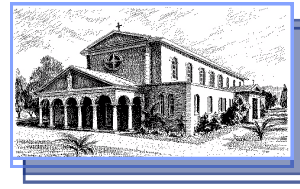


# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A 19 JANUARY 2020

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 20 January	Mass: 7am	<i>* Please note new times of some Masses *</i>
Tuesday 21 January <i>St Agnes</i>	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 22 January	Mass: 9.30am*	Adoration/Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 23 January	Adoration/Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 24 January <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	Mass: 7am*	Mass: 9.30am*
Saturday 25 January <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>	Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
<u>Aust Day</u> Sunday 26 January <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass: 8am <i>(followed by BBQ breakfast — please see overleaf)</i> Mass: 10am ( <u>Polish</u> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Bernardette TEIXEIRA  
 Maria CAPILLI



#### Anniversaries

Rita BRISCOE-HOUGH  
 William BUTLER  
 Gilbert GOLLAN

# Message from Fr Duane

Having concluded the Christmas season, I take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave me cards and gifts for Christmas – it was such a hectic time (and has been since as well) and unfortunately I haven't been able to thank everyone individually, but please be assured of my deep appreciation for your generosity and thoughtfulness!

We are now into "Ordinary Time" – and let's remember that the very point of Christmas is that in Jesus, God Himself has entered into the very ordinariness of human life, and so let us strive for a deeper awareness of His presence in all the ordinary circumstances of our everyday lives.

Last week we prayed a special prayer given to us by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, for those affected by bushfire and drought. We prayed specifically: "In your loving providence, send abundant rain to quench the fires and to restore our parched earth". Let us give thanks this week for the rain we have received, and let's pray for more good rains especially where most needed! Let's also give what we can to the special appeal of the St Vincent de Paul Society supporting those affected by the bushfires, during next weekend's special collections.

Finally, thank you to those who have volunteered to help with catering, and to pray, for Alpha. It has been a very generous response from both West Wollongong and Unanderra Parishes, and all who put their names down to help will be contacted very soon. Let's all keep praying for the success of Alpha!

**Fr Duane Fernandez**  
Parish Priest

## ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

January	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 25 Jan	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, L Salway	
Sat 25 Jan	Lawns		
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 25 Jan 6pm Mass	G Attard	M Rodwell	V Cleary
Sun 26 Jan 8am Mass	L Burns	A Kelly	G Simmonite
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)

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL STATEWIDE PARISHES SPECIAL BUSHFIRE APPEAL



At next weekend's Masses (25—26 Jan), Unanderra Vinnies will be holding an appeal to collect funds to aid those affected by the recent bushfires.

## AUSTRALIA DAY MASS & BREAKFAST

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to attend the Australia Day breakfast which will be held directly after 8am Mass on Sunday 26 January 2020, at the Immaculate Conception Church.



**All welcome!!**

## PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE & DROUGHT

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 fire-ravaged and drought-stricken land, on our starving and displaced animals, on our failing crops and burning farms, towns and forests. Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them. Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires, those who have lost family, friends, property and stock. Protect our volunteer firefighters and all members of essential services.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain to quench the fires and to 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.

For the full National Response from ACBC: [www.catholic.org.au/bushfires](http://www.catholic.org.au/bushfires)

## OLD CALENDARS, PROGRAMMES, ETC

Do you have any old Catholic calendars or programmes, such as the 2019 Columban calendar or Lenten/Advent programmes? If so, please don't throw them out — they can be used as great resource material for our Catechists.

**Please bring them to Sue or Magda in the Parish Office (see front of bulletin for office hours).**



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

The Journey Catholic Radio is currently in the Summer Series until early February. You can catch up on your favourites 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](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://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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## THANK YOU — FROM VINNIES

The St Vincent de Paul Unanderra Conference would like to thank all the generous parishioners who again supported the Vinnies Giving Tree and the Vinnies Christmas Appeal — 39 Christmas hampers were distributed and toys given to over 60 children, supporting those in need within the parish area.

The Vinnies Christmas Appeal raised \$3,708.85 from the two Christmas Masses. All money raised is used to support the poor of the parish. The Unanderra Conference receives over 10 requests for food, rent assistance or help with electricity every week. Your support is much appreciated and the Society supports you in prayer.



## 2020 WOLLONGONG HOSPITALS MASS TIMES

A hearty welcome to pray for our sick in both Wollongong Private and Public Hospitals, at the following days/times:

**Private Hospital:** Every Friday at 9.30am

**Public Hospital:** Every Saturday at 9.30am in the Chapel on the ground floor

(Enquiries: Fr George — 0475 815 506)

## AGED/DISABILITY POSITIONS

Aged and Disability positions in Macarthur CatholicCare are growing our services in the Macarthur and have multiple vacancies in our Aged & Disability Service. This is exciting, creative and rewarding work - every day is different, and every day gives people the chance to form meaningful supportive relationships in the community.

We are looking for innovative, hands-on people to join our team. CatholicCare offer a flexible work schedules, salary packaging and a range of other benefits.



For further information contact:  
**Melissa Wentworth-Perry on 4628 8555**

To apply, please visit:  
[www.catholiccare.dow.org.au](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au)

## STAMPS FOR PERU



Thank you to the parishioners who have placed their used stamps in the box at the side of the church.

All used stamps are sent to Sydney to raise money for the work of the Sisters of St Joseph in Peru.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

**Please continue to place all of your used stamps in the box provided near the side door (remember to leave a 1cm border around the stamp).**

## THE RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

The Relics of much-loved Carmelite Saint, St Therese of Lisieux — plus her parents, Sts Louis and Zelig Martin — are coming to Australia for a national tour this year. They are coming to Unanderra and West Wollongong for the weekend of **21–22 March**. *More details closer to the date.*



## SUNDAY 19 JANUARY — THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading** — Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 — *I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

**Responsorial Psalm** — *Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord, and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. *R.*
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. *R.*
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. *R.*
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. *R.*



**Second Reading** — 1 Cor 1:1-3 — *The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

**Gospel Acclamation** — John 1:14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel** — John 1:29-34 — *This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

### 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**

*(Please approach Fr Duane after Mass for a form — 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](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) or telephone **4271 1068**