

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2020

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 10 February <i>St Scholastica</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 11 February	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 12 February	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration/Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 13 February	Adoration/Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 14 February <i>Sts Cyril &amp; Methodius</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 15 February	Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 16 February <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <i>Polish</i> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Socorro Tupaz CREBILLO

#### Anniversaries

Vito GARIN John BRISCOE-HOUGH Pat ROGAN

Rodolfo RAMPOLDI Charlotte BRZEZINSKI

Vito VISPERAS Felipe NATNAT

Juanita and Epifanio VENTURA



### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Sidney HARTIN



# Message from Fr Duane

This weekend, at the 6pm Vigil Mass at Unanderra and 10am Sunday Mass at West Wollongong, we will be celebrating and commissioning those entrusted with teaching the faith to children: our catechists who teach at local state schools, our teachers in our parish schools, and our Children's Liturgy volunteers. This is an opportunity to thank God for these wonderful people and to pray God's blessings and guidance upon their vital ministry. It is also a perfect time for any and all parishioners to consider taking up the wonderful ministries of Catechist or Children's Liturgy volunteer – both most rewarding and enjoyable ministries, which will not only change your life but also change the lives of so many children (and their families) in ways we cannot imagine! If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish Fr Jerzy a happy birthday for last week! Fr Jerzy has been a great blessing to the Parish especially since Monsignor Graham retired, taking on a lot more Parish work in addition to his primary work of chaplaincy to the Polish Community. We thank Fr Jerzy for his generosity and wish him God's continued blessings.

**Fr Duane Fernandez**  
Parish Priest

## ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

February	Church Washing	Barbara Faraway	
Sat 15 Feb	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
Sat 15 Feb	Lawns	Winner Family, P Briscoe, M Walsh	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 15 Feb 6pm Mass	A Carlotto	M Gillis	B Faraway
Sun 16 Feb 8am Mass	N Dwyer, C Carolan	P Gunning	S Brown
Counters	A Gunning, M Cauduro, C Garrett		
Children's Liturgy	K Calvert, M Matos		

## 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)

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

The next CWL meeting is this coming **Thursday 13 February** in St Joseph's Room — morning tea at **10am** followed by the CWL meeting. All ladies are welcome — and we would love some new members in 2020! The ladies will be discussing their 2020 projects, such as people affected in drought-stricken areas and homeless women. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat!



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS — FRIDAYS OF LENT —



Ash Wednesday is on 26 February, and during the Fridays of Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place at 5pm at St Therese West Wollongong and 7pm at Immaculate Conception Unanderra.

## “FAMILY MASS” AND PICNIC DAY

The **10am Mass on Sunday 1 March** will be a very special “Family Mass”. It will be supported especially by the students and staff of St Therese Primary School, with a special focus on primary aged children and young families.



It will be followed by a BYO picnic on the grassed area near the school hall, with sport and games. *More details to follow – save the date, and spread the word. All welcome!*

## ROSARY ON SATURDAY MORNINGS

Starting next Saturday, all are welcome to pray the Rosary together at Immaculate Conception Church before the 7.30am Mass. The **Rosary will begin at 7.10am**. This is very appropriate for Immaculate Conception Parish, as it is also the Diocesan Shrine to Our Lady.



## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES



The 2020 Planned Giving Envelopes start on Sunday 1 March — your new envelopes are waiting to be collected by the side door of the church.

## LAY CARMELITE PRAYER MEETING

The Lay Carmelites would like to invite you to their next monthly Prayer Meeting on **Saturday 15 February at 10am** for morning tea followed by 10.30am start. Meetings are held in the Meeting Room of the Sacred Heart Chapel in Stewart Street Wollongong and conclude at 12noon. Come and find out how you can delve deeper in Carmelite spirituality and be of service to the community.

**For enquiries please call 0415 926 132.**

## KEY FOUND IN CHURCH!

Sue Briscoe (parish secretary) found a single dark green key on a ring — if it's yours, please come and collect from Sue or Magda in the parish office Mon/Wed/Thu/Fri (9am-1pm).



## THANK YOU FROM SR KERRY



Words could never express my dismay at what was to be a 'simple' morning tea. How wonderful to participate in the Mass with each one of you. How beautiful the hymns, especially my very favourite hymn. Thank you for all the preparation by the musicians and the choir. I was feeling rather emotional at times. I loved the sacred space for the Mass setting.... my dad made and decorated the cake in the photo of my first Profession. I felt very connected to my parents and family during the Mass. They were the ones who loved me into life and first nurtured me. Thank you to each of you for supporting me in prayer. Thank you for being there. As for a simple morning tea... my understanding of 'simple' certainly isn't how you understand the meaning of the word. Thank you to the CWL and all who prepared so beautifully for the social gathering. It was amazing to say the least. Having walked these fifty years, I look forward to continuing my journey with you as companions. Thank you for your love and warmth, your joyfulness and hospitality, thank you for going the extra mile and for all you do to make my house a home. A very special thank you to Fr Duane. We know we are blessed in and by his presence. I pray he continues to feel our gratitude, love and support. We all need each other.

