

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020

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

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Mon 3 August <i>St Dominic</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 4 August <i>St John Vianney</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 5 August	Mass: 9.30am	*Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm * Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.
Thursday 6 August <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	Mass: 11am (<u>Polish</u>) * Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm *Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 7 August <i>St Sixtus & Companions</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 8 August <i>St Mary of the Cross MacKillop</i>	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 9 August <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries

Cardinal Edward CLANCY
Lorraine BRAME
Bernard GILLIS
Frank TOOHEY



Sr Sheila CURNOW RSJ
Bonnie MILLER
Geoff GOODWIN
Geraldine DRIES

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 / 4271 1068

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

Message from Fr Duane

This week marks “National Vocations Awareness Week”. It is an opportunity for all of us to deepen our awareness of being personally called by Jesus to the ways of loving service, particularly through marriage, priesthood, consecrated life or a single life of service. Let us take this opportunity to deepen our commitment to our vocation, or to discerning what that vocation may be, trusting that it is in God’s plans for us that we find fullness of life.

As the Vocations Director for Wollongong Diocese, I have had regular chats with young people discerning their vocation throughout this past year - if you or anyone you know are open to vocational discernment at this time, I would be happy to chat – contact me at vocations@dow.org.au or via my other contact details in the Parish Bulletin.

I invite all of us to pray these simple prayers below for Vocations during this Vocations Awareness Week. You may wish to incorporate these prayers into your daily prayers beyond this week as well.

Monday: Lord God, in baptism you called us by name to be your faithful followers. Inspire all your children to listen for your voice each day, that together we may build your Kingdom on earth. Amen.

Tuesday: God our Father, you willed that the love of husband and wife should reflect your love for your people. Deepen the love of married couples, and help parents to guide their children in the ways of faith and love. Amen.

Wednesday: Lord, may those you have consecrated to yourself in religious vows, single life, and diaconate, be filled with your love, and ready to serve their brothers and sisters according to your will. Amen.

Thursday: Lord Jesus Christ, at your Last Supper you gave us the most precious gift of the Eucharist. Raise up priests in our time to offer themselves in union with you, to teach, sanctify and shepherd your people with faith and humility. Amen.

Friday: Lord Jesus, by your sacrifice on the cross you have given us fullness of life. May we take up our cross and follow you wherever you lead us, emptying ourselves for you and for others. Amen.

Saturday: Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church: pray for us that we may say an ever deeper “yes” to the Father’s will in our lives, and so bring Christ into the world of our time. Amen.

Sunday: Risen Lord, fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may trust that following the will of the Father always leads us to fullness of life, in this world and in the world to come. Amen.



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 OR ANOINTING OF THE SICK?

With Covid-19 still having a huge impact on so many still not being able to return to Sunday Mass, please contact the parish office or Sr Kerry if you would like to receive Communion in your home. Our present directives state that one must not be suffering from an illness for our Ministers of Communion to visit you. Any further enquiries, please contact Sr Kerry. If you do need a priest for the Anointing of the Sick, Fr Duane would be very happy for you to contact him.

Sr Kerry: Kerry.Gardiner@sosj.org.au / 0421 463 871

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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 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

August	Church Washing	Helen Murphy
Sat 8 Aug	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 8 August
Sat 8 Aug 6pm Mass	V Cleary	(There are no lawnmowing duties this weekend)
Sun 9 Aug 8am Mass	A Kelly	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

Fr Duane Fernandez

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A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus multiplies the gifts we give to Him.

*Share your talents with Him
and many blessings will surface.*

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



FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP

Unfortunately the annual Mass hosted by CWL and celebrated by Bishop Brian for the feast of St Mary MacKillop has been cancelled due to Covid-19 (see notice to the right). Perhaps you would like to pray this Novena as we prepare for the feast of St Mary MacKillop on **Saturday 8 August 2020**.



Let us pray

*God ever faithful, giver and sustainer of life,
You know the depths of our pain
as we journey through this time of unknowing.
Hear our voices and the cry of our hearts.
Guide us to the most life-giving ways open to us.
St Joseph, man of courage,
you protected Mary and Jesus
when they were in danger.
Cradle us now safely in this same protecting embrace.
May we, like you, extend this care to our world in need.
St Mary of the Cross,
you faced difficult times with a heart filled with trust,
always believing in the watchful presence of God.
Walk with us now in this difficult time,
and may we be for others
examples of confident hope and trust.
St Joseph and St Mary of the Cross,
pray with us in this time of need.*

Amen.

INTERESTED IN WALKING?

Please join us on **Thursday 6 August 2020**
at **9.30am** for a walk.

The start of the walk is
on the corner of Booreea
Boulevard and Cordeaux
Road in Cordeaux Heights.



We intend to walk up Cordeaux Road and along
the old Nebo rail line. Please bring a snack.

Please contact:

Barbara Faraway — 0419 989 608
Josephine Haywood — 0425 236 214

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME — AIRS SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020 —



This week we have Bishop Brian Mascord giving us the Gospel reflection for this Sunday, some brilliant music, and short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters.

Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au
where you can listen/subscribe to weekly shows

FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP

Saturday 8 August 2020

On the feast day of St Mary MacKillop the Diocese of Wollongong, in collaboration with the Diocesan Catholic Women's League, usually celebrates Mass at one of the churches where Mary MacKillop visited during her lifetime. Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions and limitations arising from that, this year we will be filming a special Liturgy of the Word for the feast day.

You are invited to view the liturgy on the Diocesan YouTube channel at <http://dow.sh/YouTube> or website www.dow.org.au on Saturday 8 August 2020.

VIRTUAL NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

Saturday 15 August 2020

This free half-day gathering will look to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship four sessions with inputs from Australian Bishops and lay leaders to inspire and renew men in the Church for mission.

Participate individually but also in approx 30 locations around Australia — four in Diocese of Wollongong.

Simply register at www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

The Diocese will bring men together in four locations on Saturday 15 August from 9.30am-2.30pm:

- Wollongong: Venue - Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St
Host - Peter Crowe (0407 913 696)
- Macarthur: Venue - TBC
Host - Eddie Ferry (0417 049 418)
- Nowra: Venue - St Michael's Parish
Host - Nigel Porter (0430 365 383)
- Sthn Highlands: Venue - TBC
Host - James Glynn (0431 636 027)



SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020 — 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

First Reading — Isaiah 55:1-3 — *Hasten and eat.*

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm — *The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. *R.*
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. *R.*
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. *R.*



Second Reading — Romans 8:35, 37-39 — *No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.*

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 14:13-21 — *They all ate and were satisfied.*

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.



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 or 0414 626 357.