

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A — SUNDAY 19 JULY 2020

**Registrations ESSENTIAL for ALL Masses — via Unanderra Parish Office:  
[unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) or 4271 1068**

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 20 July	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 21 July	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 22 July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	Mass: 9.30am	*Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm <i>* Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.</i>
Thursday 23 July	* Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm <i>*Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.</i>	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 24 July	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 25 July	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 26 July <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <u>Polish</u> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm ( <i>also streamed online</i> )

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Anniversaries

Molly SWIFT      Mary Louise STUBBS  
 Rudy GEYLING      Terry MELOUNEY  
 Amabile DAMINATO      Annibale DAMINATO

Please also pray for the sick and those unable to attend Mass



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*Please only email or ring the office  
[unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) / 4271 1068*

Monday: 11am-3pm (Magda)  
 Tuesday: Closed  
 Wednesday: 9am-12noon (Sue)  
 Thursday: 9am-12noon (Sue)  
 Friday: 9am-2pm (Sue)

## Message from Fr Duane

One of the “silver linings” of the Coronavirus crisis has been the opportunity for our seminarian Sinh Le to stay with our two parishes for an extended period of time, since the Seminary closed for safety reasons. Sinh will return to Seminary next Saturday to begin semester two, and I want to take this opportunity to thank Sinh for giving so much to our parishes during these past 4 months. He has once again shared his many gifts generously with us, including countless hours of creativity and effort to enable our live streamed Masses, creating our YouTube channel, sharing his musical gifts during our live streamed Masses, delivering parish bulletins to our nursing homes, supporting local young adults, and much more! Beyond all of the things he has done, his joyful presence has been uplifting for us all. We will miss him, but he will return to us again at Advent for another placement. I wish also to thank the parishioners for your ongoing support, encouragement and prayers for Sinh. Eucharistic Adoration has begun in West Wollongong at 4.30pm on Wednesdays only, and this coming week it will begin at Unanderra at 4.30pm on Thursdays only. Only those attending the 5.30pm Masses on those days are able to attend Adoration prior. Pre-registration for those Masses is essential to ensure numbers don't exceed capacity allowed. Thank you all for your continued co-operation with our registration processes.



Sunday 5pm Mass at West Wollongong continues to be live-streamed every week:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ICASTImmaculateConceptionStThereseParishes>

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest



### CAN'T COME TO MASS BUT WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION?

Anyone who is choosing not to come to Mass but would still like to receive Communion, please contact Fr Duane and we will aim to arrange Communion to be brought to you at your home.

(Fr Duane: [duane.fernandez@dow.org.au](mailto:duane.fernandez@dow.org.au) / 0414 626 357)

### REGISTRATION PROCESS - BOTH UNANDERRA & WEST WOLLONGONG

Registrations are ESSENTIAL for ALL Masses at both Unanderra and West Wollongong — ALL registrations must be via the Unanderra Parish Office: [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) or 4271 1068 (please only call during office hours, shown in pink box on front page of bulletin). Please include the name of all family members who will be attending, contact phone number, email address and the day/time/church of your preferred Mass(es), both weekday and weekend. For weekend Masses, please await a confirmation email from Fr Duane approximately 24 hours prior to the Mass time, before attending the church.

### ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

July	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez
Sat 25 July	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 25 July
Sat 25 July 6pm Mass	A Kelly	(No lawnmowing duties this week)
Sun 26 July 8am Mass	C Walsh	

### ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

Fr Duane Fernandez

0414 626 357

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### BOOKLETS FOR SALE AGAIN

On the middle seat of the church we have our booklets for sale again, with a bit of a backlog due to them arriving in the office but not being allowed to place them in the church.... The Word Among Us for Easter AND June AND July/Aug; as well as Living Faith (both Adults and Children's versions) for both April/May/June AND July/Aug/Sept

— all books are \$5 each, please place money in the box provided — but remember:

**PLEASE DO NOT CONGREGATE AROUND THE AREA WHEN PURCHASING THE BOOKS —**

**MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES PLEASE!**

## A VOCATION VIEW



The Lord is a God of mercy and graciousness, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Our response is one of gratitude for calling us to be his disciples.

