and your loved ones many blessings. Let us pray also that our parish continues to grow and deepen in our love for God and one another.

One exciting new joint initiative for the parishes of Unanderra and West Wollongong (ICAST – Immaculate Conception And St Therese) in 2020 is "Alpha". Alpha is a wonderful tool for reaching out to those who have no faith background to enable them to encounter Jesus for the first time; it can also be a wonderful means of deepening everyone's faith, and creating new and lasting friendships. It begins on Thursday 30 January, at Figtree Community Hall, with a meal at 6.30pm, followed by an excellent film clip and small group sharing time, and continues for 10 weeks. Who may you invite to come along? There is a maximum capacity, but it will be run again later in the year as well; so if anyone you know or you yourself are interested, please fill out a sign-up form (located near the side door of the church) and return it to the office as soon as possible, and we will get back to you about next steps. As well as attending Alpha and inviting others to come and see, the success of Alpha also depends on volunteers to help with catering, and others to join a prayer team to provide spiritual support for the success of Alpha. Let's all begin praying for the success of Alpha!

Fr Duane Fernandez
Parish Priest

VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL

We are all aware of the catastrophic weather conditions across the country which have caused so much devastation and heartache, particularly in Queensland and New South Wales. I ask you especially to hold the communities of Milton/Ulladulla and Picton/Tahmoor in your prayers and thoughts as our parishioners and clergy face the threat of fires that are raging within the boundaries of our own diocese.

So many communities have been greatly impacted by serious injury, the loss of property and livestock, and they need our support – spiritually, emotionally and financially. For this reason I encourage you to support the St Vincent de Paul Society which has a dedicated website at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw> - the SVDP is able to then direct funds to where they are most needed. I pray that all will be comforted and strengthened by our actions.

I ask you to pray especially for all who have suffered loss through death and injury and in particular we mourn the loss of the two young firefighters who lost their lives yesterday. We pray for the many brave women and men who continue to put themselves at risk in order to assist those who are exposed to danger. Please make the safety of your families a priority at this time.



Yours in the Lord

Bishop Brian Mascord

MOST REV BRIAN G MASCORD DD

Bishop of Wollongong

WEST WOLLONGONG PARISH BULLETINS

A limited amount of copies of West Wollongong's parish bulletin are available each week at Unanderra, which can be found 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**