*With love, prayer and thanks, Sr Kerry*

## ARE YOU AVAILABLE?

Some weeks ago, Sr Kerry made an appeal for catechists. She asked if YOU were available; she didn't ask if you were suitable. Sadly, we are in desperate need of more catechists. At this stage we have six classes that haven't a teacher for this year. Unless more people are able to give of themselves to this important ministry, it seems we will have to cancel one of our schools, meaning all Catholic children at this school will not have the opportunity for Catholic scripture. Our teaching days in our state schools is mainly Tuesday. There is one vacancy for Thursday.



**If you are able to assist, please contact Sr Kerry.**

## YOUTH FOCUSED MASS

The 3rd Sunday youth focused Mass will take place next Sunday **16 February** at West Wollongong at **5pm**, followed by a BBQ and then a young adults hangout at the convent. All welcome, spread the word!



## LUNCH – WESTS ILLAWARRA

You're invited .... on **Friday 21 February from 12noon onwards** you are invited to lunch at the Wests Illawarra Club. A great lunch can be purchased from only \$10. Sr Kerry will be at the club reserving some tables — please don't leave her sitting there by herself! Come along any time after midday and join in the gathering. **All welcome!** There is a seat for YOU. Any further enquires please speak with Sr Kerry. It is hoped we will have a mystery guest join us, so don't miss out. **If anyone requires a lift to the club please contact Sr Kerry.**



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

— AIRS SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2020 —

On the first show back for the Journey in 2020 we have a stellar line-up for you, including Trish McCarthy with a wonderful piece called Rest; and Mother Hilda Scott with another sensation Godspot.

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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## CATHOLIC EMERGENCY RELIEF AUSTRALIA (CERA)



Special collections at Masses across the country on the Australia Day weekend have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support people and communities affected

by the devastating bushfires. This is one part of a multi-dimensional response of the Catholic community across the nation to the drama of the situation we face.

Catholic Emergency Relief Australia (CERA) is a new collaboration of national Catholic organisations that will help coordinate the Church's ongoing response to the bushfire crisis and future domestic natural disasters.

**Find out more at [www.cera.catholic.org.au](http://www.cera.catholic.org.au)**

## THE RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

The relics of St Therese and her parents, Sts Louis and Zelig Martin, are coming to our Parishes on the weekend of 21-22 March. They arrive for veneration at Unanderra on Saturday 21 March at 4.30pm, and stay until 8.30pm (including the 6pm Mass). They will then go directly to West Wollongong – the only Parish dedicated to St Therese in Wollongong Diocese – for an all-night prayer vigil. The 10am Mass on the Sunday will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord, and the relics will leave St Therese Church at midday. *We are looking to form a "working group" across both parishes to help organise proceedings and promotion. If you have a particular devotion to St Therese (or her parents) we would love to have you in the working group. Please contact either Parish Office to indicate your interest.*



## CALLING ALL CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEACHERS!

Please join us **after 8am Mass on Sunday 9 February 2020** in St Joseph's Room to discuss the Year A Liturgical Children's Programme.

Morning Tea will be provided.

**If you are unable to attend please contact Vera Cleary on 0415 926 132**



## SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2020 — FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

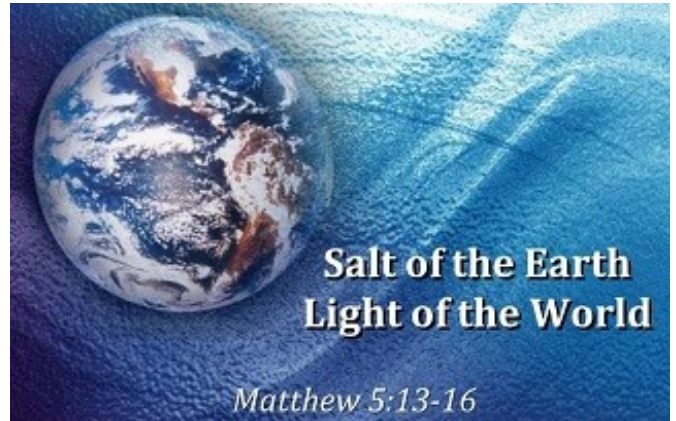
**First Reading** — Isaiah 58:7-10 — *Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

**Responsorial Psalm** — *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

1. He is light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. *R.*
2. The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. *R.*
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. *R.*



**Second Reading** — 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 — *I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

**Gospel Acclamation** — John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Gospel** — Matthew 5:13-16 — *You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

### 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 see 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**