*(Psalm 86:15)*

If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez, at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 19 JULY 2020 –

### *Wheat & Weeds, Good & Evil ...*

This week on the Journey, Fr Mark De Battista reflects on the parable of the wheat and weeds and Jesus recognising good's co-existence with evil. Plus, Spirit & Life with Pat Keady and the disciple nicknamed Barnabas, a nickname meaning 'son of encouragement' – Pat says: It's time for us to be a Bernie! Mother Hilda with two tips for easy prayer; and Trish McCarthy on God Speaking in metaphors!



Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen/subscribe to weekly shows

## KNOWING & FOLLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Wednesdays — 22 July to 9 September via Zoom**

To register, please visit:

[www.dow.org.au/news-and-events](http://www.dow.org.au/news-and-events)

The theme of Australia's Plenary Council is Listen to What Spirit is Saying. But how do we do this?

How can we as individuals and parish communities truly know, listen and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

Entering into these questions is vital as we discern how we will live our faith and mission in the years to come.

Join us for this eight-part video reflection series, using material from [formed.org](http://formed.org), exploring the role and action of the Holy Spirit.

For more info, please contact Darren McDowell at [darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au) or on **4222 2463**.

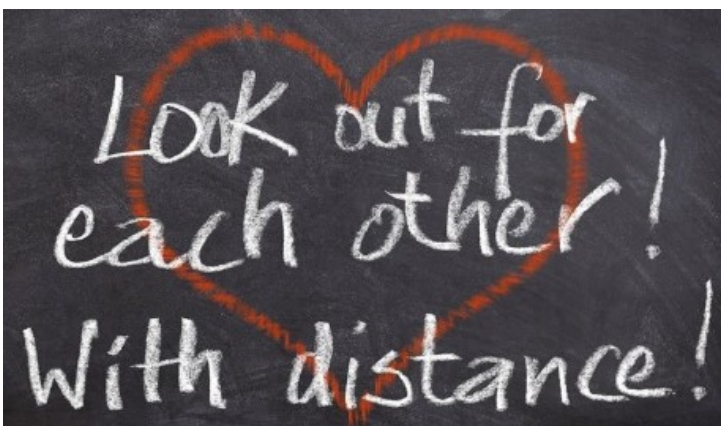


## SOCIAL DISTANCING

**Don't forget to stay**

**1.5 metres**

**from others in and around the Church**



## 'THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY'

The PRINTED edition of The Catholic Weekly is now back in the church — it is available for purchase for \$2 (please place money in the poor box next to them) — located near the side door of the church, but remember: **PLEASE DO NOT CONGREGATE AROUND THE SIDE DOOR AREA WHEN PURCHASING — MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES PLEASE!**

# THE Catholic Weekly

## REFRESHER: SUPPORTING AND CO-ORDINATING MINISTRIES

Multiple daytime and evening sessions in July via Zoom. To Register, please visit:

[www.dow.org.au/news-and-events](http://www.dow.org.au/news-and-events)

How are you going in co-ordinating or supporting an area of ministry in your parish? Would you like to gain some further skills and tips to undertake this role more successfully?

This introductory session will help you explore how you are going and consider ways in which we can all improve in inspiring, equipping and empowering people within our areas of ministry and parish life.

For more info, please contact Darren McDowell at [darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au) or on **4222 2463**.



## SUNDAY 19 JULY 2020 — 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

**First Reading** — Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 — *In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

**Responsorial Psalm** — *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. *R.*
2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. *R.*
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. *R.*



**Second Reading** — Romans 8:26-27 — *The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

**Gospel** — Matthew 13:24-43 — *Let them grow together until the harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn".'

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

### BAPTISMS AND RECONCILIATION

The Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation are available again, by appointment with Fr Duane.

**NB:** There are no set times for either of these Sacraments at this point, and appointments for Reconciliation should be made away from Mass times, so as not to complicate the monitoring system for Masses. Please contact Fr Duane: [duane.fernandez@dow.org.au](mailto:duane.fernandez@dow.org.au) or 0414 626 357.